

# Preschool Nature

## Nature Nuts (age 3-5)

You and your preschooler will go nutty for nature as children satisfy some of their curiosity about the world around them and parents share in the joy of discovery! We will start each session with a book about our topic and then follow it up with a brief investigative walk and a simple craft inspired by the theme of the class. Non-registered siblings are not permitted.

**Fees:** \$11(R) \$14(N) (1 class)

### Fireflies

59519 Fri Jun 1 10-11 a.m.

### Snakes

59520 Sat Jun 16 10-11 a.m.

### Bats

59521 Sat Jul 21 10-11 a.m.

### Dragonflies

59522 Sat Jul 28 10-11 a.m.

### Lizards

59523 Fri Aug 17 10-11 a.m.

59524 Sat Aug 18 10-11 a.m.

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# Weekday Nature

## Curious Creatures (age 5-8)

Join the staff of the Stevens Nature Center for a fun investigation of nature and its creatures. This series is designed to satisfy children's natural curiosity about what goes on 'behind the scenes' in the nature preserve. Children will discover fascinating facts about wildlife, their habits, and their habitats through hikes, activities and crafts related to the featured creatures.

**Fees:** \$12(R) \$16(N) (1 class)

### Totally into Toads

59534 Mon Jun 4 10 a.m.-noon **T1**

### Finding Frogs and Pollywogs

59535 Tue Jun 26 10 a.m.-noon **T1**

### Tracking All Wildlife!

59536 Thu Jun 28 10 a.m.-noon **T1**

### Creek Creatures

59537 Mon Jul 2 10 a.m.-noon **TO**

### Reptiles Rule!

59538 Thu Jul 5 1-3 p.m. **TO**

### Bugs, Slugs and Spiders

59539 Thu Aug 9 10 a.m.-noon **T3**

### Hummingbird Magic

59540 Thu Aug 23 1-3 p.m. **T2**

## Nature's Niche



If you're shopping for the perfect gift for a nature enthusiast, visit Nature's Niche, the Stevens Nature Center gift shop. Select from a wide range of merchandise from field guides and educational materials to stuffed animals, clothing and more.

## ICON KEY:



Parent/Child



Family



Teen



Nature Rocks

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## Kids Fun-Days (age 5-8)

Nothing beats kids' fun days at the Stevens Nature Center! Children will delight in learning through hands-on explorations of nature using their senses and their imagination! Who knew learning could be so much fun? Each session will focus on a specific nature topic and will include indoor and outdoor investigations.

**Fees:** \$12(R) \$16(N) (1 class)

### ***Dino-Mite Dinosaurs!***

59542 Fri Jun 8 10 a.m.-noon **T1**

### ***Stream Walk***

59543 Tue Jul 3 1-3 p.m. **TO**

### ***Where Wild Things Roam!***

59544 Thu Jul 5 10 a.m.-noon **TO**

### ***Seeking Snakes***

59545 Fri Jul 20 10 a.m.-noon **T4**

### ***Insect Investigations***

59546 Fri Jul 27 10 a.m.-noon **T4**

### ***Animals That Fly!***

59547 Fri Aug 10 10 a.m.-noon **T3**

### ***Hanging with Bats***

59548 Tue Aug 28 10 a.m.-noon **T2**

## Eco-Express (age 8-12)

Take the fast track to nature in these hands-on studies of nature and ecology at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve. Children will enhance their appreciation for the environment as they increase their understanding of nature through outdoor investigations, projects and activities.

**Fees:** \$12(R) \$16(N) (1 class)

### ***Finding Snakes at the Bluffs!***

59552 Thu Jun 7 1:30-3:30 p.m. **T1**

### ***Strolling in Streams***

59553 Fri Jul 6 1:30-3:30 p.m. **TO**

### ***Bird Basics 101***


59554 Thu Jul 26 10 a.m.-noon **T4**

### ***Insects are Among Us!***

59555 Thu Aug 9 1:30-3:30 p.m. **T3**

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## Weekend Nature

### Curiosity Club (age 5-8)

Children will embrace science and nature at the Stevens Nature Center while developing skills and knowledge to satisfy their curiosity about the natural world around them. In these introductory nature programs, children will learn about nature through hands-on explorations in the preserve along with fun activities and crafts.

**Fees:** \$12(R) \$16(N) (1 class)

### ***Adventures with Spiders***

59427 Sun Jun 10 3-5 p.m.

### ***Snakes are Cool!***

59428 Sun Jul 15 2-4 p.m.

### ***Searching Streams***

59429 Sat Jul 28 2-4 p.m.

### ***Beginning Birdwatchers***

59430 Sat Aug 4 2-4 p.m.

### ***Crazy Caterpillars***

59431 Sat Aug 11 2-4 p.m.

### ***Fantastic Fossils***

59432 Sun Aug 26 2-4 p.m.

## Group Nature Programs

Bring your group out for a customized program!

