JUNE

2 Friday

Adventure Day Camp: Awesome Astronomy

Are you interested in the planets, stars, or galaxies? Do you wonder what is beyond the world that we know about? Learn about the latest discoveries in astronomy and visit our inflatable planetarium where you can see the night sky without light pollution.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

Required to be ages 13-15

Register with $15 per child by 1 PM on Wednesday, May 31. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Christine Patterson

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3 Saturday & 4 Sunday

24-Hour Outdoor Experience

Calling all kids ages 10-13! Here’s your chance to be outside, in the parks, for 24 straight hours. This full day will be jam-packed with everything nature, including fishing, a night hike and early morning bird hike, learning about tracks and signs and cooking over the campfire. When we finally do take a break, a tent will be awaiting you. All meals and snacks will be provided. Children will need to bring a pillow, sleeping bag, pajamas, an extra set of clothes and a water bottle.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Campground

9 AM Saturday - 9 AM Sunday

Required to be ages 10-13

Register with $24 per child by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, May 31. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 30

Michelle Rumschlag

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3 Saturday

Growing Green Thumbs: Fruits of the Garden

A talk will be given about the fruits that are growing in the McKinnis garden and how the family will use them. A little weeding will be done in the garden. We welcome a little extra help from those who enjoy getting their hands in the soil.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis Garden

10 AM

Required to be ages 4-18
Children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own work gloves.

Free, but register by 1 PM on Friday, June 2.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Chris Allen

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5 Monday & 6 Tuesday

17th Annual Peter Rabbit Tea

This year’s Peter Rabbit Tea will feature *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. First you’ll head to the barn to have the story read to you by the one and only Beatrix Potter. Tea and snacks will be served in the 1847 McKinnis House. Afterwards, you can meet Mr. McGregor as he keeps an eye out for Peter and his brothers. Children will participate in a scavenger hunt in the historical garden. Maybe even Peter himself will make an appearance.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

Monday tea times: 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 2:30 PM & 4 PM

Tuesday tea times: 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM & 2:30 PM

Required to be ages 4-6 with an adult companion; one adult required for every two children.

Register with $4 per person by 4:30 PM on Thursday, June 1.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20 per tea

Michelle Rumschlag

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7 Wednesday

Adventure Day Camp: Summer Art

Join the Hancock Park District for a fun day of nature crafting and painting. The morning will be spent learning how to make a nature craft and also exploring the park. In the afternoon we will be learning how to use water colors to paint a beautiful nature scene. Awakening Minds Art will provide step by step instructions and all the necessary supplies needed to create your artwork. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Shelter 3

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 9-12

Register with $20 per child by 4 PM on Monday, June 5. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Chris Allen

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8 Thursday, 15 Thursday & 29 Thursday

Bird Study Merit Badge

This is a chance for Boy Scouts of all levels to earn the Bird Study Merit Badge, with an approved merit badge counselor. Boys will learn the parts of the bird, binocular use, how to use a field guide, identification of bird calls and in field bird observation.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9-11 AM

Required to be a registered

Boy Scout

Free, but register by 4:30 PM on Tuesday, June 6. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 2/Maximum: 15

Michelle Rumschlag

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8 Thursday

Nocturnal Animals

Have you ever wondered about the animals that come out at night? Come and learn about nocturnal animals and how they have adapted to life at night. A visit to our inflatable planetarium will be included to see the night sky like the animals do. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6:30 PM

Recommended for ages 5 and up

Free, but register by 1 PM on Wednesday, June 7.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 25

Christine Patterson

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9 Friday

Adventure Day Camp: Art in Nature

Kids, do you like nature and crafting? Join Hancock Park District for a fun day of nature crafting and painting. In the morning, we will make a nature craft and explore the park. In the afternoon, we will learn how to use watercolors to paint a beautiful nature scene. Awakening Minds Art will provide step by step instructions and all the necessary supplies needed to create your artwork. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Shelter 3

9AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 13-15

Register with $20 per child by 4 PM on Wednesday, June 7. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Chris Allen

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10 Saturday

Richard S. “Doc” Phillips Discovery Center Open House

Visitors can choose to participate in unstructured and/or structured activities at the Discovery Center. Activities and attractions include bird watching via the Windows on Wildlife, mounted animals and live animals on display, nature videos, field guides and nature books for reading, touch table and puppets, and seasonal displays and exhibits. A Program Department staff member or volunteer will be available to answer questions. Hancock Park District program specialist, Lauren Sandhu will provide information on Ohio ponds and streams beginning at 12 PM, followed by a hike at 1 PM to see pond and stream life in the park. Please dress for the weather and wear good walking shoes.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Lauren Sandhu

