

NATURE DISCOVERY - 8 & YOUNGER

Learning Levels for Nature Discovery Camps

BUDS - Ages 4-6

Young campers will use their senses to explore the great outdoors and discover different plants and animals along the way. Fun-filled activities include trail walks, nature games, crafts, stories, and animal encounters.

TADPOLES - Ages 7-8

Older campers will investigate their natural surroundings and learn to understand the relationships of plants and wildlife to the ecosystem. Each camp lets your child be a real explorer, using science in fun ways to better understand the natural world! Environmental games, animal encounters, nature crafts, and other nature activities help to illustrate and reinforce the ecological concepts covered in daily adventures.

Buds & Tadpoles will be in separate learning groups on the same day and time.
Spaces are limited. Please sign up early.

Campers should come dressed for the weather and to be outside. ALL camps are ALL outdoors. Sturdy shoes are important to keep your camper safe, flip-flops are not appropriate. Camps will continue if there is rain but will be cancelled if lightning and thunder are expected. Check with Sarett the morning of the camp to see if camp is still on. Campers will need to wear masks at all times.

NATURE DISCOVERY CAMP SESSIONS FOR EACH LEARNING LEVEL *

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
MEMBER = \$10 / NON-MEMBER = \$15

FEATHERED FRIENDS - JUNE 23



What makes a bird so special? We will answer that question and many more as we explore the birds at the feeders and in the trees. We will even make a treat for our feathered friends for you to take home.

IS IT FUR OR IS IT HAIR? - JUNE 30

Campers will explore the world of mammals and what makes mammals unique from other animals.



NIGHT-TIME ANIMALS- JULY 7

Many animals become active after dark. Let's learn about these night-time animals in our area and the special abilities they have that keep them safe at night.

SLITHERING SNAKES - JULY 14

Snakes are great! Learn about their habits, where they live, and what niche they fill in our ecosystems. We will watch snakes eat and take a walk looking for snakes.



TURTLE TIME - JULY 21

Get to know the turtles at Sarett. Have turtle races and look for turtles in their natural habitat.

MILKWEED VILLAGE - JULY 28

Monarch butterflies are not the only animals that use milkweed. Discover some of the other animals that use milkweed too and how these animals interact with each other.

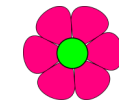
INSECT DISCOVERY - AUGUST 4

It's a bug's life! Uncover the mysteries of these little creatures. We will sweep for insects outside and take an up-close look at them and then release them back where we found them.



FLOWER POWER - AUGUST 11

Flowers aren't just pretty, they are useful too. Find out what uses flowers have in nature and how they interact with animals.



MUCKIN' IN THE MARSH - AUGUST 13

We will be walking off-trail to explore the marsh. You **must** want to get wet and dirty to participate. To participate and protect your legs and arms from sharp grass and stinging nettle - you must wear old long pants, old tie shoes and long sleeved shirt. You will get wet and muddy!

***Camps subject to change based on COVID-19 restrictions & precautions.**

Sign up online at www.sarett.org or call 269-927-4832

NATURE EXPLORERS - 9 & OLDER

The Nature Explorer Camps are designed to engage your camper mentally and physically. Most camps are designed to introduce your camper to a particular skill. Campers should come dressed for the weather, plan to bring a lunch (if camp runs over the lunch hour), water, hat, sunscreen, and wear comfortable walking shoes.

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NATURE EXPLORERS AVAILABLE CAMP SESSIONS * M=MEMBER / NM=NON-MEMBER

BEGINNING GEOCACHING - JUNE 22

9:30 AM-2:00 PM \$25 M / \$30 NM



Learn to use a GPS receiver to hunt for hidden containers. Please only sign up if you have NEVER geocached with us.

SARETT STEWARDS - JUNE 24

9:30 AM-2:00 PM \$25 M / \$30 NM
Being an active participant in caring for nature is fun as well as rewarding! Campers will learn how to be a positive influence on the natural world.

ANIMAL APPRECIATION 1 - JUNE 29

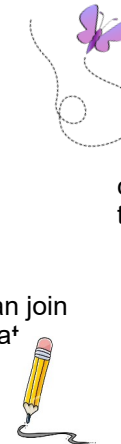
9:30 AM-12:00 PM \$15 M / \$20 NM
Learn how Sarett naturalists care for the resident animals. This is a hands-on class where you will feed animals and play a game. Class size is limited to 12.

ADVANCED GEOCACHING - JULY 6

9:30 AM-2:00 PM \$25 M / \$30 NM
Kids who have already practiced geocaching with us can join us to search for new and more challenging geocaches at Sarett.

DRAWING 1 -SCENERY - JULY 8

9:30 AM-2:00 PM \$25 M / \$30 NM
Spend the day observing and drawing inspirations from nature. Bring a sketchbook, pencil and lunch.



NUTS FOR KNOTS! - JULY 13

9:30 AM-2:00 PM \$25 M / \$30 NM
Campers will learn how to do some important knots for outdoor fun and practice them on take-home projects. **Bring a bag for completed projects.**

ANIMAL APPRECIATION 2 - JULY 15

9:30 AM-12:00 PM \$15 M / \$20 NM
Learn how Sarett naturalists care for the resident animals. This is a hands-on class where you will feed



animals and play a game. Class size is limited to 12.