Schedule an outdoor nature program at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve through the Stevens Nature Center. The programs are affordable and customized to meet the needs of your group. We can accommodate scouts, public and private schools, home school groups, clubs, camps, and more.

Call (919) 387-5980 to find out more.

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### Creative by Nature (age 7-10)

Discover the joys of creating your own nature crafts in an environment that encourages a sense of wonder and creativity. Each hands-on session will focus on a specific nature topic and include time spent outdoors. Some projects may get 'messy', so dress to get dirty!

**Fees:** \$14(R) \$18(N) (1 class)

#### Creations by Nature

We'll fashion crafts with a natural flair.

59530 Sat Jul 7 10 a.m.-noon

#### Secret Nature Boxes

Nature will guide our artistic box creations.

59531 Sat Aug 25 10 a.m.-noon

### Eco-Explorers (age 7-10)

Children will expand their knowledge of nature and build their observation skills in these hands-on explorations of nature and ecology. Through outdoor investigations, projects and field activities, children will gain a better understanding of the world around them in an environment that encourages their sense of wonder, creativity and critical thinking.

**Fees:** \$12(R) \$16(N) (1 class)

#### Leaping Lizards

59434 Sat Jun 16 2-4 p.m.

#### Stream Explorations

59435 Sun Jun 24 2-4 p.m.

#### Terrific Turtles

59436 Sat Jul 21 3-5 p.m.

#### Amazing Insects

59437 Sun Jul 29 2-4 p.m.

#### Reptile Roundup

59438 Sat Aug 11 10 a.m.-noon

#### Tracking Beasts of the Bluffs

59439 Sun Aug 19 2-4 p.m.

### Night Out in Nature (age 8-12)

Kids spend a night out in nature making memories and new friends. Our adventures will encourage the understanding and appreciation of the natural world at night. This old fashioned camp style program includes nature activities and crafts, night hikes and campfire snacks around the fire pit. Each program has a different nature topic.

**Fees:** \$19(R) \$24(N) (1 class)


59422 Fri Jun 8 6-9 p.m.

59423 Fri Jul 27 6-9 p.m.

59424 Fri Aug 24 6-9 p.m.

## Teen Nature

### Young Ecologists (age 10-13)

 Participants will build self-esteem and make new friends while expanding their knowledge and appreciation of the environment. Each session is primarily a field excursion with a classroom session relevant to a specific nature topic. Equipment provided.

**Fees:** \$12(R) \$16(N) (1 class)

#### Adventures as the Sun Goes Down

Join us for exciting nature adventures as the sun goes down. Bring flashlight.


59441 Fri Jun 1 7-9 p.m.

#### Looking for Reptiles

Explore the preserve for snakes, lizards and more as we continue a preserve reptile survey. Equipment provided.

59442 Sat Jul 7 2-4 p.m.

### Hemlock Nature Quest (age 13-18)

 These workshops are designed to expand teens' knowledge of local nature through hands-on field explorations, with occasional classroom investigations. Participants will also gain experience with scientific study, methods and ethics.

**Fees:** \$12(R) \$16(N) (1 class)

#### Nature Adventures at Sunset

The night comes alive as the sun goes down. Find out what beasts roam the woods at night! Bring flashlight.

59444 Sat Jun 16 7-9 p.m.

#### Swift Creek Survey

Join us as we survey Swift Creek for crayfish, snakes, fish, and bugs of all types and sizes. Equipment provided.

59445 Sat Jul 14 1-3 p.m.

## Are you looking for something fun to do?

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# Adult Nature

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## Adult Nature Workshops (age 18 & up)

Pick up tips, techniques and hands-on experience to prepare you to get started on your backyard projects. Meet your neighbors and make new friends while enjoying these informative workshops.

**Fees:** \$18(R) \$25(N) (1 class)

### Composting 101

Find out everything you'll need to know about starting your own composting program in your backyard. Startup materials provided.

59011 Sat Jun 23 2-4 p.m.

### Birding Made Easy

We'll provide classroom and field instruction on how to become a better birdwatcher. You'll also learn how to attract more birds to your backyard.

59012 Sun Jul 8 2-4 p.m.

### Butterfly Bonanza

Discover how to make your property an oasis for butterflies and other important pollinators. Native plants provided!

59013 Sun Aug 5 2-4 p.m.

# Senior Nature

## Silver Naturalists (age 55 & up)

Experience nature in a peaceful setting designed for easy wildlife viewing. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions about common plants and animals through indoor presentations and nature walks.

**Fees:** \$5(R) \$7(N) (1 class)

### Birds of the Bluffs

Sharpen your birding skills at the nature center. Binoculars can be provided.

59014 Wed Jun 6 9-10:30 a.m.

### Botany Made Easy

Discover the plants of our area and pick up tips on how to identify native trees, shrubs and wildflowers.

59015 Thu Aug 23 10-11:30 a.m.

### Fabulous Fungi

Explore the world of mushrooms and other fungi at the Bluffs. We'll also cover ferns and other small plants.

