



Summer Camp

at River Bend Nature Center

2011



Day & Overnight Camps for Toddlers to Teens



Preschool Camps



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*"Helping people to discover,
 enjoy, understand, and preserve the
 incredible natural world that
 surrounds us."*

Tadpoles 1-2 Year Olds

Bring your toddler to River Bend to begin the lifelong adventure of exploring nature. For walking 1 and 2 year olds with an adult.

Session 1 June 27, 29, and July 1 9:30 am-10:30 am (Mon, Wed, Fri)

Price: \$35 for members/\$50 for non-members

Goslings 3-4 Year Olds

Puddles & Ponds

Using all our senses we'll play in water and discover all the things that make their homes in and around our wetlands. Children may attend on their own or be accompanied by an adult. Children must be toilet trained. Snack provided.

Session 1A June 21-24 9 am-Noon (Tues-Fri)
 Session 1B August 2-5 9 am-Noon (Tues-Fri)

Nature Pals

We'll visit the forest, prairie, and pond to discover fun things about the plants and animals that live around us. Children may attend on their own or be accompanied by an adult. Children must be toilet trained. Snack provided.

Session 2A July 19-22 9 am-Noon (Tues-Fri)
 Session 2B August 9-12 9 am-Noon (Tues-Fri)

Price: \$70 for members/\$85 for non-members

Summer Camps at a Glance

June			
Week	Camp	Ages	Time
June 20-24	Camp Assistants	12-16	9-3
June 21-24	Goslings 1A	3-4	9-12
	Puddle Jumpers 1A	5-6	9-12
	Water Tigers 1A	7-9	9-12
June 27, 29 & July 1	Tadpoles	1-2	9:30-10:30
June 27-July 1	Teen Camp	13-16	9-4
July			
Week	Camp	Ages	Time
July 11-15	Junior Naturalists	10-12	9-4
July 12-15	Nature Explorers Camp 1	6-9	9-4
July 19-22	Goslings 2A	3-4	9-12
	Puddle Jumpers 2A	5-6	9-12
	Water Tigers 2A	7-9	9-12
July 26-29	Nature Explorers Camp 2	6-10	9-4
August			
Week	Camp	Ages	Time
August 2-5	Goslings 1B	3-4	9-12
	Puddle Jumpers 1B	5-6	9-12
	Water Tigers 1B	7-9	9-12
August 9-12	Goslings 2B	3-4	9-12
	Puddle Jumpers 2B	5-6	9-12
	Water Tigers 2B	7-8	9-12
August 16-19	Nature Explorers Camp 3	8-10	9-4
August 23-26	Nature Explorers Camp 4	8-12	9-4



Half-Day Camps

Puddle Jumpers 5-6 Year Olds

Woodland Wanderers

Acres of forests and woodlands beckon us for adventure and exploration as we discover what lives in all the layers of our woodlands. From the soil to the tree tops, it's a fascinating place! Snack provided.

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Session 1B August 2-5 9 am-Noon (Tues-Fri)

Wild about Water

Ponds, rivers and streams invite us to wade into the wild world of all the amazing critters that love water. If you love water, too, pull on your boots and come explore with us. Snack provided.

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Water Tigers 7-9 Year Olds

Under the Surface

Dip, net and dig to search for life under water and under ground. Discover what adaptations allow plants and animals to live where they do. Use microscopes and underwater viewers to explore the world right under our feet. Snack provided.

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Session 1B August 2-5 9 am-Noon (Tues-Fri)

Teeth, Talons and Claws

Predators and prey take the spotlight in this camp. Explore all the nooks and crannies at the nature center while discovering how predators and prey interact with each other. Discover how animals balance the search for food with the dangers of being something else's food. Snack provided.

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Full-Day & Away Camps

Nature Explorers Camps

Knee Deep in Nature

Ages 6-9

Under the guidance of leaders, campers will get “knee deep in nature” in child-directed experiences. A morning may be spent discovering pond life. Prowling in the prairie could be the topic for a whole day. It all depends on the interests of the campers. Each day will be full of adventure, fun and discovery using all the tools and resources of the nature center. Bring a lunch. Snack provided.

Session 1 July 12-15 9 am-4 pm (Tues-Fri)

Price: \$100 for members/\$115 for non-members

Whodunit?

