

## PRAIRIE PARK NATURE CENTER

2730 Harper St.

### NATURE CENTER HOURS

Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday-Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Sunday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN/TEENS — SUMMER

For all classes, come prepared to go outdoors, including wearing bug repellent and sunscreen.

### CAMPS — (SEE YOUTH CAMPS — SUMMER, PAGE 58)

### WILD ADVENTURES FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND PARENTS WEEKLY

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. *Ages: 2-5. Enrollment Max 15.* Drop in for stories, activities and information about animals and the places in which they live. A different topic will be presented each week. Come prepared to go outdoors. *Due to space limitations, no more than one adult per child please. Registration is also taken up to a week in advance of each weekly session of a program on a space-available basis. Cost for an individual program session is \$4. Please call in advance to reserve a spot. Payment will be at class time, or you can enroll for the entire program using the code information below. For more information, please call 832-7980.*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323102	A	WILDADVT	T	10-11AM	6/8-7/27	PPNC \$32
423202	A	WILDADVT	T	10-11AM	9/7-10/26	PPNC \$32
423202	B	WILDADVT	T	10-11AM	11/2-12/21	PPNC \$32

### ARCHERY, BEGINNERS

*Ages: 7-16. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12.* Learn the basics of Olympic-style archery using Genesis compound bows. **Taught by certified instructors.**

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323267	A	BEGARCH	R	9:30-11AM	6/3	PPNC \$10
323267	B	BEGARCH	R	9:30-11AM	6/17	PPNC \$10
323267	C	BEGARCH	R	9:30-11AM	7/1	PPNC \$10
323267	D	BEGARCH	R	9:30-11AM	7/15	PPNC \$10
423267	A	BEGARCH	W	3-4:30PM	9/8	PPNC \$10

### ARCHERY CLUB

*Ages: 7-16. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12.* Olympic-style archery using Genesis compound bows. Build your archery skills while learning scoring. *Prerequisite: Beginning Archery. Taught by certified instructors.*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323268	A	ARCHCLUB	R	11:15AM-12:15PM	6/17	PPNC \$7
323268	B	ARCHCLUB	R	11:15AM-12:15PM	7/1	PPNC \$7
323268	C	ARCHCLUB	R	11:15AM-12:15PM	7/15	PPNC \$7



### CANOEING FOR FUN

*Ages: 7-13. Enrollment Max 8.* Learn the basics of canoeing and canoe safety at Mary's Lake.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323265	A	CANOEFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	6/9	PPNC \$10
323265	B	CANOEFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	6/23	PPNC \$10
323265	C	CANOEFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	7/7	PPNC \$10
323265	D	CANOEFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	7/21	PPNC \$10

### FISHING FOR FUN

*Ages: 7-13. Enrollment Max 8.* Bring your own fishing pole or use one of PPNC's poles for a morning of fishing fun at Mary's Lake. Learn to use different bait and lures.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323263	A	FISHFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	6/2	PPNC \$10
323263	B	FISHFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	6/16	PPNC \$10
323263	C	FISHFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	6/30	PPNC \$10
323263	D	FISHFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	7/14	PPNC \$10
323263	E	FISHFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	7/28	PPNC \$10

### WILDLIFE EXPLORERS

*Ages: 6-12. Enrollment Min 10 / Max 25.* Explore the mysteries of different animal groups. Each week we will investigate what makes each class of animals unique and their importance in the environment. Outdoor exploration, indoor investigation, games, videos and lots of fun.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323266	A	WILDEXPL	R	1:30-3PM	6/3-7/29	PPNC \$45

### EXPLORING NATURE FOR HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS

*Section A ages: 6-8, K-3rd grade; Section B ages: 8-12, 4th-6th grade. Enrollment Min 8 / Max 20.* Eight-week session of science programs for home-schooled students exploring animals, plants and the environment. We will have hands-on activities, games and crafts designed to meet state science outcomes. If space exists, registration for drop-ins will be taken up to one week in advance. **Individual session cost is \$5 per session.**

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423320	A	EXPLORING	W	10:30AM-12PM	9/8-11/10	PPNC \$50
423320	B	EXPLORING	W	9-10:30AM	9/8-11/10	PPNC \$50

### TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

*Ages: 12-16. Enrollment Max 10.* Participants will learn about natural resource and wildlife occupations and have an opportunity to participate in volunteer activities at the Nature Center, including display construction, wildlife care and handling, water sampling and habitat improvement. The group will design and complete a conservation project.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423120	A	TEENVOL	T	4-5PM	9/7-11/9	PPNC \$25

### NO CHILD INSIDE HIKING ADVENTURES

*Ages: 7-12. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12.* Don't spend your after-school hours in front of the television. Get out and get moving with a guided investigative nature hike to a new area each week. We will be frogging at the wetlands, stalking birds with binoculars, identifying tracks and much more.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423261	A	HIKECLUB	W	3-4:30PM	9/1	PPNC \$5
423261	B	HIKECLUB	W	3-4:30PM	9/15	PPNC \$5
423261	C	HIKECLUB	W	3-4:30PM	9/29	PPNC \$5
423261	D	HIKECLUB	W	3-4:30PM	10/13	PPNC \$5
423261	E	HIKECLUB	W	3-4:30PM	10/27	PPNC \$5

