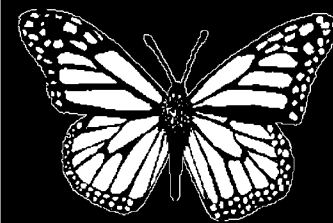
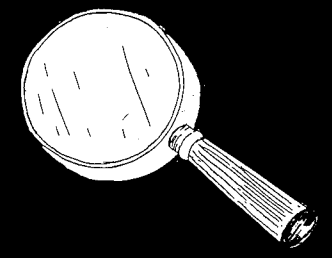
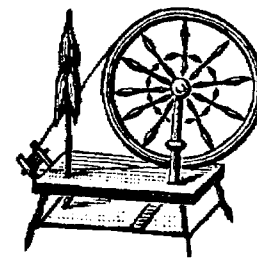
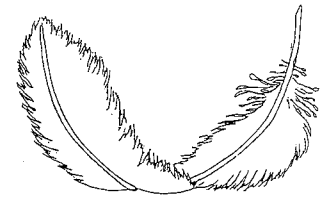
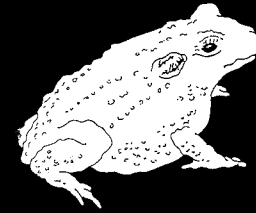


CINCINNATI PARKS
SUMMER
2008

**NATURE
DAYCAMPS**



Camp Information and Policies



Help your child get active and get closer to nature this summer! Your child can access natural and cultural resources in a fun and educational way through Cincinnati Parks' summer nature camp programs.

We'll hike through forests and fields, explore creeks, make crafts and play games to learn more about the plants and animals that live right here in Cincinnati. All camps are run by Cincinnati Park Board Naturalists and summer counselors. These camps vary in topic and age range but all children will participate in active fun centered around local nature themes.

Camp fees are non-refundable and cannot be reduced for partial attendance. If a registered child cannot attend, you can transfer your spot to another child. We will need a completed registration form for the new child.

Your cancelled check will be your receipt and confirmation. If you wish to have a confirmation sent via email, please indicate your email address on the registration form in the center of this booklet. Registration is limited and programs are filled on a first-come basis. In the event that our program is filled, we will inform you by phone and return your check.

Who May Attend:

Camps vary by age, but cover the range of preschool to early high school. Teens who are at least 13 years of age can volunteer to be *Nature Camp Aides* (see page 14). Call 761-4313 for more information on volunteering.



Placement:

Campers will be divided into groups of similarly-aged children for the week's activities. Camp provides an excellent opportunity to make new friends in a fun-filled environment. If your child would like to be placed with one special friend, please name that child on the registration form. We can place children with the requested friend *only if both children request to be placed together and the children are close in age.*

Camp Information and Policies



Transportation and Hours:

Parents or other family-approved adults are responsible for transporting campers to and from camp. This adult should remain with the child until they are settled with their counselor on the first morning. Campers should be dropped off and picked up at designated areas determined on the first day of camp. Please do not leave your child in the park unattended before or after camp hours.

Preparing for Camp:

Clothing: Campers should dress to be outdoors, whatever the weather. Old clothes and sturdy tennis shoes or boots are essential. No open-toed shoes, crocs or sandals are allowed. Bring rain coats or ponchos if the weather looks threatening. Other items that campers may need to "wear" are sunscreen and bug repellent.

Lunch: Children need to bring a bag lunch with drink and a water bottle to camp every day. We recommend that campers pack their lunches in insulated bags with a cooling pack. Refrigeration is not available.

Weather: Summer weather can be unpredictable. Please be informed of your camps' policies and procedures for severe weather and be aware of changing weather conditions so you may act accordingly.



- ✦ **Easy-to-use Registration Form**
- ✦ **Email Confirmations**
- ✦ **We accept Visa and Mastercard**
- ✦ **New Themes: Bio-Blast and Wigwams, Wagons and Waterways.**
- ✦ **New Camp at Fernbank Park in Saylor Park**

NatureCamps out in the Parks

Cincinnati Park Board Naturalists and summer counselors will conduct a one-week daycamp session in a park near you this summer. Children who have completed kindergarten through 12 years old can participate in active fun centered around local nature themes. Camps are held entirely outdoors and children are divided into groups by age. Extras include:

- Free NatureCamp t-shirt
- Friday cookout - children should bring hot dogs, buns and s'more fixins

Fee: \$50.00 / week for Cincinnati city residents
\$60.00 / week for non-residents

Each session runs from **Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Note: To ensure a fun time and room for everyone, children are limited to no more than two of the NatureCamp sessions listed below for the summer.