Ages 6-10

Unlock the mysteries of nature’s connections as we search for clues around River Bend. We will hike and explore forest, pond, and prairie to collect evidence and information that will help us solve the case. Be prepared for a new mystery each day and lots of surprises! Bring a lunch. Snack provided.

Session 2 July 26-29 9 am-4 pm (Tues-Fri)

Price: \$100 for members/\$115 for non-members

Cliffs, Rocks and Caves

Ages 8-10

Join in the fun as we explore the cliffs at Whitewater State Park, the fossil beds and sandstone caves at Quarry Hill Nature Center, Mystery Cave in southeastern Minnesota, and the amazing rock formations at Interstate State Park and the Taylors Falls area. We’ll travel in the RBNC van each day. Maximum 12. Bring a lunch. Snack provided.

Session 3 August 16-19 9 am-4 pm (Tues-Fri)

Price: \$150 for members/\$165 for non-members

Hairy Woodpecker & the Secrets of Nature

Ages 8-12

Hairy Woodpecker is in search of a quidditch-like game among swallows, some potions brewed up by plants and which creatures hide in the depths of the soil and water. Join Hairy to learn what’s behind these and other mysterious magical events as he tries to find all the secrets before the dark forces of night appear. Bring your own owl or house elf and lunch. Snack provided.

Session 4 August 23-26 9 am-4 pm (Tues-Fri)

Price: \$100 for members/\$115 for non-members

Junior Naturalists 10-12 Year Olds

Hopping Across Head Waters!

Itasca State Park has 100 lakes, pine trees, copious wildlife, and the start of the Mississippi River. After a day of getting to know each other, planning and preparation, we’ll head off by van on Tuesday to camp. We will canoe, hike, animal watch, explore, and walk across the head waters of the mighty Mississippi right where it begins. Come learn about the history, geology, and wildlife that abound in Minnesota’s oldest state park. We will return by 4:00 pm on Friday. Meals during trip, transportation, camping, and activity fees are included. Maximum 12.

Session 1 July 11-15
9 am-4 pm (M), Offsite (Tues-Fri)

Price: \$255 for members/\$280 for non-members



Early Drop-offs & Late Pick-ups

We offer early drop-offs and late pick-ups for those campers attending any of our four Nature Explorers Camps.

Early drop-offs: 8 am-9 am
Late pick-ups: 4 pm-5 pm

Price: \$3 per early drop-off
or late pick-up

Sign up on your registration form!



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**Older Kid Camps**

Teen Camp 13-16 Year Olds

In Search of Moose!

After a day of getting to know each other, planning and preparation, we'll head off by van on Tuesday to camp at Fenske Lake Campground in Superior National Forest near Ely, MN. This amazing area is the gateway to the Boundary Waters in northern Minnesota. Our group site overlooks the lake with views and access to trails. While in the "north woods" we'll hike, canoe, animal watch, and visit many local attractions. We will return by 4:00 pm on Friday. Meals during trip, transportation, camping, and activity fees are included. Maximum 10.

Session 1 June 27-July 1
9 am-4 pm (M), Offsite (Tues-Fri)

Price: \$265 for members/\$290 for non-members

Camp Assistants 12-16 Year Olds

Interested in gaining experience working with young children? Join us for this camp and you'll learn natural history, group management, programming, and much more. This camp is free in exchange for you committing one or more weeks of your time to be an assistant at our summer camps this year. Please call for an application - 507.332.7151.

Session 1 June 20-24 9 am-3 pm (Mon-Fri)



Summer Camp 2011 Registration

Registration is also available through our safe and secure website at: www.rbnc.org.

Parent Name(s) _____ Email _____
 Address _____ Phone 1 _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone 2 _____
 Are you a current River Bend member? *If not, you may renew or join below.* Phone 3 _____

Please select one: Yes No

Is each child listed below physically able to participate in outdoor programs and able to meet their own safety needs?

Please select one: Yes No - *Please contact River Bend to discuss accommodations.*

May we contact you by email with information on special events and programs, special email-only offers, and ways to help River Bend continue its mission? *All email addresses are used only by River Bend Nature Center to communicate with you and will never be sold or shared.*

Please select one: Yes No

Cancellation Policy: Refund less a \$20 fee will be given if the cancellation is more than fourteen (14) days prior to the camp start date. If less than 14 days, refund less a \$20 fee will be given only if we can fill the space. If we must cancel a camp session, you will receive a full refund.

Child's Name	Age at start of camp	Program	Session	Cost
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$

River Bend Nature Center Membership

Enter amount of your membership donation in box to the right.

