


Cincinnati Parks

Summer Camps



2013

Camp Information and Policies



We'll hike through forests and fields, explore creeks, make crafts, and play games to learn more about the plants and animals that live right here in Cincinnati. All camps are run by Explore Nature! staff and summer counselors. These camps vary in topic and age range but all children will participate in active fun centered around local nature themes.

Your child can enjoy more than one Parks camp this summer! Register for up to two "NatureCamps Out in the Parks " at different locations (see pg. 4) and for as many different age-appropriate theme camps at California Woods, LaBoiteaux Woods and Trailside Nature Center as you wish. Themes and activities vary each summer, so camp is "new" for your child each year!

Who May Attend:

Camps vary by age, but cover the range of 3 - 17 years old.

Teens who are at least 13 years of age can volunteer to be *Nature Camp Aides*. See page 9 for more information.

Placement:

Campers are divided into groups of similarly-aged children. Camp provides an good opportunity to make new friends in a fun-filled environment. If your child wants to attend with one special friend, please name that child when registering. We can place children with the requested friend *only if both children request to be placed together, the children are close in age and space is available.*

Registration:

Register online at our website: www.cincinnatiiparks.com

If you do not have access to the internet, contact us at 513-321-6208 ext.11 for registration assistance. Camp fees are non-refundable and can not be reduced for partial attendance. If a registered child cannot attend, you may transfer your spot to another child. We will need a completed registration form for the new child. Fees are listed by residency. **You must live within the City of Cincinnati corporation limits to be considered a City Resident.**



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Confirmation:

Confirmations are sent via email within minutes after registering online. Review for accuracy and contact us at 513-321-6208 if corrections are needed.

Transportation and Hours:

Parents or other family-approved adults are responsible for transporting campers to and from camp. This adult should remain with the child until they are settled with their counselor on the first morning. Campers should be dropped off and picked up at designated areas determined on the first day of camp. Please do not leave your child in the park unattended before or after camp hours.

Preparing for Camp:

Clothing: Campers should dress to be outdoors, whatever the weather. Old clothes and sturdy tennis shoes or boots are essential. No open-toed shoes, crocs or sandals are allowed. Bring rain coats or ponchos if the weather looks threatening. Other items that campers may need to “wear” are sunscreen and insect repellent.

Lunch: Children need to bring a bag lunch with drink and a water bottle to camp every day. We recommend that campers pack their lunches in insulated bags with a cooling pack. Refrigeration is not available.

Weather: Summer weather can be unpredictable. Please be informed of your camp’s policies and procedures for severe weather and be aware of changing weather conditions so you may act accordingly.

****NEW IN 2013****



- ✦ **For the second year, our camps have been voted “Best of the City in 2012” by you and Cincinnati Magazine.**
- ✦ **New Camp: Language Explorer Camp for students entering Grades 4th - 9th this Fall!**
June 10 - 14: Deutsch naturlish! German
June 17 - 21: Misson...Mandarin Chinese

NatureCamps Out in the Parks



Cincinnati Park Board Naturalists and summer counselors will conduct a one-week daycamp session in a park near you this summer. Children who have completed kindergarten through 12 years old can participate in active fun centered around local nature themes. Camps are held entirely outdoors and children are divided into groups by age. The Friday cookout is a popular activity at camp; children should bring hot dogs, buns and s'more fixins!



Fee: \$60.00 / week for City of Cincinnati residents
\$70.00 / week for non-residents

Week of July 1 is \$50.00 for city residents and \$60.00 for non-residents

Each session runs from **Monday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Note: To ensure a fun time and room for everyone, children are limited to no more than two of the NatureCamp sessions listed below for the summer.

