

About River Bend Nature Center

Situated on 750 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 signs.



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.

River Bend Nature Center - Join the family!

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!

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Youth Programs



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Nature Tykes

Bring your walking 1 or 2 year old toddler to River Bend to begin the lifelong adventure of exploring nature! Toddlers and an adult discover the wonders of nature in a safe and encouraging atmosphere in this nature play group. This program is offered in the spring and fall. Pre-registration required.

Little People Big People

A program for 3 and 4 year olds with an adult. We meet one Saturday of every month during the school year for nature exploration, activities, stories, and crafts. Each monthly session will have its own theme so you can attend an individual session or the whole series. This program runs for 1 1/2 hours on Saturday mornings. Pre-registration required.



Pre Schools

Pre-schools, nursery schools, Head Start programs, and Early Childhood programs will find opportunities to introduce young children to the natural world. Naturalist-led exploration of prairies, forests, and ponds are tailored for this age group and focus on using all of the senses to discover the seasonal wonders at the nature center. Programs can be scheduled throughout the year. We can also come to your school to do programs. Contact us for more details.



Scout Groups

Cub Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts can work toward a variety of badges, Try Its and other scout related activities at River Bend. We work with leaders to design a program to meet the needs of your group. We have forests, prairies and wetlands to explore and learn about. Programs can be scheduled after school or on open Saturdays and generally last an hour. Contact us for more information and scheduling.

Summer Camps

During the summer we offer a wide range of programs for ages from one year old to 17 years old. For older campers we offer offsite camping experiences. We keep a ratio of campers to leaders at 8:1 to provide individual attention to everyone. Our summer camp brochure is sent out in early March. Registrations can also be made on line at www.rbnc.org. Contact us for more information.

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Vacation Camps

When school is out it's time to join your friends at River Bend for days filled with adventure, fun, exploration, nature games, art, and other activities. During the school year we hold vacation camp when Faribault schools are out. There are 3 vacation camps each year - fall, winter and spring. Vacation camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with early drop-off and late pick-up options.



Birthday Parties

Celebrate your birthday at River Bend Nature Center where all your friends can join you! Parties can be scheduled throughout the year on weekdays or open Saturdays. Maximum of 15 children with at least 2 adults. Party includes 1 hour of naturalist led activities (whatever nature theme you'd like) and 1 hour building use for a parent-led party. We provide a small birthday gift for the birthday child. Contact us for costs and to reserve a time.

