

Ages 6–7: Nature Ramblers

The adult:child ratio is 1:8

Full-Day Programs

Monday–Friday 9:00 am–3:30 pm | Members: \$315/week Non-members: \$350/week

**Weeks with a field trip or a visiting program have an additional \$25 fee.

Group Selection: Children in the 6 to 7 age range are divided into three groups, *Amazing Ants*, *Busy Bees*, and *Dashing Dragonflies*. If coordinating with others to attend camp together, please be sure to communicate your group selection prior to registration.

Please be sure to have your camper bring a backpack containing a water bottle, a healthy lunch, snacks, sunscreen, bug spray, and an extra set of play clothes.

Animal Detectives | June 15 - 19

Whose footprints are those? Which way did they go? Step into the world of tracking as we search for clues left behind by our furry and scaly companions. Tracks, scat, fur, feathers, and more will teach us more about who is living in our forest. We'll construct a tracking pit, create our own ID guides, and make a plaster track to take home.

Incredible Insects | June 22 - 26

Scientists have discovered over 925,000 different species of insects! The bountiful world of insects will keep us busy all week searching under logs, scooping in ponds, and inspecting our meadows. From pollination to decomposition and so much more, we will discover how essential these tiny organisms are to our ecosystems.

Mad for Mammals | June 29 - July 3**

So many mammals, so little time! Spend the week learning about a different native mammal each day and the role they play in our ecosystem. We will then take a trip to the Elmwood Park Zoo to discover more exotic species we don't often get to see.

Foraging in the Wild | July 6 - 10

Get ready to splish and splash as we dive into the wonderful world of water. Wade into streams, spot tadpoles in ponds, and canoe on Wind Dance Pond. We'll meet aquatic animals, catch some pond creatures, and play fun water games.

Wet and Wild | July 13 - 17

Scour through the forest foraging edible berries, wildflowers, and even invasive plants. This week we will learn how to identify different wild edibles such as wineberries, mile-a-minute, sassafras, and more. We will snack as we hike and experiment with different recipes to take home with us.

Rock On! | July 20 - 24

Who has what it takes to survive in the wild? This week we'll master our survival skills, learning techniques for how to start a fire, construct a shelter, and navigate using a compass. At the end of the week, we will test out our new knowledge and skills.

Happening Herps | July 27 - 31**

Frogs, salamanders, and snakes, oh my! Discover the world of reptiles and amphibians as we learn about all the different species that live in our forests, ponds, and streams. After observing their unique adaptations in the field, we'll end the week by meeting some of these fascinating critters up close in a live animal show.

Invasive Destroyers | August 3 - 7

Help save our native forest from harmful plants and insects invading our ecosystems by becoming an invasive destroyer! From spotted lanternflies to Japanese stiltgrass, we will learn about how, why, and where invasive species are taking over our landscape. Once we identify what is and isn't invasive, we will compete to collect as many as we can!

Plants and Pollinators | August 10 - 14

Fluttering butterflies and buzzing bees fill our meadows and fields throughout the summer. Pollinators and plants play an enormous role in our environment and even our source of food. We will take a close look at the different native plants that attract pollinators and plant our own native garden.

Bird is the Word | August 17 - 21

From feisty blue jays to majestic bald eagles, we'll learn about the distinct characteristics of local birds—what they eat, where they migrate, and how they build their nests—and break out the binoculars to see who resides in our forest. To help out our feathery friends, we will build birdhouses and create pinecone bird feeders to hang throughout the forest.