Burnet Woods (Clifton)

June 10 - 14

Enter on north side of Brookline Ave; meet at shelter building

French Park (Amberley Village) (3 sessions)

June 17 - 21

Enter from Section Rd; meet at the circle-end of drive

July 1 - 5

(no camp on 7/4)

July 15 - 19

Ault Park (Hyde Park) (3 sessions)

June 24 - 28

Enter on Observatory Ave; meet at pavilion picnic area

July 8 - 12

July 22 - 26

Stanbery Park (Mt. Washington)

July 29 - August 2

From Oxford Ave; meet south of playground



Preschool Discovery Mornings

For Preschool children ages 3 1/2 to 5: a fun, hands-on way to explore nature's treasures right at their neighborhood park. **Children must have turned 3 by January 2013 and must be toilet trained.**

Each day features a different aspect of the new theme this year: OPPOSITES! Activities will include hikes, games, crafts, songs, puppets and more. Note: Children attending this camp do **not** need to bring a lunch.

Days: Programs are held ***Monday – Friday.**





Times: 9:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Fee: **\$40.00** for city residents and **\$50.00** / week for non-residents

Week of July 1 is \$35.00 for city residents and \$45.00 for non-residents

PROGRAM REPEATS and is the same each week; please schedule your child for ONE session only.



 Burnet Woods	June 10 - 14	(At Shelter on Burnet Woods Dr)
 French Park 3 sessions	June 17 - 21 July 1 - 5 (no camp on 7/4) July 15 - 19	(At Shelter above cul-de-sac) (same as above) (same as above)
 Ault Park 3 sessions	June 24 - 28 July 8 - 12 July 22 - 26	(At Principio Ave. picnic area) (same as above) (same as above)
 Stanbery Park	July 29 - August 2	(At Shelter at end of path)



California Woods Camps (5400 Kellogg, 45228)



Preschool Nature Camp (for 4 – 5 years old)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Choose only 1 session - activities repeat.**

Session 1: June 24 – 28 (Mon. - Fri.) OR

Session 2: July 22 – 26 (Mon. - Fri.)

Children use all 5 senses to experience and learn about nature. This year we explore LETTERS! Each day has its own theme and we discover aspects of that theme.

Fee: \$60.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$70.00 non-residents

Nature Detectives Camp (for 6 – 8 years old, post Kindergarten)

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Choose only 1 session - activities repeat.**

Session 1: June 10 – 14 (Mon. - Fri.)

Session 2: July 15 – 19 (Mon. - Fri.)



This camp program introduces children to the amazing natural world we live in. Unlock mysteries of nature with a new topic each day. We visit each of California Woods' distinctly different habitats: forest, creek, and meadow. A scavenger hunt and campfire cookout on Friday; include a hot dog, bun and smore fixings in place of a typical lunch.

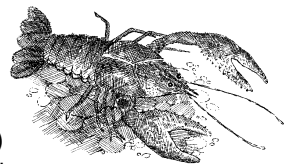
Fee: \$60.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$70.00 non-residents

***NEW THIS YEAR* Creek Week** (for 7– 9 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – June 17 – 21 (Mon. - Fri.)

Get wet and have fun! Enjoy a week of water-based fun and education as we explore California Woods' Lick Run Creek. Learn about water quality and sampling, the water cycle and play interactive games. **On Thursday, June 20, campers will spend their camp day at the Paddlefest Kid's Expo at Coney Island (Times TBA).**

Fee: \$60.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$70.00 non-residents



Wigwams, Wagons and Waterways (for 7 – 9 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – July 1 – 5 (Mon. - Fri., no camp on 7/4)

Live like a Native American, pioneer and river explorer by learning about historic lifestyles. Play games, make crafts and participate in a pioneer adventure simulation activity.

On Friday, enjoy an old-fashioned potluck feast that all helped to make.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents



Nature Art and Theater Camp (for 7– 9 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – July 8 – 12 (Mon. - Fri.)

Campers work together to create their own costumes and practice for the performance of their nature-themed drama. Each day is essential for attendance as activities build upon each other. The week culminates in a Friday 1:00pm performance with refreshments.

Fee: \$65.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$75.00** non-residents



Outdoor Skillz Camp (for 10 – 13 years old) July 29 – August 2

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Mon. - Wed.

Overnight: Thurs. 7:00 p.m. - Fri. 9:00 a.m.

Be survivors as you learn fire building, foil cooking, and shelter building to name a few. One day of canoeing at Magrith Riverland located nearby. Test your new skillz in the overnight camp out; we provide the tents! A complete schedule of activities is handed out the first day of camp.

