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Forest Preserve programs help preschool children explore the natural world

GENEVA, IL — Nature’s harvest, fossils and turkey trot, will be the themes for this fall’s nature programs for preschool children, from the Forest Preserve District of Kane County.

In Nature Tykes, 3-year olds explore the natural world through a variety of activities with their parents, grandparents or guardians.

Nature Tykes sessions include a combination of stories, nature hikes, songs, games and crafts. On Thursday, Sept. 27, “Nature’s Harvest,” will be our theme. On Thursday, Oct. 25, “Fossils,” will be our theme. And on Thursday, Nov. 29, “Turkey Trot” will be our theme. Nature Tykes programs run from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Creek Bend Nature Center. Registration is $5 per child, per session.

Little Naturalists is the Forest Preserve District’s program for 4-5 year olds.

During Little Naturalist sessions, 4- and 5-year olds discover the wonders of nature through a variety of activities including songs, hikes, stories, games and 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, Sept. 27, our theme will be “Nature’s Harvest.” On Thursday, Oct. 25, “Fossils,” will be our theme. Finally, on Thursday, Nov. 29, “Turkey Trot,” will be our theme. Little Naturalists programs run from 1-2 p.m. at Creek Bend Nature Center. Registration is $5 per child, per session.

To register, 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.

To see a full roster of Forest Preserve District nature programs, visit www.kaneforest.com.