To register: Fill out the blue registration sheet in middle of this brochure

Burnet Woods (Clifton) Enter from Jefferson Ave.; meet behind Nature Center	Week of June 9
French Park (Amberley Village) (2 sessions) Enter from Section Rd.; meet at the circle-end of drive	Week of June 16 Week of July 7
Ault Park (Hyde Park) (2 sessions) Enter on Observatory Ave.; meet at pavilion picnic area	Week of June 23 Week of July 21
Caldwell Nature Preserve (Carthage) Enter from N. Bend Rd.; meet in front of building	Week of June 30 no camp on the 4th
Fernbank Park (Saylor Park) Enter from River Rd.; meet at the Riverview Shelter	Week of June 30 no camp on the 4th
Avon Woods Nature Preserve (Paddock Hills) Enter from Paddock Rd.; meet at Nature Center	Week of July 14
McFarlan Woods (Mt. Airy Forest/Westwood) Enter from Westwood-Northern Blvd., west of Montana	Week of July 14
Stanbery Park (Mt. Washington) From Oxford Ave.; Meet south of playground	Week of July 28

Preschool Discovery Mornings

For Preschool children ages 3 1/2 to 5: a fun, hands-on way to explore nature's treasures right at their neighborhood park. **Children must have turned 3 by January 2008 and must be toilet trained.** Each of the four days will feature a different topic, new this year. Activities will include hikes, games, crafts, songs, puppets and more. Dress your child in comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes. Please no overalls or sandals. Bring raingear for rainy days.
Note: Children attending Discovery Mornings do **not** need to bring a lunch.

Days and Times:

Programs are held ***Tues. Wed., Thurs. and Fri.** mornings.

Each session will last from **9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

Fee: \$25.00 / week for Cincinnati city residents
\$30.00 / week for non-residents



To register: Use blue registration form in the middle of this booklet.

The programs repeat and are the same each week; please schedule your child for ONE session only.

Burnet Woods	June 10 - 13	(At Nature Center Building)
French Park I	June 17 - 20	(At Shelter in cul-de-sac)
Ault Park I	June 24 -27	(At Principio Ave. picnic area)
Fernbank Park	*June 30 - July 3 (Mon -Thurs.)	(At Riverview Shelter)
French Park II	July 8 - 11	(At Shelter in cul-de-sac)
Avon Woods	July 15 - 18	(At Nature Center Building)
McFarlan Woods	July 15 - 18	(At Shelter)
Ault Park II	July 22 - 25	(At Principio Ave. picnic area)
Stanbery Park	July 28 - Aug 1	(At Shelter at end of path)

Nature Art Camps

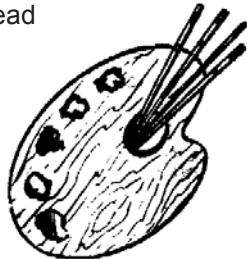
Art Camps are located at LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Preserve

Wild Art Camp (for 7-9 year olds)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – July 14 - 18 (Mon. – Fri.)

Enjoy a lively mix of art and nature as the Naturalists lead you on creative adventures in the woods and near the center. Use a variety of media including natural materials. Daily hikes and games will add to the fun.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents;
\$60.00 non-residents



Outdoor Creativity Camp (for 10-14 year olds)

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – July 28 - Aug. 1 (Mon. – Fri.)

Create artwork inspired by nature. A variety of art projects led by our art specialist will complement exploration and fun activities in the fields and woods with the Naturalists.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents;
\$60.00 non-residents.

To register: Use blue registration form in the middle of this booklet.