Fee: \$60.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$70.00** non-residents

New Specialized Camps at Parks



Grand! Camp at Ault Park (for grandparent with grandchild ages 3 – 4)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – June 11 - 13 (Tues. - Thurs.)

The young and “young at heart” share in the fun. Learn about plants and animals, and look high and low on nature hikes. Create special crafts and join in activities that will encourage interaction and bonding between the ages. **One grandparent and one grandchild attend for a single fee.** Meet daily at the Heekin Overlook picnic area.

Fee: \$60.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$70.00** non-residents

Language Explorer Camps (for campers entering 4th - 9th Grades this Fall!)

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. – *Trailside Nature Center in Burnet Woods* (Mon. - Fri.)

June 10 – 14: Deutsch natürlich! German, June 17 – 21: Mission...Mandarin Chinese

Campers are guided by native speaking, certified instructors and language fluent

interns in this language and cultural immersion camp. Ratio: 1 adult for every 8

campers. Engaging games, crafts, hikes, and music... all with Nature as the focus!

Co-sponsor: Cincinnati USA Sister City Association.

Fee per week: \$240.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$250.00** non-residents

Discount: \$5.00 off per sibling registered.

LaBoiteaux Nature Center (5400 Lanius Ln, 45224)

Young Naturalists Camp (for 4 – 6 years old)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – July 8 – 12 (Mon. - Fri.)

This active outdoor program engages your child's energy and curiosity as they learn about nature. Enjoy daily hikes, crafts, games and adventures, incorporating lots of fun and a bit of fantasy. Campers are grouped by age.

Fee: \$60.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$70.00** non-residents



Nature Explorers Camp (for 7 – 9 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – June 24 – 28 (Mon. - Fri.)

Daily hikes, activities, a scavenger hunt, games and crafts! Campers learn about the wonders of the natural world as they explore the woods in this beautiful preserve.

Fee: \$60.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$70.00** non-residents

Wild Art Camp (for 7 – 9 year olds)

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – July 15 - 19 (Mon. - Fri.)

Enjoy a lively mix of art and nature as campers are lead on creative adventures. Use a variety of media including natural materials. Daily hikes in the woods, games and activities near the center will add to the fun.

Fee: \$65.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$75.00** non-residents



PARADE! Camp (for 7 – 11 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – July 1 – 3 (Mon. - Wed.)

Parade: Thursday, July 4 about 11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Create a surprise for Northside's Fourth of July Parade. We'll not only prepare props, banners and costumes for the parade, but also enjoy nature activities and hikes in the woods. Parents may need to transport their children to the parade start, then home from the finish, 1.3 miles apart on July 4.

Fee: \$45.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$55.00** non-residents

Outdoor Skills Camp (for 10 – 13 years old) June 17 – 21

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Mon. - Wed.

Overnight: Thurs. 7:00 p.m. - Fri. 9:00 a.m.

Older campers will practice fire building, knots, safety, orienteering, and camping skills as they broaden their knowledge and ability to enjoy nature. On Tuesday, meet at Burnet Woods for canoeing and fishing. A complete schedule is handed out the 1st day of camp.

Fee: \$60.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$70.00** non-residents



Natural Art Camp (for 10 – 14 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – July 29 – August 2 (Mon. - Fri.)

Create art in nature, of nature and with nature! With the assistance of a certified art teacher, campers discover the natural origins of some of our best art materials and use a variety of these materials to make works of art as we explore our natural surroundings.

Fee: \$70.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$80.00** non-residents

Trailside Nature Center (3400 Brookline, 45220)



Nature Preschool Camp – Habitat Hunt (for 4 – 5 years old)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – June 24 – 28 (Mon. - Fri.)

Find out who's living in the lake, wandering through the woods or feeding in the field as we go on a habitat hunt. Explore the park for the different habitats that animals call home. Crafts, games and other engaging activities.

Fee: \$60.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$70.00** non-residents



Nature Preschool Camp – Movers and Shakers (for 4 – 5 years old)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – July 22 – 26 (Mon. - Fri.)

