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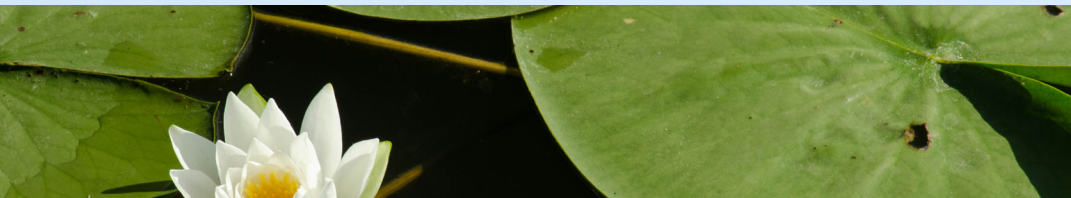
CREEK CAMP

Summer Nature Camps

2017

Creek Camp Information

Who knew learning could be so much fun? At Creek Camp, your child will be guided by naturalists and experienced interns as they explore the outdoors, learn about wildlife, enjoy unstructured play, practice outdoor skills, observe the wonder of nature and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors. Children will create memories while they learn and even get a little dirty, too. Creek Camp will help foster in your child a connection to the outdoors that lasts a lifetime!



The Nature Center offers four different styles of camps to fit the needs of every family and camper:

- **Preschool Trail Trekkers:** Three-hour camp experiences for children ages 4-5. Learn about mammals, prairie flora and fauna, reptiles, wetlands and more! See pages 5-6.
- **Four-Day Camps:** Full-day camps for K-1st graders spanning four days to immerse your child in their outdoor adventure! See options on page 7.
- **One-Day Camps:** Full-day camps perfect for first-time campers looking to get their “feet wet,” or anyone looking for one day of fun and excitement! Options available for K-6th graders. See page 8.
- **Week-Long Camps:** New for 2017! A full week of nature adventures, ending with an overnight campout at ICNC on Thursday night. Options available for 2nd-5th graders. See pages 9-10.
- **SAVE THE DATES!** 2017 Winter Break Camps are coming up December 27th-29th. Details available this fall!



CAMP STAFF

Naturalists Andria Cossolotto, Emily Roediger and Erin Roghaar, as well as experienced summer camp coordinators, lead the camps. A minimum of two adult leaders and small group sizes ensure a quality experience for your child. STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) is incorporated into our curriculum.



Three simple ways to register:

- Go online at indiancreeknaturecenter.org/camps
- Call the Nature Center at 319-362-0664
- Visit the Nature Center

Scholarships are available.

Contact Erin Roghaar at 319-362-0664 for details.

Refund Policy

To be eligible for a fee refund or transfer, ICNC requires a 48-hour advance notice for all cancellations. Eligible cancelled registrations can either be refunded or applied to another registration. All refunded registrations are charged an administrative processing fee of 10%. Only in cases of extreme weather or other extenuating circumstances will ICNC cancel a scheduled program. Full refunds will be issued for programs cancelled by ICNC.



Preparing for Creek Camp



NATURE CENTER RULES

It is our goal that all campers have a positive, meaningful, and fun experience at the Nature Center. With that in mind, the following rules should be reviewed with your child before attending camp:

- Indian Creek Nature Center is a preserve.
 - Do not disturb animals or their homes.
 - Do not pick or collect plants or other objects.
(There may be times when your leader will give you permission to collect.)
- Treat all people, animals, and plants with respect.
- Remain on the trails and with your leader/group at all times.
- Disruptive or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. Nature Center staff will request the child be picked up promptly by a parent/adult.
- Bullying will not be tolerated.

NEW FOR 2017: WRAPAROUND CARE!

You now have the option of selecting wraparound care for your child before and after each FULL day of Creek Camp! Each session is \$10 per child and offers supervised, non-structured care between the hours of 7:30–9:00 a.m. and 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (morning and afternoon are each \$10). Simply select your desired sessions during registration. Questions? Call our registrar, Rachel at 319-362-0664.