Camp descriptions continue on page 11

Cincinnati Parks has always believed in the importance of nature in a child's development. There is compelling evidence that frequent play in nature is essential for the healthy development of all children. Current research shows that time spent outdoors in nature helps children avoid obesity, concentrate better, and handle stressful life events. Parks' Summer Nature Camps help children grow up healthy by emphasizing outdoor exploration, hiking, active games, and hands-on participation in discovery.

Camps at Burnet Woods

To register: Use blue registration form in the middle of this booklet.

Preschool Camp (for children 4 and 5 years old)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – July 28 – 31 (Mon. – Thur.)

This camp is a wonderful introduction to Cincinnati Park's summer day camps program. Young children explore nature through stories, songs, crafts, hikes and hands-on activities during this 4-day camp.

Fee: \$40.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$50.00 non-residents

Nature Explorers (for children 6 – 9 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – June 23 – 27 (Mon. – Fri.)

Through the use of experiments, hikes, games, crafts and other hands-on activities, campers will become junior field naturalists as they discover the natural wonders of the world around them.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents

Astronomy Camp (for children 9 – 12 years old) July 14 – 18

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – Mon. - Thurs.

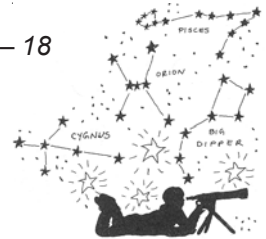
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Fri.

Mon. – Thurs. will be spent at Burnet Woods

Friday evening will be spent at the Cincinnati Observatory

Space, the final frontier... Come voyage with us on an exploration of the Solar System and beyond. Based out of Trailside Nature Center's, Wolff Planetarium, campers will discover new worlds as we learn about the planets, moons and stars that make up our night skies. Camp will conclude Friday evening with a visit to the Cincinnati Observatory and a peek through the oldest telescope in the country.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents



Bio Blast (for children 10 – 14 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – June 16 – 20 (Mon. – Fri.)

This exciting camp offers a more in-depth look at nature as campers learn how to catalog and inventory the plants and animals that live within Burnet Woods. Through the use of field guides and keys, we will identify as many organisms as possible in this intensive biological study.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; \$60.00 non-residents

Camps at California Woods

To register: Use blue registration form in the middle of this booklet.

Preschool Nature Camp (for 4 – 5 years old)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ***Session 1:** June 30 – July 3 (Mon. – Thurs.)

***Session 2:** July 21 – July 24 (Mon. – Thurs.)

Children will use all 5 senses to experience and learn about nature. Each day will have its own theme and we will explore aspects of that theme. **Please choose only 1 of the 2 sessions - activities are identical.**

Fee: \$40.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$50.00** non-residents

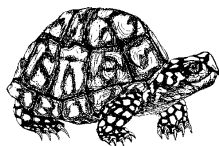
Nature Detectives Camp

(for 5 – 7 years old who have completed Kindergarten)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – June 9 – 13 (Mon. – Fri.)

This camp program introduces children to the amazing natural world we live in. Campers will unlock mysteries of nature with a new topic each day. We will visit each of California Woods' three distinctly different habitats: forest, creek and meadow.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$60.00** non-residents



Nature Art and Theater Camp (for 7– 9 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. ***Session 1:** July 7 – July 11 (Mon. – Fri.)

***Session 2:** July 28 – Aug. 1 (Mon. – Fri.)

Campers will work together to create their own costumes and practice for the performance of their nature-themed drama. Each day is essential as activities build upon each other. The week culminates in a Friday performance for all to enjoy.

Please choose only 1 of the 2 sessions – activities are identical.

Fee: \$55.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$65.00** non-residents

Wigwams, Wagons and Waterways (for 7-9 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – July 14 – 18 (Mon. – Fri.)

Live like a pioneer, Native American and river explorer by learning about historic lifestyles, cook and enjoy pioneer cuisine, play games, and make crafts.

Wednesday's camp will be held at nearby park.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$60.00** non-residents

Outdoor Survival Camp (for 10 – 13 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – June 16 – 20 (Mon. – Fri.)

Older campers will be survivors as they learn fire building, foil cooking, orienteering, canoeing and other survival skills.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$60.00** non-residents

Camps at LaBoiteaux Woods

Young Naturalists (for 4 – 6 years old)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – June 16 – 19 (Mon. – Thurs.)