From fins to feathers, fast feet and more, we will explore the variety of ways animals get around. Campers will get “Loco” about locomotion through stories, crafts, nature hikes, and hands-on activities that will excite them.

Fee: \$60.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$70.00** non-residents

Urban Safari Camp (for 6 – 8 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Choose only 1 session - activities repeat**

Session 1: July 8 – 12 (Mon. - Fri.)

Session 2: July 29 - August 2 (Mon. - Fri.)

Take an in-depth look at nature as we explore Burnet Woods in search of the many plants and animals that make their home here.

Through the use of experiments, hikes, games, crafts and other hands-on activities, campers become junior naturalists as they discover the natural wonders of the world around them.

Fee: \$60.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$70.00** non-residents



***NEW THIS YEAR* Language Explorer Camps**

For Campers entering 4th - 9th Grade this Fall

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. – Trailside Nature Center in Burnet Woods (Mon. - Fri.)

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See page 7 for more details

Astronomy Camp - Back to the Moon (for 9 – 12 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – July 15 – 19 (Mon. - Fri.)

Space, the final frontier... Voyage with us on an exploration of the Solar System and beyond. Based out of Trailside Nature Center's, Wolff Planetarium, campers discover new worlds as we learn about the planets, moons and stars that are our night skies. Hands-on activities will occur indoors and outdoors!

Fee: \$65.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$75.00** non-residents

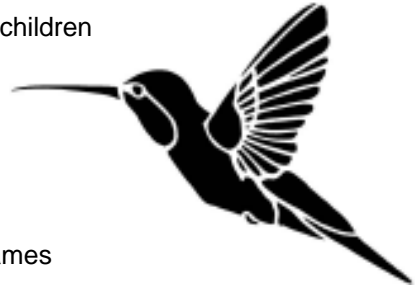


TEENS:

You can Volunteer to be a *NATURE CAMP AIDE*

If You:

- Are at least 13 years old
- Enjoy working outdoors and with younger children
- Have an interest in nature
- Can help out for at least one full week



You Could:

- Help our camp leaders with hikes
- Assist younger children with crafts and games
- Learn more about local nature and ecology

Interested?

Explore Nature! has service learning opportunities for teenage volunteers this summer in our Nature Day Camps. From June 10 through August 2, camps are held throughout Cincinnati in our parks and Nature Centers.

To begin the process as a candidate for a volunteer position and select an opportunity, please **visit www.ugive.org anytime after Feb 15**. Once registered as a student, you will be sent to the opportunities page. Click into "See all opportunities" to view the diversity of camps, locations and dates. Please register for only those that you are committed to attend and volunteer for the full week.

New volunteers are required to participate in a group interview and if selected will need to attend an orientation session prior to the start of camps. More detailed information regarding the interviews and orientation session will be provided before March 1.

For more information, contact our main office at 513-321-6070.

The rewards will be many... for those that volunteer, new skills learned and a fun-filled summer...and for the parents, one less dent on the couch from a bored teenager.

Online Registration

For easy access and convenience for our park patrons, all camp registration will occur online. Payment is by Visa or Mastercard only. **For registration assistance, contact the Explore Nature! office, 513-321-6208 ext. 11.**

Online registration is at:

<https://parks.cincyregister.com/summercamp2013>

A \$2.50 administrative fee covers each child's registration for individual camp enrollments.

Discounts are available for campers that attend MORE THAN ONE camp and a \$1 off coupon to the Butterfly Show at Krohn Conservatory is available for printing with camp registration. Gift certificates can be purchased by family or friends that want to send a child to camp.

During the registration process, you will provide medical / allergy information on your child(ren). On the first day of camp, you are requested to review and sign this form.

Once your registration is complete, you will automatically receive an email confirmation. Review the information in the email for accuracy. If you need to make changes to your registration, please call the Explore Nature! office. We can make some changes for you free of charge.

Camp fees are non-refundable and can not be reduced for partial attendance.

If a registered child cannot attend, you can transfer your spot to another child by contacting the Explore Nature! office. We often have waiting lists for camps. A new completed registration form will be needed for the new child.

Many thanks to our registration system provider: CincyTicket Solutions.

