

# Adventures in Nature

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For children entering grades 1 - 8 and families

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Send your children on a fun-filled adventure this summer. At Dodge Nature Center's Adventures in Nature Summer Day Camp children will gain an appreciation for nature while participating in recreational, nature, and agriculture-based programs. Dodge Nature Center offers camps for children entering grades 1-5, a camp for middle school students, and a family camp.

Each day will involve a significant amount of time outdoors. **Please dress your child appropriately. Campers will also need to bring snacks, lunch (for any full day camp experience), and something to drink.**

### General Information

**Registration:** Registration is done on a first-come, first-served basis. **Deadline for registration is one week before the start date for each camp.** Full payment of camp fees is due upon registration. Checks, cash, money orders, Visa and MasterCard are accepted. **Camp fees include a \$25 non-refundable processing fee per camp.** Register early-camps fill quickly.

**How Do I Register?** Mail, hand-deliver, or fax the completed registration form to the address/fax number listed below. Include a full payment with your registration. **Spots are only guaranteed once registration AND your payment are received.** Phone registrations are not accepted.

Our office is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



**Dodge Nature Center**  
365 Marie Avenue West  
West Saint Paul, MN 55118  
Fax: 651.455.2575

Confirmation of registration will be sent to you within two weeks of processing forms.  
Please call 651.455.4531 if you don't receive registration information.

**Cancellations or Changes:** Requests for cancellation must be made at least two weeks prior to start of camp to qualify for a refund. All requests for cancellations will be assessed a \$25 processing fee per camp cancelled. **No refunds will be issued for requests made within two weeks of the start of the camp. No substitutions or transfers will be permitted.**

**Staff:** Camps are staffed by highly trained naturalists, with the assistance of interns and youth volunteers. All camps will strive to maintain a 1 to 10 ratio of staff to students.

**Weather Policy:** Campers should come prepared to be outside. Camps will not be cancelled due to inclement weather; activities will be adjusted for the safety of the children. Some of the best teaching moments occur during stormy weather. Refunds for activity cancellations that are weather-related cannot be provided.

**Fee Assistance:** Dodge Nature Center is committed to serving families from all economic backgrounds. We encourage families to inquire about assistance in order to make camp affordable. Please call us at 651.455.4531 or visit [www.dodgenaturecenter.org](http://www.dodgenaturecenter.org) and click on "Activities" then "Scholarships."

**Fees for Late Pick-Up:** There is a late charge of \$5 for every 15 minutes or portion thereof after the time camp ends. For example, a parent arriving at 3:15 p.m. will be charged an additional \$5; arriving at 3:30 p.m. will result in an additional \$10 charge.

## Full Day Camps for Children Entering Grades 1-2

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

June 21-24	<p><b>Farm Fun (June session)</b>  <b>Members \$160, Non-members \$185 ♦ Camp ID# 1012FAR1</b>            Enjoy a week “down on the farm.” Each day you’ll help with chores like collecting eggs and feeding the animals and maybe even jump in the hay. We’ll go up the hill to fetch a pail of water at the well, cook up a big farm breakfast, and have fun with all there is to do in the barn and chicken coop.</p>
July 12-15	<p><b>Day in the Life of an Ogre</b>  <b>Members \$160, Non-members \$185 ♦ Camp ID# 1012DAY</b>            You don’t need to be big and green to spend some time down in the swamp. We will play with mud, snakes, and slugs and even make some yummy swamp soup. Don’t worry—we will have time to visit Donkey and the Three Little Pigs, and maybe even make a gingerbread man.</p>
July 26-29	<p><b>Farm Fun (July Session)</b>  <b>Members \$160, Non-members \$185 ♦ Camp ID# 1012FAR2</b>            Enjoy a week “down on the farm.” Each day you’ll help with chores like collecting eggs and feeding the animals and maybe even jump in the hay. We’ll go up the hill to fetch a pail of water at the well, cook up a big farm breakfast, and have fun with all there is to do in the barn and chicken coop.</p>
August 9-12	<p><b>Food Makers</b>  <b>Members \$160, Non-members \$185 ♦ Camp ID# 1012FOO</b>            From honey bees to apple trees, from farms to gardens, the food on our table comes from all of these. Animals and plants and a healthy environment are all that it takes to keep our tummies happy. Sign up for this program and get to know the “Food Makers” up close and personal.</p>