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10 Saturday

Lake Exploration Hike

Explore what lives around and in the lakes at the park. Can we find where the turtles are sunning themselves? Are there snakes hiding on the log? There is always action around the lake whether it‘s a bird, frog or even a little fishy. Bring along a camera and capture nature as we hike the trails around the lakes and stream? Information on Ohio ponds and streams will be available at 12 PM inside the Discovery Center.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center Porch

1 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Chris Allen

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11 Sunday

Snakes of Ohio: Open House

Were you aware that Ohio has 28 snakes that it considers native? Find out which ones can be found in Hancock County, how many are venomous and why they are a good thing to have in your backyard. Our own Eastern Fox Snake and Eastern Milksnake will be highlighted.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Michelle Rumschlag

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12 Monday

Wee Ones: Daddy Longlegs

Is the daddy longlegs really the most venomous spider? Is it really a spider? Come find out all about the daddy longlegs through a story, craft, and activities.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM & 1 PM

Recommended for ages 3 and under with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration not required

Christine Patterson

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12 Monday – 16 Friday

Junior Historian Camp: People of the 1800s and their Jobs

Do you know the McKinnis family who settled here in Hancock County in the 1800s? Do you know Mr. Squire Carlin who ran Findlay’s first general store in 1836? Each day of camp will explore the people who settled here and how they made life for the pioneers a little easier. The week will be filled with many different adventure activities, such as trading at Mr. Carlins’ store, tin smithing and cooking on the wood stove like Mrs. McKinnis would have for her family. Historical snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 9-12

Register with $60 per child by 4:30 PM on Thursday, June 8. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Chris Allen

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17 Saturday

Richard S. “Doc” Phillips Discovery Center Open House

Visitors can choose to participate in unstructured and/or structured activities in the Discovery Center. Activities and attractions include bird watching via the Windows on Wildlife, mounted animals and live animals on display, nature videos, field guides and nature books for reading, touch table and puppets, and seasonal displays and exhibits. A Program Department staff member or volunteer will be available to answer questions. Hancock Park District program specialist, Katie Mehlow will be doing a presentation at 1 PM about math in nature, followed by a hike from 2-3 PM for hikers to look for examples of math themselves. Please dress for the weather and wear good walking shoes.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Katie Mehlow

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17 Saturday

Summer Disc Golf Tournament

This year’s tournament will be a trilogy challenge. The Trilogy Challenge is a singles tournament that will consist of one round. You will receive the three discs that you will use for this tournament which you can keep afterwards. Participants will also receive a shirt, scorecard, pencil and a mini marker. There will be plenty of prizes for the winners.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Shelter 4

On-site registration begins at 9 AM.

Players meeting promptly at 9:45 AM; event starts at 10 AM.

All ages welcome; children must be
accompanied by a participating adult.

Register with $35 per person on the day of the tournament.

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19 Monday – 23 Friday

Junior Naturalist Camp: Highs and Lows

Life exists in many places in nature and we’ll explore these different levels to see who’s living there. We’ll start underground and look for worms, moles and others that tunnel. Next we’ll search above ground and peruse the forest floor and streambed to look for spiders and crayfish. Lots of birds, mammals and insects live in the understory and tree top levels; find out who prefers to live where. Our final stop is in the air and clouds, highlighting turkey vultures, hawks and other high fliers. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 9-12

Register with $60 per child by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, June 14. A medical form is required and

available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Michelle Rumschlag

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19 Monday – 22 Thursday

Budding Historian Camp: History Comes Alive in the 1800s

Join us for four days as a pioneer at the McKinnis House. Learn about and play the same games that children played over 150 years ago. Try out some pioneer chores. Each day new activities will be included to help you become a real pioneer. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 6-8

Register with $50 per child by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, June 14. A medical form is required and available online or at the
park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Christine Patterson

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24 Saturday

Bullseyes Away!

