



PRAIRIE PARK NATURE CENTER

2730 Harper Street

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

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

WILD ADVENTURES FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND PARENTS WEEKLY

Tuesdays - 10-11 a.m. Ages: 2-5. 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 \$4.00 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 (785) 832-7980.

| CODE | SEC CLASS | DAY | TIME | DATE | LOC | FEE |
|----------|-----------|-----|---------|----------|------|------|
| 123202 A | WILDADVT | T | 10-11AM | 1/17-3/6 | PPNC | \$32 |
| 223202 A | WILDADVT | T | 10-11AM | 4/3-5/22 | PPNC | \$32 |

EXPLORING NATURE - FOR HOME SCHOOLERS

Session A, Ages: 5 to 8. Session B, Ages: 8-12. Enrollment Min 8 / Max 15. This program is offered once a week on Wednesday mornings for children to explore animals, plants and the outdoors. We will have stories, games and hands-on learning that helps meet science outcomes. Cost for an individual program session is \$5 per session.

| CODE | SEC CLASS | DAY | TIME | DATE | LOC | FEE |
|----------|-----------|-----|--------------|----------|------|------|
| 123230 A | EXPLOR | W | 11AM-12PM | 1/18-3/7 | PPNC | \$40 |
| 123230 B | EXPLOR | W | 9:30-10:30AM | 1/18-3/7 | PPNC | \$40 |

SPRING BREAK CAMP - (SEE YOUTH CAMPS - SPRING BREAK PAGE 57)

AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

BEGINNERS' ARCHERY

Ages: 7-12. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 10. Learn to use archery equipment in a safe and structured environment with an NASP certified instructor. We provide all equipment for the class.

| CODE | SEC CLASS | DAY | TIME | DATE | LOC | FEE |
|----------|-----------|-----|----------|------|------|------|
| 223332 A | BEGARCH | W | 3-4:30PM | 4/4 | PPNC | \$10 |
| 223332 B | BEGARCH | W | 3-4:30PM | 4/18 | PPNC | \$10 |

ARCHERY CLUB

Ages: 7-12. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12. Olympic style archery using Genesis compound bows. Build you archery skills, learn scoring, and work on accuracy. Prerequisite: Beginning Archery. Taught by certified instructors.

| CODE | SEC CLASS | DAY | TIME | DATE | LOC | FEE |
|---------|-----------|-----|-------|------|------|-----|
| 22333 A | ARCHCLUB | W | 3-4PM | 4/11 | PPNC | \$8 |
| 22333 B | ARCHCLUB | W | 3-4PM | 4/25 | PPNC | \$8 |

JUNIOR BIRDING

Ages: 7-12. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 20. Learn the basics of bird watching including when and where to find birds. Practice using binoculars and identify the birds you see with a field guide.

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| 223335 A | JRBIRD | S | 9:30-11:30AM | 3/31 | PPNC | \$8 |

WINTER HIKING CLUB

Ages: 7-12. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12. Don't be a couch potato! Enjoy winter wildlife watching, tracking and field trips. Hiking club will take a trip to visit Clinton Lake eagles, map deer movement in the park and observe winter birds.

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| 123261 A | WINHIK | W | 3-4:30PM | 1/11 | PPNC | \$5 |
| 123261 B | WINHIK | W | 3-4:30PM | 1/25 | PPNC | \$5 |
| 123261 C | WINHIK | W | 3-4:30PM | 2/8 | PPNC | \$5 |
| 123261 C | WINHIK | W | 3-4:30PM | 2/22 | PPNC | \$5 |

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

HOME-SCHOOL SCIENCE FIELDTRIPS

Ages: 6-13. Enrollment Min 5 /Max 20. Two-hour fieldtrip programs for home-schooled students will combine live animal programs with outdoor field investigations. April 11 – Great Migrations; April 25 – Sounds of Spring; May 9 – The Nature of Color; May 25 – Species on the Brink.

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| 223322 A | MIGRTION | W | 10AM-12PM | 4/11 | PPNC | \$8 |
| 223322 B | SOUNDS | W | 10AM-12PM | 4/25 | PPNC | \$8 |
| 223322 C | COLOR | W | 10AM-12PM | 5/9 | PPNC | \$8 |
| 223322 D | BRINK | W | 10AM-12PM | 5/23 | PPNC | \$8 |

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, (785) 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.lawrenceks.org/ppnc.

BIRTHDAY PARTY PROGRAMS

\$85 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.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL DAYS OFF

WILD THINGS CAMP

Ages: 6-10. Enrollment Min 10. Take a break from school for 2 days and get wild with animals, games, hikes and crafts at the nature center. Bring a sack lunch and suitable clothes and shoes for outdoor adventures.

| CODE | SEC | CLASS | DAY | TIME | DATE | LOC | FEE |
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| 123333 | A | WNTRADV | RF | 9AM-3PM | 2/16-2/17 | PPNC | \$50 |
| 223333 | A | WNTRADV | F | 9AM-3PM | 4/27 | PPNC | \$25 |

WEEKEND PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES

SATURDAY MORNING FREE PROGRAM - (10-10:30 A.M.)