## Friday Camps for Children Entering Grades 1-2

Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

June 25	<p><b>Fort Friday</b>  <b>Members \$42, Non-members \$55 ♦ Camp ID# 1012FOR</b>            The title says it all! In this camp we will be building all kinds of forts and shelters. Tarps, sticks, and sheets will be used to make our creations around the nature center. Creativity is the key as we build our way through the day.</p>
July 9	<p><b>Feed the Animals</b>  <b>Members \$42, Non-members \$55 ♦ Camp ID# 1012FEE</b>            Everyone has a favorite food – even animals! Find out what scrumptious snacks pigs love or what tasty treats our eagle enjoys. Join us as we feed and care for the furry and feathered friends of the nature center.</p>
July 16	<p><b>Where in the USA</b>  <b>Members \$42, Non-members \$55 ♦ Camp ID# 1012WHE</b>            East to west, north to south, we’ll be traveling across the country today learning fun facts about many of the states that make up the great USA. Where do the buffalo roam? Can a palm tree grow in Minnesota? Learn how “home sweet home” differs depending on where you call home.</p>
July 30	<p><b>DNC Treasure Hunt</b>  <b>Members \$42, Non-members \$55 ♦ Camp ID# 1012DNC</b>            Shiver me timbers! Everyone loves a good treasure hunt! Join us at Dodge Nature Center as we hunt for clues that will lead us closer and closer to a hidden treasure.</p>
August 13	<p><b>Nature Explorer</b>  <b>Members \$42, Non-members \$55 ♦ Camp ID# 1012NAT</b>            Grab your water bottle and your backpack and get ready to go. Who knows what adventure awaits as we explore seldomly used areas of the nature center. There will be hills for climbing, animals for tracking, and maybe even wild food for eating. Come be a Nature Explorer.</p>

## Half Day Camps for Children Entering Grades 1-2

Campers who sign up for both morning and afternoon sessions in the same week are invited to bring their lunch for a supervised lunch period.

### Mornings, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

June 28 - July 1	<p><b>Cooking in the Outdoors</b>  <b>Members \$80, Non-members \$95 ♦ Camp ID# 1012COO</b>                      Recipe: Out in the woods, build a fire under the biggest stewpot you can find. Roast tasty morsels over the fire. Add fresh vegetables. Mix in treats, snacks, stories, and play a game or two. Makes one awesome summer camp!</p>
July 19 - 22	<p><b>Run, Jump, Play</b>  <b>Members \$80, Non-members \$95 ♦ Camp ID# 1012RUN</b>                      Turn trees into goals, sticks into bats, and pinecones into balls. Get ready to experience nature and your favorite sports at the same time. Spend the week at Dodge running, jumping, kicking, throwing, and having fun! No experience required, just excitement.</p>
August 2 - 5	<p><b>Magical Creatures</b>  <b>Members \$80, Non-members \$95 ♦ Camp ID# 1012MAG</b>                      Do you know the difference between an elf and a gnome? A unicorn and a fairy? Come learn the stories behind some of your favorite magical creatures. Join us as we discover where some of these legends began. Who knows, we just might encounter some of them in our enchanted woods!</p>
August 16 - 19	<p><b>Art in Nature</b>  <b>Members \$80, Non-members \$95 ♦ Camp ID# 1012ART</b>                      Do you like to create with clay, paint with feathers, or print with leaves? Hike through the forest, prairie, and wetlands to gather natural materials. We'll spend the week being crafty kids as we use nature as inspiration for beautiful artwork.</p>

### Afternoons, Monday through Thursday, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

June 28 - July 1	<p><b>Scat, Tracks, and Signs - Oh My!</b>  <b>Members \$80, Non-members \$95 ♦ Camp ID# 1012SCA</b>                      We know they're out there, yet we don't always see them. What's this? Has something been digging here? How? Why? Through games, hikes, and art you'll learn how to decipher the stories ANIMALS leave behind. Be forewarned - you may even become a "master" tracker!</p>
July 19 - 22	<p><b>Crawly Critters</b>  <b>Members \$80, Non-members \$95 ♦ Camp ID# 1012CRA</b>                      Holding giant cockroaches, racing earthworms, and watching a baby fly feeding frenzy are all experiences waiting for you. Join us as we search the prairie, forests, and ponds for insects and other tiny critters like slugs, worms, and pill bugs. Come be amazed at how cool the crawly critters can be.</p>

## Family Camp

July 7 through 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Cost per Family: Members \$65, Non-members \$90 ♦ Camp ID#10ALFAM**

Family camp is back with summer fun for grandmas and grandpas, moms and dads, and all the kids. If you have found yourself jealous of your kids going off to camp each summer, this evening camp is for you. It's all about sharing nature experiences and creating family memories. Who is out and about on summer evenings? What sounds and tracks can we identify? Of course there will be a bonfire and s'mores. Can you think of a better way to spend a summer evening? I don't think so! Sign up now!