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at archery and getting a bullseye? Here’s your chance. Participants will learn how to properly stand, hold and shoot a bow. After some practicing, games will be played. This program will be led by a certified archery instructor.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

8:30-10 AM for ages 10-14

10:30 AM-12 PM for ages 15-17

Register with $10 per child by 3 PM on Friday, June 23. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 2/Maximum: 10 per
time slot

Michelle Rumschlag

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24 Saturday

Art in the Park: 4th Annual Plein Air Paint-Out

Artists working in all plein air media are welcome to paint the McKinnis homestead as well as the woods and prairie areas of this beautiful park for this non-competitive event. The public is invited to observe artists as they work during the day. Art projects completed during the day will be on display starting at 3 PM. There are several places to work under cover in case of rain.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

9 AM-4 PM

Recommended for teens and adults

Free, but register on site or ahead of time by contacting Sharon Hammer Baker.

Sharon Hammer Baker

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24 Saturday

Saturn

J.T. Senghas of the Millstream Astronomy Club will present the program “Saturn” which will explain the ringed planet and reveal its mysteries. After the program, we will view Saturn along with other beauties of the nighttime sky.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Shelter 5

9 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Michelle Rumschlag

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25 Sunday

Lavender: Open House

Come enjoy the sights, the smells, and the tastes of lavender picked straight from the lavender beds at the McKinnis House. This fragrant plant has been used and enjoyed for centuries, and was even found in King Tut’s tomb. You can taste and smell different lavender products used in the 1800s and see lavender tea made on the stove.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Katie Mehlow

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26 Monday

Adventure Day Camp: Operation Conservation

This camp is ideal for teens who want to explore the field of conservation biology. We will hit the trails in Oakwoods Nature Preserve to study hot topics in the world of conservation firsthand, such as invasive species, endangered species, and water pollution. We will also check out the water quality in streams. Participants will need clothes and shoes that are able to get wet, along with an extra set to change into afterwards. Please bring a water bottle.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-12 PM

Required to be ages 13-15 Register with $15 per child by 1 PM on Friday, June 23. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Katie Mehlow

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26 Monday - 30 Friday

Budding Naturalist Camp: Habitat Exploration

Explore the different habitats at our parks. The landscape of Hancock County is home to a surprising variety of unique habitats, all
of which house specific plants, mammals, birds, amphibians, and insects. Each day campers will learn about a different habitat, observe the wildlife at that habitat, enjoy snacks, make crafts, and explore. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Monday: Litzenberg Memorial Woods, Gatehouse

Tuesday: Riverbend Recreation Area, Shelter 3

Wednesday: Oakwoods Nature Preserve, Discovery Center

Thursday: Litzenberg Memorial Woods, Gatehouse

Friday: Oakwoods Nature Preserve, Discovery Center

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 6-8

Register with $60 per child by 4:30 PM on Thursday, June 22. A medical form is required and is

available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Lauren Sandhu

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JULY

1 Saturday

Growing Green Thumbs: Herbs of the McKinnis Garden

We will be talking about the herbs in the garden and how they would be used. Tending the garden and pulling the summer weeds will also be done, along with harvesting.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis Garden

10 AM

Required to be ages 4-18

Children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own work gloves.

Free, but register by 1 PM on Friday, June 30.

Minimum: 6/Maximum 20

Chris Allen

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1 Saturday

Richard S. “Doc” Phillips Discovery Center

Open House

Visitors can choose to participate in unstructured and/or structured activities at the Discovery Center. Activities and attractions include bird watching via the Windows on Wildlife, mounted animals and live animals on display, nature videos, field guides and nature books for reading, touch table and puppets, and seasonal displays and exhibits. A Program Department staff member or volunteer will be available to answer questions. Hancock Park District program specialist, Christine Patterson will be available at 1 PM to share information about reptiles that live in Ohio, followed by a hike at 2 PM.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Christine Patterson

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6 Thursday

The Dwarf Planets

Pluto is a dwarf planet now, but it wasn’t always. Come find out why Pluto isn’t in the big league of planets anymore and about the other four dwarf planets that grace our solar system. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

7 PM

Recommended for ages 8 and up

Free, but register by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, July 5

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 25

Michelle Rumschlag

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8 Saturday

Astronomy Day

The Millstream Astronomy Club is hosting its annual Astronomy Day. Start off with safe telescopic views of the Sun, followed by views of Mercury and Jupiter, including four of its moons. You’ll get a close look at Saturn and its beautiful rings. Look through their telescopes or bring your own; the club can help you with set up.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Shelter 5

7 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Michelle Rumschlag

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8 Saturday

Creepy Crawly Hike

Check under leaves, logs and rocks to find what is hiding out in nature. Do you know where to find all those multi-legged little creatures? If not, come and explore Litzenberg Memorial Woods and all the fascinating creepy crawlies.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

