

PRAIRIE PARK NATURE CENTER

2730 Harper Street
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NATURE CENTER HOURS

Mondays: Closed
Tuesday through Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sundays: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN/TEENS — SUMMER

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

CAMPS — (SEE YOUTH CAMPS, PAGE 57)

WILD ADVENTURES FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND PARENTS WEEKLY

Tuesdays - 10 - 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 \$3.50 per session. 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	6/2-7/28	PPNC \$31.50
423202	A	WILDADVT	T	10-11AM	9/1-10/27	PPNC \$31.50
423202	B	WILDADVT	T	10-11AM	11/3-12/22	PPNC \$28

ARCHERY, BEGINNERS

Ages: 7-16. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12. Learn the basic 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	6/4	PPNC \$10
323267	B	BEGARCH	R	9:30-11AM	6/18	PPNC \$10
323267	C	BEGARCH	R	9:30-11AM	7/2	PPNC \$10
323267	D	BEGARCH	R	9:30-11AM	7/23	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	11AM-12PM	6/18	PPNC \$7
323268	B	ARCHCLUB	R	11AM-12PM	7/2	PPNC \$7
323268	C	ARCHCLUB	R	11AM-12PM	7/9	PPNC \$7
323268	D	ARCHCLUB	R	11AM-12PM	7/16	PPNC \$7
323268	E	ARCHCLUB	R	11AM-12PM	7/23	PPNC \$7
423268	A	ARCHCLUB	R	4-5PM	9/10	PPNC \$7
423268	B	ARCHCLUB	R	4-5PM	9/24	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	6/10	PPNC \$10
323265	B	CANOEFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	6/24	PPNC \$10
323265	C	CANOEFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	7/8	PPNC \$10
323265	D	CANOEFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	7/22	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	6/3	PPNC \$10
323263	B	FISHFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	6/17	PPNC \$10
323263	C	FISHFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	7/1	PPNC \$10
323263	D	FISHFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	7/15	PPNC \$10
323263	E	FISHFUN	W	9:30-11:30AM	7/29	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	6/4-7/30	PPNC \$55

EXPLORING NATURE FOR HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS

Section A: Ages 5-8, K-3rd Grade. Section B: Ages 8-12, 4th-6th Grade. Enrollment Min 8 / Max 20. 10-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	9/12-11/4	PPNC \$50
423320	B	EXPLORING	W	9-10:30AM	9/2-11/4	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	9/8-11/10	PPNC \$20

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	3-4PM	9/2	PPNC \$5
423261	B	HIKECLUB	W	3-4PM	9/16	PPNC \$5
423261	C	HIKECLUB	W	3-4PM	9/30	PPNC \$5
423261	D	HIKECLUB	W	3-4PM	10/14	PPNC \$5
423261	E	HIKECLUB	W	3-4PM	10/28	PPNC \$5

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 school and organized groups. For more information, please contact the nature center, 832-7980. You can also find information on the web at www.lprd.org/ppnc.shtml.

WEEKEND 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.

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.**

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323262	A	ADTARCH	S	10-11:30AM	6/6	PPNC \$10
323262	B	ADTARCH	S	10-11:30AM	6/20	PPNC \$10
323262	C	ADTARCH	SU	2-3:30PM	7/19	PPNC \$10
323262	D	ADTARCH	S	10-11:30AM	7/25	PPNC \$10
423262	A	ADTARCH	SU	2-3:30PM	9/13	PPNC \$10
423262	B	ADTARCH	SU	2-3:30PM	10/11	PPNC \$10

THE CAMPING GOURMET

Ages: 16 and Up. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12. Learn how to feed yourselves 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	6/7	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	6/13	PPNC \$10
323274	B	BIRDBSIC	S	8-10AM	7/11	PPNC \$10

PRAIRIE WILDFLOWERS

Ages: All. Enrollment min 5 / Max 20. Join the Native Plant Society and Prairie Park on a hike to learn about wildflowers found in the eastern Kansas prairies and woodlands. Try your hand at wildflower identification and find out about available wildflower guides.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323282	A	WLDFLWR	SU	1:30-3:30PM	6/14	PPNC FREE

ANIMAL DADS

Ages: All. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 50.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323281	A	ANIMDADS	SU	1:30-2PM	6/21	PPNC FREE

KANSAS MAMMALS

Ages: All. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 50. Explore the world of Kansas mammals and their adaptations to habitats.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323273	A	KSMAMS	SU	1:30-2PM	7/12	PPNC FREE

TALONS OF STEEL

Ages: All. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 50. Get a close look at the feathered predators of the sky. Marvel at the unique adaptations of these magnificent birds.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
323280	A	TALONS	SU	1:30-2PM	9/6	PPNC FREE

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 to 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 5 butterflies at the Nature Center.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423101	A	MONARCH	S	9:30-12PM	9/19	PPNC \$3

CREATURES OF THE NIGHT BROUGHT TO LIGHT

Sunday, November 8, 1:30-2 p.m.

What goes bump in the night? Find out as you learn about bats, owls and other nocturnal animals of Kansas that nighttime isn't that scary. *Program to be held at Prairie Park Nature Center.*

OWLS OF KANSAS

Sunday, November 15, 1:30-2 p.m.

You'll gain a better understanding of these nocturnal animals and why these unique tigers of the sky are nature's friend. *Program to be held at Prairie Park Nature Center.*

GETTING THE LEAD OUT! A FREE PRESENTATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEAD EXPOSURE FROM FISHING AND HUNTING: ITS IMPLICATIONS TO HUMANS AND WILDLIFE.

Sunday, August 2, 2 to 3 p.m.

All ages. This program will feature a discussion of environmental lead contamination through the use of lead fishing equipment and lead ammunition in fishing and hunting. Current research will be discussed that reviews the problem of environmental lead and its implications to outdoorsmen who consume fish and game animals, as well as the affect on wildlife. Non-toxic solutions to the use of lead based fishing gear and ammunition will be featured. **This is a free program.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

SPRING WILDFLOWER SALE

Sundays, May 10 and May 17, 1 - 4 p.m. *Sponsored by Prairie Park Partners.* A variety of native wildflower seedlings and plants will be on sale.

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT

Friday, October 23, 5-7 p.m.

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

TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 26, 4-7 p.m.

Prairie Park Nature Center is 10 years old! Join with us to celebrate 10 years of nature programs and recreation. Live animals, live music, games, barbeque and lots more fun! Live animal presentations will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. The music and food will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Food and music are free and open to the public. Donations welcome.

BIRTHDAY PARTY PROGRAMS AT PRAIRIE PARK NATURE CENTER

\$75 fee for classroom rental for 2 hours with a 40 minute live animal program and a craft, game or hike. Maximum of 15 children, 10 adults.



"I like to look at the insects and reptiles. My favorite is the caiman."

— Gavin S.