

Little Traverse Conservancy's SUMMER 2017 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

KNEE HIGH NATURALIST PROGRAMS

AGES 3-5 TWO SESSIONS MOST WEEKS

Programs typically include a story and a combination of hands-on activities, songs or finger-plays, exploration, crafts or a short hike. Take-home activities are often provided. Parents are asked to stay with their child during the program and siblings are welcome.

Please register for this program by calling 231.344.1004.

A Pond Life for Me

Tuesday, June 27. 2 sessions. 10-11 am and 1-2 pm Spring Lake Park
Ponds are teeming with life and fun to explore. Participants will make a pond-themed craft to take home.

A Meadow Life for Me

Thursday, June 29. 1 session 10-11 am. Resort Township East Park
Knee high naturalists will explore a meadow to find out what plants and animals live there, where they hide and what makes them special. Nets will help capture some of the smallest of critters for observation before being returned to their grassy home. Participants will make a meadow-themed craft to bring home.

Summer Senses

Tuesday, July 11 2 sessions. 10-11 am and 1-2pm Spring Lake Park.
Thursday, July 13 1 session. 10-11 am Resort Township East Park
There are so many smells, sights, sounds and textures to discover! Fun activities will engage your knee high naturalist's senses, get them using their observational skills and have them learning about some animal senses too.

Feathered Friends

Tuesday, July 18 2 sessions. 10-11 am and 1-2 pm Spring Lake Park.
Thursday, July 20 1 session. 10-11 am Resort Township East Park
Summer is the time for baby animals! LTC volunteer Mary Trout will guide learning about the family life of birds, especially their nests and what they build them with. She'll help identify birds at this beautiful park and lead the participants in a fun craft to take home.

Monarch Magic

Tuesday, July 25. 2 sessions. 10-11 am and 1-2 pm Spring Lake Park
Thursday, July 27. 1 session. 10-11 am Resort Township East Park
Butterflies delight us with their beauty and whimsy. We'll explore the journey of these beautiful creatures, learn about their life cycle and what their role is in the natural world. A story and fun activities will help us discover the wonder of Monarchs.

Fairy Houses & Gnome Homes

Thursday, August 3. 2 sessions. 10-11 am and 1-2 pm
Resort Township East Park
Let's use our imagination to create a special home from natural materials for the forest fairies and gnomes. These houses will be left in the woods for the magical creatures they are built for, but we will make a special project to take back to our own homes.

Creative Kids

Tuesday, August 8. 2 sessions. 10-11 am and 1-2 pm Spring Lake Park
Thursday, August 10. 1 session. 10-11 am Resort Township East Park
The colors, patterns and beauty of nature inspire creativity. This program will begin with an artsy nature "scavenger" hunt to engage the senses and get creative juices flowing. After the hike, your child will create several fun art and craft projects made from natural materials.

JUNIOR NATURALIST PROGRAMS

AGES 6-8 WEDNESDAYS 10-11:30

Wild Homes and Hideouts

Wednesday, June 28
McCune Nature Preserve, Petoskey
Animals need homes too. Where do they eat, play, and sleep? Let's explore some different habitats where these woodland friends find shelter. Where would you hide? Let's build a shelter of our own!

*No charge. Registration required
by calling Sarah Mayhew at
231.344.1018.*

Insect-o-Mania

Wednesday, July 5
Highland/Helstrom Nature Preserve, Conway
Lift a log, sift through mud, and follow the buzz in search of those fascinating bugs! This nature preserve provides the perfect variety of habitats for a wide range of insects and their kin. Your little bug lover will be sure to have a good time! Sweep nets, bug jars, and I.D. books provided, but feel free to bring your own!

Bike Path Cruise and Nature Preserve Tour

Wednesday, July 12
Spring Lake Park, M119
Come for a leisurely ride along the paved bike path leading from Spring Lake Park. Riding north, we will pass several LTC nature preserves along the way. Parents are encouraged to come along. Helmets and extra water are recommended. This is an easy paved trail; however, children are expected to have an intermediate level of riding experience. Please bring your own bike. Meet at Spring Lake Park pavilion.

Cool Camo

Wednesday, July 19
Watson Nature Preserve, Harbor Springs
Come out, come out wherever you are! Camouflage helps animals blend into their surroundings and avoid being someone else's lunch. We will build on our own observations skills while learning different predator and prey adaptations through a fun hide-and-seek activity along the trail.

EcoART

Wednesday, July 26
McCune Nature Preserve, Petoskey
Join local LTC staff and local multi-media artist Katie Brines for a creative exploration into the art of found objects. This program will begin with a short walk into the gorgeous McCune Nature Preserve. Following our walk, children will create a unique found object work of art using a variety of materials and techniques.

Explore-A-Shore

August, 2
Woollam Family Nature Preserve, Cross Village
Located just south of Cross Village along the famed Tunnel of Trees, this spectacular piece of property is a must-see! This 62 acre preserve features rolling hills of hardwoods, mixed conifers, sensitive dune habitat and 2,450 feet of gorgeous shoreline! Come explore all of the wonders that make this place so special!