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FREE PROGRAM - (1:30-2 P.M.)

A 30-minute free program on nature topics will be presented each day. Programs may include a short video, slide show and of course going outdoors to enjoy birds, wildflowers, bugs or a stroll through the park. All ages are welcome. *Children under 14 must be registered with a paying adult for all family programs. No unattended children will be allowed.*

NATURAL SYMBOLS OF KANSAS

Ages: 5 and Up. Celebrate the anniversary of Kansas statehood with a program about the natural symbols of Kansas. The historical significance of the bison, cottonwood, honeybee and other natural symbols will be discussed. A special appearance by Kansa, the nature center's bald eagle, is included. *No pre-enrollment is necessary.*

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| 123210 | A | NATKS | SU | 1:30-2PM | 1/29 | PPNC | NONE |

VENOM ADVENTURES

Ages: 5 and Up. Spiders, snakes and bugs . . . oh, my! Learn which are the real hazards of the outdoors and which are just imaginary dangers. Learn to identify plants you want to avoid from poison ivy to nettles. You'll learn how to steer clear of less than desirable wildlife. Get up close and personal to live snakes, toads and spiders. *No pre-enrollment is necessary.*

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| 223330 | A | VENADV | SU | 1:30-2:30PM | 4/15 | PPNC | NONE |

SOUNDS OF SPRING: THE CALL OF FROGS AND TOADS

Ages: 10 and up. Children under 15 must be registered with an adult. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 14. Take a hike with the author of *Calls of Kansas Frogs and Toads*, Keith Coleman, to listen for the sounds of spring amphibians. Learn to identify the calls of toads, tree frogs, leopard frogs and others.

| CODE | SEC | CLASS | DAY | TIME | DATE | LOC | FEE |
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| 223320 | A | FROGTOAD | F | 7-9PM | 4/20 | PPNC | \$5 |

NATURE JOURNALING - REFLECTIONS ON THE WILD WITH ELIZABETH SCHULTZ

Ages: 18 and Up.. Enrollment Min 3/ Max 8. Join celebrated Lawrence environmental author, Elizabeth Schultz, for a workshop in nature journaling. Participants will learn how to document their responses to and reflections about nature, creating something akin to a "field" journal. The focus of her nature journaling workshop is to relax, enjoy the moment and have fun with natural subjects. Journaling asks us to stop, look and enjoy the world around us. Meets at the nature center. 6 sessions.

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| 223225 | A | NATJOU | T | 7-8:30PM | 4/3-5/11 | PPNC | \$24 |



BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY WITH DAVID SEIBEL

Ages: 15 and up. Enrollment Min 8 / Max 12 Join renowned bird photographer David Seibel to learn the art of photographing birds in their natural environment.

| CODE | SEC | CLASS | DAY | TIME | DATE | LOC | FEE |
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| 223331 | A | BRDPHOTO | W | 7-9PM | 4/4-4/25 | PPNC | \$130 |

HIKES AND TRIPS

Be prepared to go outside, including appropriate outwear and footwear.

WATCHING WINTER EAGLES

Ages: 18 and up. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12. Take a winter afternoon field trip to observe wintering bald eagles along the Kaw River, at Clinton Lake and Perry Lake. Visit one of the Clinton Lake nest sites. Bring binoculars and cameras to capture images of these magnificent symbols as they congregate around the open waterways. Dress for the weather and possible short hikes.

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| 123220 | A | EAGWATCH | R | 9AM-12PM | 1/12 | PPNC | \$15 |

BEGINNING BIRDER HIKE

Ages: 10 – adult. Children under 15 must be registered with an enrolled adult. Come hike and explore the prairie habitat of Haskell University for birds. We will practice using binoculars and identifying Kansas grassland birds. Transportation limited to six participants. You are welcome to follow in your own car. Binoculars provided.

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| 123322 | A | BIRD | S | 7:30-9:30AM | 4/14 | PPNC | \$8 |

SPECIAL EVENTS

EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Join us at South Park to celebrate Earth Day with a few of our animal friends.

LAWRENCE EAGLE DAYS

Saturday, Jan. 21, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free State High School. Come out to learn all about wintering bald eagles in Kansas at this community event. Prairie Park Nature Center will offer 2 special programs featuring the nature center's education eagles and raptors. This is a free program to the community and is sponsored by Jayhawk Audubon Society.

PERRY LAKE EAGLE DAYS

Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 a.m. Perry, Kan.