1 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Chris Allen

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9 Sunday

Independence Day: Open House

The Fourth of July was one of the major holidays that was widely celebrated in the 19th century. Each state celebrated Independence Day differently with a variety of festivities ranging from parades to picnics. See how the McKinnis family celebrated our nation’s birthday in Ohio in 1847.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Lauren Sandhu

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10 Monday

Adventure Day Camp: Aiming for Archery

Learn the basic techniques of archery during a morning of target practice. After learning proper archery techniques, participants will compete in a variety of friendly challenges, play target games, and even win some prizes. Prior archery experience is not required, and all levels of experience are welcome.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

9–11 AM

Required to be ages 13-15

Register with $10 per child by 1 PM on Friday, July 7.

Minimum: 2/Maximum: 10

Lauren Sandhu

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11 Tuesday – 13 Thursday

Peter Rabbit Camp

Dive into three of Beatrix Potter’s books and get hands-on with all sorts of activities. Campers will be reading and exploring *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny*, *The Tale of Jemima Puddle-duck* and T*he Tale of Pigling Bland*. Each day, children will paint and draw, learn more about the natural history of the animals and play games and activities around the themes of each story. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 7-10
Register with $36 by 4:30 PM on Thursday, July 6. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Michelle Rumschlag

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14 Friday

Adventure Day Camp: Canoeing

Here’s your chance to spend a day enjoying nature from the water as we paddle our way down the Blanchard River. We will have fun playing water games as we go to keep cool. Maybe there will be an eagle, turtle or even a fox watching us as we go along. You never know what is just around the bend. Our trip will take us from Riverside Park to the State Route 568 bridge and back again. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. If the river current upstream from Riverside Park is too strong for canoeing due to flooding or substantial and prolonged rainfall, an alternate canoeing experience at Dold Lake will take place.

Riverside Park

Zonta Landing

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 9-12

Register with $15 per child by 4:30 PM Wednesday, July 12.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Chris Allen

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15 Saturday

Photography Hike

Our parks provide a multitude of trails and natural beauty. If you enjoy hiking and capturing nature at its best, join us for our Summer Photography Hike. We will take a leisurely hike while stopping to enjoy numerous nature scenes and photography subjects, including birds, wildflowers, insects, and much more. Whether you use a professional camera or the camera in your cell phone, all levels of photographers are welcome.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Gatehouse

10 AM-12 PM

Recommended for ages 10 and up

Free, but register by 4 PM on Friday, July 14

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Lauren Sandhu

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15 Saturday

Richard S. “Doc” Phillips Discovery Center Open House

The Discovery Center will be open for visitation. Visitors can choose to participate in unstructured and/or structured activities. Activities and attractions include bird watching via the Windows on Wildlife, mounted animals and live animals on display, nature videos, field guides and nature books for reading, touch table and puppets, and seasonal displays and exhibits. A Program Department staff member or volunteer will be available to answer questions. Hancock Park District program specialist, Chris Allen will take guests on a nature hike at 11 AM to see what is out and about in the park.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Chris Allen

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16 Sunday

Amazing Caterpillars: Open House

There are a lot of amazing things to learn about caterpillars. Do they sting or do they bite? Some are slick and look like a stick. Where can you find those colorful and fuzzy little creatures? Live caterpillars and display mounts will be there for you to enjoy.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Chris Allen

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17 Monday

Discovery Story: Caterpillars

Bring the little ones out to enjoy all there is to know about the hungry little caterpillar. There will be a story and craft for the kids to enjoy while exploring the Discovery Center.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM, 1 PM & 6 PM

Recommended for ages 3-6 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration not required

Chris Allen

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18 Tuesday

Adventure Day Camp: Bird Barf

Eight owls live and hunt in Ohio. Participants will get a close look at these native raptors and examine owl wings, talons, eggs and skulls. Let’s not forget, you’ll get hands-on as you dissect owl pellets, aka “bird barf”. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 13-15

Register with $15 per child by 4:30 PM on Friday, July 14. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Michelle Rumschlag

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19 Wednesday

Canvas Painting: Summer Mist

The third canvas in the seasonal painting series is Summer Mist. Awakening Minds Art will provide step by step instructions on how to paint a beautiful nature scene on canvas. All necessary supplies needed to create your artwork on an 11” x 14” stretched canvas will be provided. Light refreshments will be served.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Brugeman Lodge

6-8 PM

Required to be ages 16 and up

Register with $30 per person by 1 PM on Monday, July 17.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 30

Chris Allen

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21 Friday

Adventure Day Camp: Canoeing the Blanchard River

Head on out and enjoy a day on the water. We will relax as we paddle down the waterway, enjoying the sights and sounds of nature as we go. You might see the mighty eagle or even a deer or two. Life is so much fun in the out of doors. We will be canoeing the Blanchard River from Liberty Landing to Blanchard Landing. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle. If the water level is too low to support canoeing or if too many obstacles exist in the form of fallen trees, an alternate route from Zonta Landing to the State Route 568 bridge and back will be taken.