ORIENTEERING - JULY 20

9:30 AM-2:00 PM \$25 M / \$30 NM
Learn how to orient a map and use a compass to participate in the sport of orienteering.

WILD STORY ADVENTURE - JULY 22

9:30 AM-12:00 PM \$15 M / \$20 NM
Today campers will use their imagination as we read from one of our favorite fun nature stories and do activities related to the story.

DRAWING 2 -WILDLIFE - JULY 27

9:30 AM-2:00 PM \$25 M / \$30 NM
Spend the day observing and drawing the animals at Sarett. Bring a sketchbook, pencil, and lunch.

BRILLIANT BUTTERFLIES - JULY 29

9:30 AM-2:00 PM \$25 M / \$30 NM
The lifecycle of a butterfly is one of nature's greatest mysteries. We will delve into how it all works, the characteristics and abilities of adult butterflies, and take a trip to the butterfly house to observe live specimens.

BEACH DAY - AUGUST 5

12:00 PM-3:00 PM \$25 M / \$30 NM
Join us as we explore the beach along Lake Michigan's shoreline. We will get wet to our knees, play some games and discover the different types of beach rocks. Bring water. **Meet in the far north parking lot at Warren Dunes State Park.**

MUCKIN IN THE MARSH - AUGUST

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KAYAKING ADVENTURES FOR 10 & UP

Let's have fun exploring our area's waterways! Kayakers should always dress as if they are going to get wet, especially the footwear. Wear old shoes or water shoes so you can learn to launch yourself. You are welcome to bring a set of dry clothes to change into after the class. Everyone must wear the provided PFD (life vest) the entire time we are on the water. Kayaking takes a lot of energy so please bring a good lunch, snacks and a lot of water to drink. A hat for sunshade, sunglasses, bug repellent, and sunscreen are also necessary. Please wear a mask around Sarett staff. Participants should have their own transportation to and from drop-off and pick-up locations.

□ BEGINNING KAYAKING**

June 24, Thursday, 10:00 AM-1:30 PM
June 25, Friday, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Learn the basics of kayaking and study aquatic life at the same time. We'll explore North Lake Park and the Saint Joseph River from St. Patrick's Park to Niles.

Members \$30 / Non-Members \$35

□ KAYAK PIPESTONE LAKE**

July 23, Friday, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Enjoy a gentle paddle on this small inland lake. We'll look for wildlife and play some games to improve our paddling skills. Must have Sarett kayaking experience. **Members \$15 / Non-Members \$20.**



□ BEGINNING KAYAKING**

July 13, Tuesday, 10:00 AM-1:30 PM
July 14, Wednesday, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Learn the basics of kayaking and study aquatic life at the same time. We'll explore North Lake Park and the Saint Joseph River from St. Patrick's Park to Niles. **Members \$30 / Non-Members \$35**

□ KAYAK PAW PAW RIVER**

August 4, Wednesday, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Paddle the Paw Paw River from Paw Paw River County Park to Coloma. Must have Sarett kayaking experience. **Members \$15 / Non-Members \$20.**

****Directions for drop off and pick up locations will be given after sign up.**

REGISTRATION

PRE-REGISTRATION and PRE-PAYMENT FOR CAMPS ARE REQUIRED.

Please visit Sarett's online store at www.sarett.org or call us to sign up for camps at 269-927-4832. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

Please feel free to call us for more information on any of our camps. It is important for the enjoyment of all students that your child be the appropriate age for the camp. Our naturalists want your child to have a great time so choose the camps your child will enjoy.

Campers should dress appropriately, wear a hat, good walking shoes & bring a drink and lunch if class is over the noon hour. Flip-flops are not a good shoe for walking on nature trails.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP = \$50

To become a member please call or go online at www.sarett.org/membership to sign up!

NATURE DISCOVERY KITS

Enjoy the outdoors with your child using one of our Nature Discovery Kits! Our naturalist designed kits include hands-on activities, videos and instructional information for you and your child. Topics include:

4-7 Year Olds

- Insect Discovery
- Awesome Amphibians
- Michigan Reptiles
- Flower Fun
- Butterfly Spectacular (includes a family day pass to Sarett's Butterfly House)



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- Art in Nature
- Outdoor Skills
- STEAM Experience

Kits will be available starting June 1, 2020.
Order your kits online at www.sarett.org or call us at 269-927-4832.



SUMMER CAMPS & NATURE DISCOVERY KITS 2021



General Information

Summer Nature Camp at Sarett offers children an excellent opportunity to learn about Michigan's ecology and natural history by exploring and playing in nearly 1000 acres of woodlands, wetlands, meadows and swamps at Sarett and other Michigan locations. We get up, get active and get outdoors daily!



Our Staff

Each session will be led by experienced naturalists. These energetic leaders provide a safe, fun, and educational outdoor experience for campers of all ages.

All naturalists are required to pass a background check, have first aid/CPR training and are knowledgeable in Michigan ecology, natural history and more.

Most importantly our naturalists inspire kids to explore, respect, and protect nature!

COVID-19 Precautions

To help keep our staff and guests safe, we ask all campers and parents/guardians wear face masks at all times when interacting with one another.

Temperatures of all campers will be taken first thing every morning. If a child has a fever the child will be sent home. Please do not "drop off" your child; wait until temperature checks are completed.

The number of campers per group will be kept low to insure staff and campers maintain social distancing.

Hand washing and hand sanitizer will be encouraged.

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