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Forest Preserve programs help preschoolers explore the natural world

GENEVA, IL — Preschoolers learn about different nature themes, during summer programs, geared towards 3-and 4-year olds, by the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.

“Nature Tykes” is a program series for 3-year olds with their parent or caregiver. Attendees explore the natural world through a variety of activities, including stories, nature hikes, songs, games or crafts. On Thursday, June 28, “What’s the Weather?” will be the theme. On Thursday, July 26, “Nighttime Flyers,” will be the theme and on Thursday, Aug. 23, “Hug a Tree,” will be the theme. “Nature Tykes” programs run from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Creek Bend Nature Center. Registration is $5 per child, per session, and advance registration is required.

“Little Naturalists” is the District’s hour-long program series for 4-year olds. Children discover the wonders of nature through a variety of activities including songs, hikes, stories, games or crafts. This program is solely for the young participants. Parents, caregivers and siblings may enjoy the trails of LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve, or wait inside the nature center, during the program. On Thursday, June 28, the theme will be “What’s the Weather?” On Thursday, July 26, “Nighttime Flyers” will be the theme and on Thursday, Aug. 23, “Hug a Tree,” will be the theme. “Little Naturalists” programs run from 1-2 p.m. at Creek Bend Nature Center. Registration is $5 per child, per session, and advance registration is required.

To register for either “Nature Tykes” or “Little Naturalists,” call 630-444-3190 or email programs@kaneforest.com. Creek Bend Nature Center is located within LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve at 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles.

For more information, visit the Forest Preserve District online at www.kaneforest.com or on social media by searching @forestpreserve.

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