Liberty Landing

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 13-15.

Register with $15 per child by 4:30 PM Wednesday, July 19. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum:6/Maximum: 20

Chris Allen

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24 Monday

Wee Ones: Tails

Come listen to a tale of tails and learn about all the different kinds of tails animals have. There are short tails, long tails, prehensile tails (like what a monkey has), bushy tails, and tails that can regrow. We will play several games involving tails and then kids can make a craft to take home.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM, 1 PM & 6 PM

Recommended for ages 3 and under with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend

Free; registration not required

Katie Mehlow

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25 Tuesday – 27 Thursday

Nature Explorers Camp: Nature’s Homes, Houses, and Habitats

Nature is fun to explore, and it’s also home to many different plants, animals, and insects. Come out and explore the different homes, houses, and habitats that plants and animals have in several of Hancock County’s parks. We will explore a park each day to see what we can find. Please bring campers with a water bottle and tennis shoes.

Tuesday: Riverbend Recreation Area, Shelter 3

Wednesday: Oakwoods Nature Preserve, Discovery Center

Thursday: Litzenberg Memorial Woods, Gatehouse

9 AM-12 PM

Required to be ages 4-5 with an adult companion

Register with $30 per child by 4:30 PM on Friday, July 21. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 12

Katie Mehlow

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31 Monday

Adventure Day Camp: Unlikeables in Nature

Let’s give some love and attention to those animals that have a bad reputation. Overcome your phobias and dislikes to learn more about mice, rats, skunks, bats, spiders and snakes. We’ll see why these are neat and have a special place in nature. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 6-12

Register with $15 per child by 4:30 PM on Thursday, July 27. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Michelle Rumschlag

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AUGUST

1 Tuesday

Adventure Day Camp: Mad Scientist

Spend the day as a Mad Scientist doing experiments. Learn about matter. Find out about acids and bases. Solve the mysteries of why substances behave the way they do. Hands-on activities, as well as books and games will allow children to satisfy their curiosity about science in a fun, exciting way. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 6-12.

Register with $15 per child by 4:30 PM on Friday, July 28. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Christine Patterson

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2 Wednesday

Adventure Day Camp: Wilderness Survival Guide

Imagine: You’re on a hike, you wander far from your camp, and you get lost. Do you know how to survive in the wilderness? Learn some important survival skills like how to use a compass, how to read the sky for directions, and other ways to help you fend for yourself. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Shelter 3

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 6-12

Register with $15 per child by 4:30 PM on Monday, July 31. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Katie Mehlow

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3 Thursday

Adventure Day Camp: Fun in the Sun

Spend a day in the out of doors having fun in the sun. We will be digging in the sand for treasures, canoeing and kayaking on the lake and playing different water games to keep cool. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Dold Lake

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 6-12

Register with $15 by 4:30 PM on Tuesday, August 1. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Chris Allen

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4 Friday

Adventure Day Camp: Amazing Insects

August is a great time to go outside and see some pretty cool insects. Get up close and personal with some of Ohio’s most amazing insects. We will spend the day searching for, sweep-netting, observing, and identifying numerous insects. Snacks will be provided, but please bring a sack lunch and a reusable water bottle.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Shelter 3

9 AM-3 PM

Required to be ages 6-12

Register with $15 per child by 4:30 PM on Tuesday, August 1. A medical form is required and available online or at the park office.

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Lauren Sandhu

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5 Saturday

Growing Green Thumbs: Dye Garden

We will do a little weeding and take a look at the McKinnis dye garden. If the plants are just right, we will try our hand at dyeing with one of our special garden plants.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis Garden

10 AM

Required to be ages 4-18

Children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own work gloves.