Are you a: New Member
 Renewing Member

Membership Levels For more info on River Bend member benefits, see reverse of this form.

Family	\$35+
Advocate	\$100+
Patron	\$250+
Founder	\$500+

River Bend Family Membership Subtotal <i>(complete Membership section to the left)</i>	\$
Early Drop-off/Late Pick-up Subtotal <i>(complete Nature Explorers section to the left)</i>	\$
Total	\$

Nature Explorers Camps Only

Please circle the days you would like early drop-off or late pick-up.

Early Drop-off (8 am-9 am): Tues Wed Thurs Fri
Late Pick-up (4 pm- 5pm): Tues Wed Thurs Fri

Number of early drop-offs and late pick-ups:
 _____ x \$3 = \$ _____ **Enter this amount in form above.**

Payment Information

Please check one:

My check made payable to **River Bend Nature Center** is enclosed.

Please charge my credit card in the total amount listed above. I have completed the credit card authorization below.

I hereby authorize River Bend Nature Center to charge my credit card for the amount of \$ _____.

Visa Mastercard

Card Number: _____

Exp: ____/____/____ CVVS# _____

Signature: _____

Mail completed registration form to:
River Bend Nature Center
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River Bend's Youth Day Camps

River Bend's Day Camps are directed by experienced environmental educators and staffed by trained, dedicated naturalists. Enrollments are kept low to ensure individual attention and to enhance each child's experience. Sessions are designed using different themes so children can participate in multiple sessions. Creative hands-on activities, games, and art are age appropriate to encourage learning about nature while having fun. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing experience.

Given the outdoor focus of our camp programs, participants are expected to be able to meet their own personal and safety needs, be self-sufficient, and function and interact appropriately within a group setting to the extent that is appropriate for the ages specified in the program descriptions. If this is not the case, please contact us for available accommodations.

Application Information

- Pre-registration and payment are required.
- Space is limited to maintain small child-naturalist ratio.
- Scholarships are available - see below.
- Registration form is on reverse of this page.
- You may register online, by phone or mail to:
River Bend Nature Center
PO Box 186
Faribault, MN 55021-0186
- You may also drop your registration off at the nature center.

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Partners Scholarship Program

River Bend's *Partners Scholarship Program* is available for families who want to attend our programs but cannot afford to pay the entire program fee. The scholarship funds are made available through the generous support of individuals and businesses in the area. For families who qualify, the *Partners Scholarship Program* provides a 50% matching scholarship. As a partner, River Bend pays 1/2 of the program fee and the family pays the other 1/2 of the program fee. All scholarship requests are confidential and handled exclusively by River Bend Nature Center's staff. For more information or an application form, please contact us.

About River Bend Nature Center

Situated on 743 acres of woods, prairie, and wetland, River Bend Nature Center is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to helping people discover, enjoy, understand, and preserve the incredible natural world that surrounds us. River Bend is located on the east side of Faribault just off Highway 60. Follow the nature center signs.



River Bend Nature Center - Become a Member Today!

Central to the success of River Bend Nature Center are the people of the community who provide funding, serve as volunteers, and offer leadership support. As an independent, non-profit organization, the future of River Bend is dependent upon the support of citizens and businesses. Make a difference - become a River Bend member. For additional information, please refer to the membership box on this page.

Become a River Bend Nature Center member!

River Bend Family memberships are perfect for families who enjoy nature all year 'round!

All River Bend memberships include:

- Free and discounted programs, including significantly reduced Summer Camp fees
- Free admission to Bats, Bones and Bonfires (October) and WinterFest (February), two of our biggest events of the year*
- Free snowshoe rental on Snowshoe Days and reduced price snowshoe rental all winter
- Free admission to nature centers around the country
- Receive our quarterly River Bend newsletter
- 10% discount on bagged wildlife feed at Town & Rural Mercantile in Faribault
- 10% discount on everything in the wild bird department at Paddington's Seed & Feed in Faribault
- Complimentary use of books and resources in our Library.

Families who join at the Advocate (\$100), Patron (\$250), or Founder (\$500) levels receive additional benefits including: priority registration for Summer Camp and guest passes for Bats, Bones and Bonfires and WinterFest, and more!

Join right now by completing the membership section on your Summer Camp registration or join online at www.rbnc.org!

** Members must present River Bend Nature Center member card to receive free admission.*