Please note: Wraparound care is not available for Trail Trekker Camp or following overnight campouts.

CAMP T-SHIRTS are available for only \$5! Get yours at checkout.



Drop-off and pick-up:

- Drop-off and pick-up will take place at Indian Creek Nature Center's Amazing Space building, located at 5300 Otis Road SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. Drop-off begins at 8:45 a.m. Pick-up time is from 4:00-4:15 p.m. Please be on time! Camp starts at 9 a.m. each day. *Times differ for wraparound care campers.*



Inclement Weather:

Rainy days or hot weather will not cancel camps. We provide related indoor or quiet activities in the shade when necessary. Please call ahead to check on weather and program status if in doubt.



SUPPLIES FROM HOME

- Lunch: pack a nutritious lunch that doesn't require refrigeration or cooking. The Nature Center will provide healthy snacks and beverages/water each day. **Please let us know of any food allergies at registration.**
- Backpack
- Reusable water bottle
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Sunscreen & bug repellent: please apply before camp each day!
- Sturdy shoes & lightweight clothing: camp is an active place, so campers may get dirty and wet! Campers should be dressed for comfort and safety. No flip flops or other shoes that are not secure.
- Hat and/or sunglasses
- Camera or binoculars (optional)
- Change of clothes (optional)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

We ask that campers refrain from bringing the following things with them to camp:

- Cell phones
- Pocket knives
- Valuables
- Electronic games/iPods



Trail Trekkers Camps

Ages 4-5, New this year: drop off your child



Trail Trekkers camps: *Limited to 24 campers per camp date*

All camps run 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Fee per camp:

\$20 Member (M)

\$25 Nonmember (NM)

Series Registration Discount:

All five camps for \$80 (M), \$100 (NM)

Rain policy: Programs will be adapted for the indoors if necessary.



Junior Naturalist

Tuesday, June 6

Learn what it takes to be a Junior Naturalist! Collect insects, observe birds, and start your own nature collection. We'll play with magnifying glasses and make our own binoculars while we explore the woods and prairie!

Super Scales

Thursday, June 8

Turtles, lizards, and snakes, oh my! Visit with our scaly critters and find out what makes these great animals different from all others. We'll visit and learn about our wetland and play games!



Prairie Party

Thursday, July 6

Look closely at the special plants and animals that call the prairie home. Play games to learn the importance of camouflage in nature. Celebrate the tall grasses and flowers that provide shelter, food and space for animals.

Down by the Pond

Tuesday, August 1

Wetlands are interesting ecosystems! Explore the animals that make our wetlands their home. We'll collect water bugs and sing songs with the frogs!

Mighty Mammals

Thursday, August 3

Mammals rule the animal kingdom! What kinds of mammals live near the Nature Center? Explore animal homes, go on a mammal safari, and become your favorite mammal!



**Thank you to the Alliant Energy Foundation for
sponsoring Indian Creek Nature Center's
2017 Creek Camps!**

Four-Day Camps *K-1st graders*

Immerse yourself in the beauty, wonder and adventure of the Nature Center for an entire four-day session of outdoor fun!

Four-Day Camps: *Limited to 12 campers per camp date*

Camps run 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Campers must have completed the grade listed.

Fee per camp:

\$175

Wraparound Care available:

Morning care: 7:30-9:00 a.m., \$10

Afternoon care: 4:00-5:00 p.m., \$10



Join! Become a **Household Plus** or above member of ICNC, and receive one \$25 discount per member child per camp season. Discount applies to all four-day and week-long camps. Complete your **Household Plus, Explorer, Steward or Protector** membership at indiancreeknaturecenter.org/membership to receive your discount code.

Drawn to Nature

Monday, June 26 - Thursday, June 29

Isn't the natural world beautiful? Nature and art go hand in hand in this camp! We will explore different mediums of art throughout the week, including painting, sculpture, and printmaking while we play with the colors of the woods, prairie, and wetlands, looking for our artistic inspiration! Play games, get dirty, and create at this four-day camp!

