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Forest Preserve summer nature camps offer daily adventures for kids

GENEVA, IL — There’s much to explore during the Forest Preserve District of Kane County’s five-day nature camps, for kids entering first through sixth grades.

District naturalists will lead activities based on a different nature theme each week during “Week in the Woods” Summer Camp. Fresh air and fun times will be the main agenda for these week-long adventures in the woods and prairies of LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve.

Camp is offered in three sessions. The first session is “Tracking and Survival,” from Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28. Kids will learn how to “read the woods” by searching the forest preserve for clues such as tracks and rubbings that will reveal the hidden world of animals and how they survive in the woods. Kids will also learn human survival skills such as how to make a rope and build a shelter, among other lessons. It will be a week filled with games, crafts and lots of hiking!

The second session is “STEM in Nature,” from Monday, July 15 - Friday, July 19. Kids will discover the beauty of the natural world through STEM-based learning principles. There will be lessons around the architecture of a bird’s nest, the feat of an insect gall, the symmetry of beehives, and much more!

The third session is “Summer Unplugged,” from Monday, Aug. 5 - Friday, Aug. 9. Kids will enjoy the beautiful outdoors the best way possible -- unplugged! Getting in touch with nature will be the focus of the week, as campers will be able to play around the forest without any of the distractions that come with everyday life. The woods, creek and prairie are just waiting to be explored!

You may register your child for one, two, or all weeks of camp. Nature camps are from 9 a.m. to noon. The fee is $175 per child, per week.

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Advance registration is required. Call 630-444-3190 or email programs@kaneforest.com to register. Creek Bend Nature Center is located within LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve at 37W700 Dean St., St. Charles.

Additional information is available at www.kaneforest.com. Find the Forest Preserve District on social media by searching @forestpreserve.