Four days of active outdoor learning about nature will engage your child's energy and curiosity. Campers enjoy daily hikes, crafts, games, and adventures, incorporating lots of fun and a bit of fantasy. Grouped by age.

Fee: \$40.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$50.00** non-residents

PARADE! (for 6 – 10 year olds)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – July 1 – 3 (Tues. – Thurs.)

Parade: Fri., July 4 about 11:15a.m. - 1:15p.m.

Show off LaBoiteaux Woods in Northside's Fourth of July Parade.

Hiking, games and nature activities will blend with preparing banners and costumes for the big parade. Parents may need to transport their children to the parade start, then home from the finish, 1.3 miles apart on July 4.

Fee: \$40.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$50.00** non-residents



Nature Explorers Camp (for 7 – 9 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – July 21 – 25 (Mon. – Fri.)

Through hikes, hands-on activities, experiments, games and crafts, campers will learn about the natural world while having a great time exploring the preserve.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$60.00** non-residents

Archaeology Adventure Camp (for 10 – 14 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – July 8 – 11 (Tues. – Fri.)

Dig into history with Naturalist Michael George and unlock the secrets lying right beneath your feet. Campers will learn the techniques of field archaeology and put it to use as we excavate a site in history-filled LaBoiteaux Woods.

Children will showcase their work on the last day of camp from 1:30 to 2:30.

Fee: \$40.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$50.00** non-residents

Outdoor Skills Camp (for 10 – 13 years old)

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – June 9 – 13 (M-T-W, Overnight Thurs. - Fri.)

Older campers will practice fire building, knots, orienteering, safety, and camping skills as they broaden their ability to enjoy nature.

On Wednesday, meet at Burnet Woods for canoeing and fishing.

Overnight: Thurs. 7 p.m. - Fri. 9 a.m.

Fee: \$50.00 Cincinnati city residents; **\$60.00** non-residents

Nature Art Camps (ages 7 - 14) – See page 6

Teen Service Camp (for High School Students) **FREE** – See page 14



TEENS:

You can Volunteer to be a **NATURECAMP AIDE**

If You:

- * Are at least 13 years old
- * Enjoy working with younger children
- * Have an interest in nature
- * Can help out for at least one full week

You Could:

- * Help our camp leaders with hikes
- * Assist younger children with crafts and games
- * Enjoy working outside
- * Learn more about local nature and ecology



Interested?

All the *NatureCamps* on page 4, and preschool *Discovery Mornings* on page 5, no matter what park they're in, are run by Caldwell Nature Center. Please call them at 761-4313 to volunteer and for more information.

We also run a drop-in nature program for children, called **Nature Next-Door**, in some of our inner-city parks. If you're an older (at least 16) high-school student looking to make a difference in kids' lives through volunteer work, call Olivia Gennett at 861-3435 for more information.

another service opportunity....

Teen Service Camp at LaBoiteaux Woods

A FREE camp for High School Students

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

July 7 – 11 (Mon. - Fri.)

Teens can learn about local ecology while earning school service hours. Our main project will be improving habitat by removing non-native plants. Schools may award community service hours for participation. To register, please complete the camp registration form. Call 542-2909 for more information.

Cincinnati Parks operates 6 nature centers and the Krohn Conservatory; for more information about a specific center, call the Naturalists at the numbers below. Come visit for a program or just drop by.

For more information, call 321-6208
or visit us at: www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks

Avon Woods Nature Center	4235 Paddock Road	861-3435
Bettman Natural Resources Center	4 Beech Lane	321-6070
Caldwell Nature Center	430 W. North Bend Road	761-4313
California Woods Nature Center	5400 Kellogg Avenue	231-8678
Krohn Conservatory	1501 Eden Park Dr.	421-5707
LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center	5400 Lanius Lane	542-2909
Trailside Nature Center	3400 Brookline Drive	751-3679

Reasonable accommodations will be made upon request, call 321-6070.
or call 352-3380 TTY

Detach and retain for your records

Camp Reminder

My Child is registered for _____ camp

Dates _____ to _____

Time _____ to _____

Location _____

Note: Child should come with a lunch (except Discovery Mornings), water bottle and be dressed for the weather.