ADVENTURE NATURALIST PROGRAMS

AGES 9-12 THURSDAYS 10AM-NOON

No charge. Registration required by calling Sarah Mayhew at 231.344.1018.

Mountain Biking

Thursday, June 29

Offield Family Nature Preserve, Harbor Springs

Do you like mountain biking? Join our mountain biking staff for this fun introduction to a great sport to enjoy in northern Michigan. The Offield Nature Preserve offers well maintained trails through rolling hardwoods. The trail is not extreme and hill climbing is minimal. Designed for children with an intermediate biking ability (little to no mountain biking experience is perfectly fine). A mountain bike is recommended. Extra water, appropriate footwear, and helmets required.

Adventure in Nature Photography

Thursday, July 6

Resort Township Park East, Bay Harbor

Interested in photography and love being outdoors? Grab your camera for a photo adventure at this beautiful park near Bay Harbor. This program's focus is to improve your photography skills and expand your creativity while providing an opportunity to photograph unique and exciting subjects in nature. All abilities and cameras welcome.

Trailblazers

Thursday, July 13

Five Mile Creek Preserve, Harbor Springs

Take a walk on the wild side of the creek. With no established trail, this hike is for the adventurous child. Be prepared to have some fun getting muddy and wet! Although the walk is not extremely difficult, it is not as easy as walking a maintained trail and will require maneuvering over logs and through branches. Dress for hiking.

Wilderness Survival 1: Navigation

Thursday, July 20

Ransom Nature Preserve, Charlevoix

Knowing how to use a compass is an important skill to have if you enjoy exploring in nature. The Ransom Nature Preserve is home to our popular orienteering course. Come learn the basics of orienteering as we navigate this beautiful property. Parents are encouraged to participate, as one adult will be needed to accompany each group. Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended.

Wilderness Survival 2: Shelter Building

Thursday, July 27

McCune Nature Preserve, Petoskey

This second program in our survival series focuses on shelter building, the ten essentials and the mindset needed in survival situations. We'll cover the importance of being prepared and informed before venturing out into the woods, as well as addressing strategies for a survival situation. Sturdy shoes are recommended as we will also be taking a short hike.

Adventures on the Pigeon

Thursday, August 3

Andreae Nature Preserve, Cheboygan County

This preserve offers some of the most remote and unique views in northern Michigan. It's a must-see! We'll be hiking to a gorgeous lookout and splashing our way back as we get up close and personal with the spectacular Pigeon River. If tromping through the woods and playing along a river sounds like fun, then this is the program for you! Dress for hiking and clothes you won't mind getting wet.

TEEN OUTDOOR SKILLS SERIES

For Teens ages 13+
Tuesdays June 27 - July 25
(no program July 4)

Call Sarah M. at 231.344.1018 to register.

June 27 10am - 1pm
Outdoor Survival Skill Basics
Offield Family Nature Preserve
Harbor Springs

July 11 10am - 2pm
Fly Fishing on the Maple
Maple River
Brutus

July 18 10am - 1pm
The Art of Fire Building
Tanton Family Working Forest Reserve
Petoskey

July 25 10am - 1pm
Kayaking the Pigeon River
Reed's Pigeon River Nature Preserve
Cheboygan Co.

BURT LAKE AREA SUMMER SERIES 2017

Ages 7-12 Fridays 10-11:30 am
To register contact Sarah M. at 231.344.1018. All programs are offered at no charge.

Creatures of Colonial

Friday, July 14
Chaboiganing Nature Preserve,
Brutus

Nature Photography

Friday, July 21
Andreae Nature Preserve,
Cheboygan County

Creatures in Disguise

Friday, July 28
Seven Springs Nature Preserve,
Indian River

Adventures on the Pigeon

Friday, August 4
Andreae Nature Preserve,
Cheboygan County

LITTLE TRAVERSE CONSERVANCY NATURE & LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Books and Bugs in partnership with Charlevoix Library

Wednesday, August 16, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Driggers Nature Preserve (Boyne City Rd. across from
Camp Sea-Gull, approx. 6 miles east of Charlevoix.)

Frogs and Friends in partnership with Petoskey Library

June 15 from 11-Noon.
Meet at the Petoskey Public Library.
No registration required.

Boyne City Library Outdoor Club Program Series with Little Traverse Conservancy

Wednesdays in July (4 sessions). 10-11:30 am.
For ages 6-11. Registration required. Participants
will be transported from the library to the Hill Nature
Preserve. **FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP,**
CONTACT THE BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY AT 231.582.7861.

Day	Location	Theme
Wed. 7/5	Hill Nature Preserve	Bug Safari
Wed. 7/12	Boyne River Natural Area	Boyne River
Wed. 7/19	Hill Nature Preserve	Nature Games
Wed. 7/26	Hill Nature Preserve	Map Madness