## Full Day Camps for Children Entering Grades 3-5

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

June 21-24	<p><b>Outdoor Skills</b>  <b>Members \$160, Non-members \$185 ♦ Camp ID# 1035OUT</b>            Ever wanted to know how to build a fire or which berries are okay to eat? In this camp we will cover everything from shelter building and fires to wild edibles and the rules of survival. On the last day of camp we will have a campfire cookout.</p>
July 12-15	<p><b>Hike, Fish, Swim</b>  <b>Members \$200, Non-members \$225 ♦ Camp ID# 1035HIK (Transportation included)</b>            Bring your fishing rod, your swimming suit, and your sunscreen for a week of adventures on local waters. We'll travel to nearby fishing spots and try to catch "the big one." Then we'll spend the afternoon playing at swimming beaches and inventing stories about "the one that got away."</p>
July 26-29	<p><b>Utterly Gross Nature</b>  <b>Members \$160, Non-members \$185 ♦ Camp ID# 1035UTT</b>            Sick, disgusting, and repulsive yet somehow beguiling, we will get unfortunately close to the sights, sounds, and smells of the grossest things nature has to offer. Whether on top of the manure pile or hip-deep in muck on a "Swamp Stomp," this will be a week of muck, scat, decomposition, and more.</p>
August 9-12	<p><b>Animal Adventures</b>  <b>Members \$160, Non-members \$185 ♦ Camp ID# 1035ANI</b>            Animals big and small make their home at Dodge. Come exploring to find them during this exciting camp. Whether tracking deer, sneaking close to get a glimpse of wild turkeys, finding monarch caterpillars, catching toads, or meeting farm animals, this camp will satisfy the animal lover in everyone.</p>

## Friday Camps for Children Entering Grades 3-5

Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

June 25	<p><b>Let's Take a Hike</b>  <b>Members \$53, Non-members \$67 ♦ Camp ID# 1035LET (Transportation included)</b>            Today we'll spend some time finding and preparing a hiking stick that's just right for you and then travel by van to a nearby park for an adventurous hike. Wear sturdy hiking shoes – we'll be on the move a good part of the day. Don't worry! We'll find a spot to cool our feet and maybe have a campfire too.</p>
July 9	<p><b>What Goes Up....</b>  <b>Members \$42, Non-members \$55 ♦ Camp ID# 1035WHA</b>            Come explore how things move through the air. We'll engineer various designs of wings, planes, rockets, and parachutes then fling, fly, and launch them, with the inevitable rebuilding after they come down.</p>
July 16	<p><b>Feeding the Animals</b>  <b>Members \$42, Non-members \$55 ♦ Camp ID# 1035FEE</b>            Everyone has a favorite food – even animals! Find out what scrumptious snacks pigs love or what tasty treats our eagle enjoys. Join us as we feed and care for the furry and feathered friends of the nature center.</p>
July 30	<p><b>Wheat to Bread</b>  <b>Members \$42, Non-members \$55 ♦ Camp ID# 1035WHE</b>            Follow the path that golden grains of wheat travel to become fragrant loaves of bread. You will be taking home your own loaf of bread after spending the day learning about the history of bread, tasting different breads from around the world, and having some fun with yeastie beasties!</p>
August 13	<p><b>Fort Friday</b>  <b>Members \$42, Non-members \$55 ♦ Camp ID# 1035FOR</b>            The title says it all! In this camp we will be building all kinds of forts and shelters. Tarps, sticks, and sheets will be used to make our creations around the nature center. Creativity is the key as we build our way through the day.</p>

## Half Day Camps for Children Entering Grades 3-5

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### Mornings, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