59016 Mon Aug 27 10-11:30 a.m.



Nature Made Easy

## Adult Nature Programs (age 16 & up)

Stretch your legs, clear your mind, and experience nature at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve. You'll continue your lifelong learning through informative and educational nature walks that are focused on seasonal plant and wildlife activity. May involve some walking on uneven ground including steps.

**Fees:** \$6(R) \$8(N) (1 class)

### Summer Nature Stroll

Search with us for summer breeding birds and wildflowers. Binoculars can be provided.

59006 Sat Jun 9 9-10:30 a.m.

### Tracking Trees

Refine your tree and plant identification skills. Using taxonomic keys will be covered.

59007 Sun Jun 24 1-2:30 p.m.

### From Dusk to Dawn

Enjoy the nature preserve as day turns to night and nature comes alive! Bring a flashlight.

59008 Sat Jul 21 8-9:30 p.m.

### The Marvelous Miniature World

Discover the amazing world of small animals and plants. The small and mighty rule the world!


59009 Sat Aug 4 10-11:30 a.m.

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# Parent/Child and Family Nature

## Tales and Trails (all ages welcome with parents)

 Experience nature in a whole new way as you and your family listen to and become a part of tales on the trails at Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve. Each session will focus on a specific nature concept. Programs take place outdoors. A slightly shorter program will take place in the event of rain. Fee covers the entire family!

**Fees:** \$20(R) \$28(N) (1 class)

### Summer Stories Around the Campfire!

Gather with us for stories about winter wildlife and enjoy our famous smores!

59458 Sat Jun 16 7-8:30 p.m.

### Flying Wonders

From butterflies to beetles to hummingbirds, Hemlock Bluffs is full of flying wonders.


59459 Sat Jul 21 1-2:30 p.m.

### Radical Reptiles

The heat of summer is just what reptiles enjoy. We'll search for basking lizards and snakes and detail their lives in stories.

59460 Sat Aug 18 1-2:30 p.m.

## Family Programs (all ages welcome with parents)

 Outdoor explorations strengthen family bonds while building awareness and appreciation of the natural world. Spend some quality time experiencing the fun of being together at Hemlock Bluffs with your family. Fee covers the entire family!

**Fees:** \$16(R) \$20(N) (1 class)

### Lizards and Snakes Alive!

Discover the secret and beneficial world of reptiles at the nature preserve.

59454 Sun Jun 3 3-4:30 p.m.

### Family Night Out in Nature

Experience the fun of being in the woods as the sun goes down. Bring flashlight.

59455 Sat Jun 9 7:30-9 p.m.


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## Junior Naturalist (age 5-8)

 Spend quality time with your child in programs that encourage participants, young and old, to develop their naturalist skills and their understanding of local nature. Through outdoor investigations in the preserve, participants will become better acquainted with plants and wildlife while enjoying a shared learning experience. One parent may attend with each child.

**Fees:** \$8(R) \$10(N) (1 class)

### Looking for Lizards

59446 Sun Jun 17 1-2 p.m.

### Fantastic Fireflies!

59447 Sat Jun 23 8-9 p.m.

### Super Skinks and Snakes

59448 Sun Jul 22 4-5 p.m.

### Nature MythBusters!

59453 Sat Aug 11 1-2 p.m.

### Animal Hide-Outs!

59449 Sun Aug 12 2-3 p.m.

### Silly Squirrels

59450 Sat Aug 18 3-4 p.m.

## Registration Dates:

**Apr 30**

Cary Resident – EZ Reg Web, EZ Reg Mail-In, EZ Reg Phone

**May 7**

Cary Resident – EZ Reg Walk-In

**May 14**

Nonresident – Any EZ Reg Method

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Volunteer Workdays (age 6 & up with a parent)

If you're looking for a volunteer experience, community service, or conservation project for yourself or your group, join forces with the Stevens Nature Center staff to assist with preserve maintenance and improvements. FREE!

## National Trails Day

National Trails Day has grown to inspire nearly a million trail enthusiasts to flock to their favorite trails to discover, learn about and celebrate trails! Join us to help improve trails at the nature preserve.

59461 Sat Jun 2 9 a.m.-noon

## Trail Maintenance

Assist staff with trail mulching and other improvement projects.

59462 Sat Jul 14 9:30-11:30 a.m.

59463 Sat Aug 4 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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## Rain Barrels

Save water and reduce your water bill by collecting and using rainwater for your landscape needs. Rain barrels are available for purchase at Herbert C. Young, Middle Creek and Bond Park Community Centers during normal operating hours.

Two models are available to choose from:

- 65-gallon Rain Water Solutions barrel made of recycled plastic: \$87
- Repurposed 55-gallon barrel to build your own rain barrel: \$15, and conversion adapter kits, \$16

### Rain Barrels...

- conserve water
- are easy to set-up
- have a screen trap to keep out pests

For more information visit [www.townofcary.org](http://www.townofcary.org) or call (919) 460-4965



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