### GEOCACHING 101

*Ages: 8 to adult. Enrollment Min 6 / Max 20.* (Children under 15 must be enrolled with an enrolled adult.) Come out to the Nature Center to learn about geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. Locate the three hidden containers, called geocaches, while enjoying the outdoors and learning how to use GPS hand-helds.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323328	A	GEOCA	SU	2:30-3:30PM	7/11	PPNC \$5
423328	A	GEOCA	SU	2:30-3:30PM	9/12	PPNC \$5



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323262	A	ADTARCH	R	3-4:30PM	6/3	PPNC \$10
323262	B	ADTARCH	R	3-4:30PM	6/17	PPNC \$10
323262	C	ADTARCH	R	3-4:30PM	7/1	PPNC \$10
323262	D	ADTARCH	R	3-4:30PM	7/22	PPNC \$10
423262	A	ADTARCH	R	3-4:30PM	9/9	PPNC \$10
423262	B	ADTARCH	R	3-4:30PM	9/23	PPNC \$10

**THE CAMPING GOURMET**

*Ages: 12 and Up. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12.* Learn how to feed yourself great meals on summer camping trips cheaply, easily and with very few dishes to wash. Learn to operate a camp stove and cook in a Dutch oven.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323290	A	GOURMET	SU	2-4PM	6/6	PPNC \$10

**BIRDWATCHING BASICS**

*Ages: 16 and Up. Enrollment Min 6 / Max 20.* Learn the basics of bird identification with an expert birder. The class will cover choosing a field guide and binoculars, field marks and best birding locations. *Binoculars provided.*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323274	A	BIRDBSIC	S	8-10AM	6/12	PPNC \$10
323274	B	BIRDBSIC	S	8-10AM	7/24	PPNC \$10

**THE MAGNIFICENT MONARCH**

*Ages: All. Children under 14 must be enrolled with an adult.* You'll learn about migrating monarchs, tag your own butterfly and release it back into the wild. You'll receive a certificate with tag numbers, which can be used to check the progress of your butterfly via the Internet if it is recaptured once its migration is complete. Tag up to five butterflies at the Nature Center.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423101	A	MONARCH	S	9:30AM-12PM	9/18	PPNC \$3

**FREE SUNDAY PROGRAMS**

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

**JUNE 13 — PRAIRIE WILDFLOWERS HIKE**  
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Ages 8 and Up.

**JUNE 21 — ANIMAL DADS**  
1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**AUGUST 1 — GET THE LEAD OUT**  
1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

A discussion on the impact of using lead tackle and ammunition to wildlife and the environment and the alternatives available to reduce these risks.

**SEPTEMBER 5 — TALONS OF STEEL — BIRDS OF PREY**  
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**OCTOBER 24 — CREATURES OF THE NIGHT BROUGHT TO LIGHT**  
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 15 — FLYING TIGERS — THE OWLS OF KANSAS**  
1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**SPRING WILDFLOWER SALE**

Sunday, May 9, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. *Sponsored by Prairie Park Partners.* A variety of native wildflower seedlings and seeds will be on sale.

**HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT**

October 31, 1-4 p.m.

Halloween trick-or-treat around Mary's Lake. Cookies and cider at the Nature Center. *Sponsored by Prairie Park Partners. Fee: \$3.*

**WEEKEND PROGRAMS**

**BIRTHDAY PARTY PROGRAMS AT PRAIRIE PARK NATURE CENTER**  
**\$80 fee for classroom rental for two hours with a 40-minute live animal program and a craft, game or hike. Maximum of 15 children, 10 adults.**

**FALL BREAK NATURE CAMP**

*Ages: 6-12. Enrollment Min 9 / Max 25.* Enjoy the outdoors on fall break with hikes, crafts, live animals and games. Sign up for one day or both; there will be different activities each day. Bring your sack lunch, but snacks will be provided. Dress for the weather; camp will have indoor and outdoor activities.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423325	A	FALLCAMP	R	9AM-3PM	11/11	PPNC \$25
423325	B	FALLCAMP	F	9AM-3PM	11/12	PPNC \$25

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR GROUPS SCOUTING**

For Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Prairie Park Nature Center offers a wide range of programs to help scouts complete necessary requirements for merit badge attainment. Please call the Nature Center for more information, 832-7980.

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

*(For schools and other organized groups)*

Prairie Park Nature Center offers a wide variety of one-hour programs and two-hour field trips designed for schools and organized groups. For more information, please contact the Nature Center at 832-7980. You can also find information on the web at [www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/ppnc](http://www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/ppnc).

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES**

*Children under 14 must be registered with a paying adult for all family programs. No unattended children will be allowed.*

**INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING**

*Ages: 16 to adult. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 13.* Learn the basics of fly fishing.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423329	A	FLYFISH	SU	2-4PM	10/3	PPNC \$10

**ARCHERY, ADULT**

*Ages: 17 and Up. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 10.* Learn the basics of Olympic-style archery using Genesis compound bows. **Taught by certified instructors.**