<p>June 28 - July 1</p>	<p><b>Down on the Farm</b>  <b>Members \$80, Non-members \$95 ♦ Camp ID# 1035DOW</b>          Become a farmer for a week! Explore the world of farming as you learn how to care for farm animals, help maintain the barn, and tend crops. Learn how diversity on a farm keeps the animals, crops, and land healthy. Enjoy a farmer's hearty brunch as you learn how to use the food and fibers produced on the farm.</p>
<p>July 19 - 22</p>	<p><b>Sports in the Outdoors</b>  <b>Members \$80, Non-members \$95 ♦ Camp ID# 1035SPO</b>          Skits, scat, forget that! Let's play some ball. Come and enjoy some good old fashioned competition as we get dirty from sliding, not digging; feel the thrill of victory, not the feel of a slimy worm; see someone score the winning basket or run, not build the perfect fort. Join us and let's play some ball in the prairie!</p>
<p>August 2 - 5</p>	<p><b>Science of Fire</b>  <b>Members \$80, Non-members \$95 ♦ Camp ID# 1035SCI</b>          Fire can be a useful tool, but it can also be dangerous. Come safely learn about the science of fire. Build campfires, learn to light a fire without matches, and explore how fire is an important part of nature.</p>
<p>August 16 - 19</p>	<p><b>Life in the Dark</b>  <b>Members \$80, Non-members \$95 ♦ Camp ID# 1035LIF</b>          All kinds of creatures make the night their home. From bats and bugs to owls and slugs, life abounds in the dark. This is your chance to learn about all those creatures that come to life after we go to bed. Come explore life in the nocturnal world.</p>

### Afternoons, Monday through Thursday, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

<p>June 28 - July 1</p>	<p><b>Eating From the Wild</b>  <b>Members \$80, Non-members \$95 ♦ Camp ID# 1035EAT</b>          In the marsh, prairie, and woods of Dodge grow the ingredients for some great dishes from "the wild." We'll gather, prepare, cook and eat such tasty treats as Swamp Soup, Itchweed Surprise, and Deep-fried Cattail on a Stick. It's time to take your tastes to the wild side.</p>
<p>July 19 - 22</p>	<p><b>Careers with Animals</b>  <b>Members \$80, Non-members \$95 ♦ Camp ID# 1035CAR</b>          This camp is designed for kids who might like to have a career working at a zoo, rehabilitation center, veterinary clinic, nature center, or farm. Special guests from animal-related professions will share their job experiences with you. Activities will include animal care at the farm, dog training techniques, and feeding Dodge's reptiles, amphibians, and raptors, and more.</p>

## Junior Naturalists

For youth entering grades 6 through 8

June 21 through 24, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Members \$75, Non-members \$100 ♦ Camp ID#1068JUN** (Transportation included)

Too old for the traditional camp programs at Dodge? Don't despair! The "Naturalist in Training" camp is designed just for you. Each day will expose you to natural history knowledge, skills like animal care and land restoration, interpretive tricks of the trade, interactive games, and will also prepare you for volunteering opportunities of your choosing throughout the remainder of the summer. Offsite adventure on last day.

# Summer Camp 2010

Please fill out a separate form for each camper.

# Registration Form – Side 1

Complete both sides of form

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering (2010-11) \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Legal Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Does your child have a history of:

Asthma      \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No      Diabetes \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Allergies      \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No      (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about your child. This includes medications that your child is currently taking or **typically takes during the school year**, fears or concerns about the outdoors, if your child has an aide in school, and what type of assistance is provided or any special needs staff should be aware of.

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In case of an emergency and in the event a parent or guardian cannot be reached, contact the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### By signing this registration form, I agree that:

A) In the event of an emergency, I give permission for Dodge Nature Center to administer first aid and/or obtain emergency medical treatment for my child. I understand that, if necessary, my child will be transported by ambulance to the nearest hospital emergency room. I agree that any cost incurred for any transportation and/or treatment will be my responsibility.

B) I am aware that as part of some nature center programs, children will be driven by van for off-site field trips by Dodge Nature Center staff. I grant permission for my child to ride in a van with seat belts and a nature center staff person. (No further notification of field trips will be given.)

C) In the event that I am late picking up my child, I will be charged a late fee of \$5 for every 15 minutes or portions thereof.

D) My child will not be permitted to leave with anyone except me or the person designated on the camp check-in sheet.

Do not use photos of my child in any DNC publications.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Please call 651.455.4531