Free, but register by 1 PM on Friday, August 4

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 20

Chris Allen

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5 Saturday

Richard S. “Doc” Phillips Discovery Center Open House

The Discovery Center will be open for visitation. Visitors can choose to participate in unstructured and/or structured activities. Activities and attractions include bird watching via the Windows on Wildlife, mounted animals and live animals on display, nature videos, field guides and nature books for reading, touch table and puppets, and seasonal displays and exhibits. A Program Department staff member or volunteer will be available to answer questions. Hancock Park District Naturalist Michelle Rumschlag will have a bird nest collection on display from 10:30 AM-12 PM.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Michelle Rumschlag

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6 Sunday

To Dye For: Open House

Today is a day for dyeing, and everyone will stay above the ground. The McKinnises will be showing off their dye garden and how different parts of plants help them color their clothing. Come see “cooking” in the wash house and on the cook stove of various vegetables, stems and flowers, as they are made into dyes.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

McKinnis House

1-4 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Michelle Rumschlag

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7 Monday

Wee Ones: Wonderful Worms

These wriggly animals are a fish’s favorite treat, but they do more than just provide food for someone else. Find out how they help us through a story, craft and activities. Children will even get hands-on and take a look at our worms.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM, 1 PM & 6 PM

Recommended for ages 3 and under with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend.

Free; registration not required

Michelle Rumschlag

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9 Wednesday

Mythology of the Sky

Orion, Hercules, Cassiopeia…How did these constellations get their names? All 88 constellations have interesting stories behind them rooted in Greek, Roman, Egyptian, and Babylonian mythology. Take a look at some of these constellations in our planetarium and hear the tales behind the pictures in the sky. Participants are required to sit on the floor. Ask about accommodations.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

6 PM

All ages welcome

Free, but register by 1 PM on Tuesday, August 8

Minimum: 6/Maximum: 25

Katie Mehlow

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12 Saturday

Richard S. “Doc” Phillips Discovery Center Open House

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Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM-4 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Katie Mehlow

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12 Saturday

The Persied Meteor Shower

Steve Rice of the Millstream Astronomy Club will be presenting a short program on The Persied Meteor Shower. Viewing of Jupiter, Saturn, and meteors will take place afterwards.

Riverbend Recreation Area

Shelter 5

9 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Michelle Rumschlag

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13 Sunday

Wetlands of Late Summer: Open House

The wetlands of August are teeming with life. Come learn about important wetland species of Ohio, see wetland species up close, and explore some of Ohio’s very own wetland habitat.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

1-4 PM

All ages welcome

Free; registration not required

Lauren Sandhu

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14 Monday

Discovery Stories: Shorebirds

August might not be viewed as an active month for bird-watching, however an impressive 47 species of shorebirds are spotted along the shores of Lake Erie each year at this time. Come and hear a story about shorebirds, make a shorebird inspired craft, and see some of these birds up close at one of our lake habitats.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

10 AM, 1 PM and 6 PM

Recommended for ages 3 to 6 with an adult; other aged siblings are welcome to attend

Free; registration not required

Lauren Sandhu

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19 Saturday

No Child Left Indoors

Join the Hancock Park District and Pheasants Forever for a morning filled with youth outdoor adventures as they test their skills and talents. No Child Left Indoors is part of a national movement to reach a generation of young people fixated on electronics, and to get them outdoors. This event is focused on reversing the trend of inactivity and obesity in today’s youth and actively engaging them in outdoor recreation activities. These outdoor adventures will educate youth about the importance of nature and conservation with hopes of fostering tomorrow’s leaders and conservation-minded citizens. Activities will include: a nature program, fishing, archery, canoeing and kayaking, BB and shotgun shooting, and much more. Light refreshments will be provided by Whitetails Unlimited.

Oakwoods Nature Preserve

Discovery Center

9 AM-12:30 PM

Registration begins at 8 AM

Recommended for ages 6-17 with an adult companion

Free; register by emailing Mark Plesec at meplesec@coopertire.com

26 Saturday

American Girl Tea: Kit Kittredge

Turn an ordinary day into front page news for you and your doll. We will be celebrating the 1930’s historical American Girl Doll Kit Kittredge. She believed that “A Better Tomorrow was Mine to Create.” Try your skills as a reporter to uncover the latest news to write in a journal, enjoy food of that time and other fun activities that Kit herself would have done.

Litzenberg Memorial Woods

Activity Barn

10:30-11:30 AM & 1-2 PM

Required to be ages 7-12 with an adult companion

Register with $10 per person by
1 PM on Thursday, August 24.

Minimum: 10/Maximum: 30 per tea time

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