

Youth without Adult *Drop-off program only. Adult waiting area depends on the site.*



Life in a Wigwam Ages 5–11

Learn more about the Metis people of the 18th century at this fun-filled active program. We will perform role-playing games, activities and crafts to learn more about the lives of this fascinating Native American and fur trader mixed culture. *Note: there is a separate but simultaneous program for adults on the same subject. See page 27 for details.*

Friday, November 18, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center
Code: 111306-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR

Woolly Bears Ages 6–11

We all recognize these “furry” orange and black caterpillars, but do you know what they will become? Or why they are on the move this time of year? And do they really predict the weather? Join us for the answers to these questions and more during this outdoor program. Please dress for the weather and a short hike.

Thursday, October 6, 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Rush Creek
Code: 111253-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR

Bat Basics for Homeschoolers Ages 7–10

Bats have a pretty scary reputation, but in reality they are among the most beneficial species of wildlife. Get the facts about bats of Illinois through stories, games and crafts.

Wednesday, October 26, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center
Code: 111107-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR

Fabulous Feathers Ages 7–10

Feathers are the most prominent and distinctive part of a bird. But feathers are more than just decoration. Every bird has many different kinds of feathers. Some are for protection, some provide warmth, some enable the power of flight, and some are just for showing off. In this program we will learn more about the properties and purposes of these unique structures through fun hands-on activities. Each participant will bring home a very special feather of their own.

Thursday, October 20, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Prairieview Education Center
Code: 111157-01, \$0 R/ \$2 NR

Prairie Primer For Homeschoolers

Ages 8–12

A brief introduction inside gets us ready for our prairie hike. Each child will meet prairie plants up close, and explore the plants’ adaptations to the prairie ecosystem. We will read from a journal that was written in the early 1800’s, and find out more about why Illinois is nicknamed the “Prairie State”. Long pants, long sleeves and sturdy shoes are required.

Wednesday, September 14, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Prairieview Education Center
Code: 111102-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR

World Beneath Our Feet Ages 8–10

We always notice the trees and their changing colors in the fall, but rarely what is happening beneath our feet. Come find out more! Dress for the weather and a hike.

Tuesday, October 4, 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Living Land Farm,
716 E. Crystal Lake Rd., Cary
Code: 111355-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR

Teen Scene

Ages 13–18

Creek Explorations

We will wade the Nippersink Creek, catch and identify the interesting inhabitants that we find. Please wear clothes and shoes that can get wet, and shoes that securely fasten to your feet (no flip flops, please!).

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Glacial Park, Keystone Rd. Canoe Landing
Code: 111250-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR

Haunted History Hike

A few days before Halloween, join us for a night hike to the Thomas family cemetery in Glacial Park. We’ll share stories of local history and folklore along the way. This is a 2-mile hike on hilly terrain; wear good hiking shoes.

Wednesday, October 26, 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center
Code: 111254-01, \$0 R/ \$2 NR

Discovery Days Ages 2–6

Come out and enjoy an hour of fun that includes a game, craft, snack and other educational activities based around the theme of the day.

Fee: \$0 R/ \$3 NR

Tuesday, October 4, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Stickney Run
Code: 111105-01

Friday, September 9, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Coral Woods, Picnic Shelter
Code: 111300-01

Tuesday, November 8, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Prairieview Education Center
Code: 111201-01



Nature Tales Ages 3–5

Come enjoy nature stories that will serve as the theme for other activities and a seasonal walk as well. Dress for the weather.

Saturday, September 10, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Kishwaukee Headwaters
Code: 111351-01, \$0 R/ \$3 NR

Stroller Strut Ages Infant–5

See the natural world through the eyes of your child. On this casual stroller walk, we will explore and enjoy nature together. We will use discovery activities that are designed to enhance sensory, observational, and language skills using the natural world as our classroom. This walk also includes a little free time for exploration around the ponds at Fel Pro RRR. Meet in the parking lot. Dress for the weather and bring your own water, bug spray, etc. to ensure the comfort of your child.



Thursday, September 22, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Fel Pro RRR
Code: 111202-01, \$0 R/ \$2 NR

Pre-schoolers and the Prairie Ages 3–5

Bring your favorite youngster to explore the tallgrass prairie in all its fall beauty. Dress for the weather and a hike.

Saturday, September 24, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Pleasant Valley, Shelter #2
Code: 111353-01, \$0 R/ \$3 NR

Totally Toads Ages 7–12

Toads and frogs are very closely related but toads are not the same as frogs! Toads do have warty and dry skin! Join us to find out more fact and fiction about toads. Please dress for the weather, wear long pants and long sleeves, and bring an extra pair of old gloves.

Sunday, October 2, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Pleasant Valley, Shelter #1
Code: 111103-01, \$0 R/ \$3 NR

Sunset Switch Ages 6–10

Starting with a story of the “Sunset Switch” we will find out more about one set of animals that goes to sleep as the day ends and another group that begins their search for food when night falls. Join us as we hike the trails to see just what happens when the sun goes down.

Sunday, October 2, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Prairieview Education Center
Code: 111106-01, \$0 R/ \$3 NR

Nature Play Open House Ages Infant–5

Parents and tots come and experience the fun and learning available at Prairieview Education Center in our Exploration Station! Play with nature puzzles, games, puppets, and more. There will be a guided hike at 11:00 a.m. and a craft table set up throughout the day. Since it is so near Halloween, feel free to come dressed up as your favorite bug, bat, or other animal. Please keep costumes related to a nature theme and remember we will also be taking a walk in the woods.

Thursday, October 27, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Prairieview Education Center
Code: 111200-01, \$0 R/ \$3 NR

Coyote Campfire Ages 8–12

Gather around the campfire to find out more about the adaptations and social life of the “prairie wolf”. We will take a short hike to our favorite listening spots. Dress for the weather.

Friday, October 28, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Prairieview Education Center
Code: 111108-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR

Fall Life by the Wetland Ages 3–5

Come explore this habitat and find out what it’s getting ready to do this season! Bring your child to help you explore. Dress for the weather and a walk.

Tuesday, November 1, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Stickney Run
Code: 111356-01, \$0 R/ \$3 NR



Change of plans? Contact Prairieview Education Center at (815) 479-5779 to allow registrants on the waiting lists to be contacted. Unless otherwise noted, an advance notice of seven days is required to receive a refund.