Wild Animals

Monday, August 7 - Thursday, August 10

Be a part of the pack at the Nature Center this week! There are many wild animals that use our trails, and find shelter and food at the Nature Center. We'll use our senses to discover who lives here and how they survive in the wild. Enjoy wild games, crafts, and adventures!

One-Day Camps *Ages vary*

One-Day Camps: *Limited to 12-15 campers per camp date*

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Campers must have completed the grade listed.

Fee per camp:

\$50-\$75, see specific camp

Wraparound Care available:

Morning care: 7:30-9:00 a.m., \$10

Afternoon care: 4:00-5:00 p.m., \$10

Nature's Formation *(3rd-5th graders)*

Thursday, June 22

\$75, limited to 12 campers

Geologic events and moving water can create really amazing natural formations! We will hike along the bluffs of the Mississippi River Valley, visit the interpretive center, and enjoy lunch in the sunshine at Mines of Spain Recreation Area. In the afternoon, we will enjoy a guided interpretive walk into Crystal Lake Caves, home to mineral formations and pristine stalagmites.

Spelunking at Maquoketa Caves *(4th-6th graders)*

Thursday, July 20

\$75, limited to 12 campers

Caves are cool, mysterious, and a challenge to explore! Crawl underground to experience some of Iowa's natural wonders. Join our professional staff for an adventure to learn about cave formations, the unique geology of the Maquoketa State Park, and the Native American history of the caves.

Aquatic Adventures *(K-1st graders)*

Tuesday, August 15

\$50, limited to 15 campers

Water, water everywhere! Use your five senses to explore the wonderful wetlands at the Nature Center! We'll catch water bugs and frogs, play water games, take a water hike, and more. Keep cool at this water-themed camp!

Week-Long Camps with One Overnight *Ages vary*



New for 2017, ICNC is offering week-long camps that end with an exciting overnight campout on Thursday night!

Week-Long Camps: *Limited to 12 campers per camp*

Monday-Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. through Friday, Noon: Overnight campout!

Fee per camp:

\$200-\$225, see specific camp (Eligible for Household Plus or above member discount of \$25 per child - see page 7)

Wraparound Care available Monday-Thursday:

Morning care: 7:30-9:00 a.m., \$10

Afternoon care: 4:00-5:00 p.m., \$10

Overnight campout information:

The campout takes place on the Thursday night of each weeklong camp, in the prairie on ICNC property. If the weather turns, we will move inside the Nature Center. We will provide both dinner on Thursday night and breakfast on Friday morning. Pickup is at noon on Friday for all campers - no wraparound care is offered on Friday. If you want to participate in one of these week-long camps but NOT the overnight, you have the option to pick your child up on Thursday evening and drop them off again on Friday morning. After registering you will receive an "Overnight Information for Creek Camp" handout with more details, including what to bring.

Solar System Exploration *(2nd-3rd graders)*

Monday, June 12-Friday, June 16

\$200, limited to 12 campers

Take a trip into the unknown! Learn about the planets that make up our galaxy, how Earth's relationship with the sun supports life, and how gravity affects the simplest tasks! Crafts, games, and night sky observation will take us to another world. This camp will be far out there—literally!



Outdoor Skills & Adventure Camp *(4th-5th graders)*

Monday, July 10-Friday, July 14

\$225, limited to 12 campers

Are you an adventurous spirit? This camp is for the outdoor recreation enthusiast. Learn how to orient with a compass, how to build a fire and outdoor shelter, and test your navigational skills! Enjoy a day on the river kayaking, hiking at Palisades-Kepler State Park, camping out, and more. Get ready for a week-long adventure in the great outdoors!



Dig 'em Up! *(2nd-4th graders)*

Monday, July 24-Friday, July 28

\$200, limited to 12 campers

There's something satisfying about playing in the dirt. Be an archaeologist for a week at the Nature Center! We will visit the Devonian Fossil Gorge to go fossil hunting, travel in time to explore creatures that once walked the earth, and discover how Native Americans used the natural resources of Iowa to survive. Become an explorer and plan to get dirty!