

NATURE DISCOVERY & ADVENTURE SUMMER CAMPS



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Dear Summer Camp Parents/Guardians,

Whether your child is attending camp for the first or fifteenth time, the Aldo Leopold Nature Center's summer camps offer exciting adventures all summer long.

Race through the prairie, explore the forest, catch frogs at the pond and camp out under the stars. The dedicated and talented naturalists at ALNC engage children using native Wisconsin habitats, interactive exhibits, outdoor fun and hands-on activities to create pathways for lessons in nature and ecology.

The following pages are full of camp topics and trips for all ages (2-16), with new features and returning favorites. **Cut out the 2015 Family Fun & Phenology Calendar on Page 19 and save the date for nature activities year-round at ALNC!** Our gift shop is also filled with nature-themed items sure to please most any age, including toys, local crafts, and camp t-shirts...be sure to stop in and check it out!

We look forward to learning, exploring and sharing the summer with your child.
We'll see you on the trail!

— ALNC Staff

CAMP INFO TO KNOW...

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Aldo Leopold Nature Center offers the option of registering your child for anything from full-day, full week camps to one-day, ½ day camps or many options in between! **Full week packages include morning camp, lunch bunch, and afternoon camp each day from Monday to Friday.**

You may also choose to register your child for partial week or partial day options, which include ½ or full day options for all summer weeks on Monday-Thursday or Friday.

Times for all 4-9 year-old Camps are:

9:00 am - 12:00 pm — AM Camp
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm — Lunch Bunch
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm — PM Camp

EXTENDED DAY OPTION

Extended day offerings help meet the needs of parents with busy schedules. Before and after camp hours, children can participate in supervised outdoor games, exploring, or just playing or relaxing before or after an active day at camp.

Drop Off and Pick Up times for Extended Day Add-Ons are:

AM: drop off as early as 8:30 am, camp starts at 9:00 am
PM: camp ends at 4:00 pm, must pick up by 5:30pm

LUNCH BUNCH (Automatically included in full-week package.)

Each camp will have an optional lunchtime session (12:00 - 1:00 pm). Your child can listen to stories while enjoying a sack lunch, then participate in a “camper choice” activity. Lunch Bunch is a great way to create an extended or full-day experience for your child. Please send a sack lunch with your child that does not require refrigeration.

CAMP SNACKS

ALNC provides a snack and drink for each 3 hour camp session (am & pm). If your child has food allergies or health concerns, we invite you to send a separate snack with your child.

WONDER BUGS PRESCHOOL CAMPS

All children ages 2 and 3 **MUST** be accompanied to camp by parent or caregiver 18 years or older. **Wonder Bugs preschool camps are offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9:30 - 10:45 am and include a snack.** A medical form is not needed for campers attending with a parent/guardian. However, if a child is attending with another adult, please submit a medical form signed by a parent or guardian, on or before the day of your program. The medical form will be included in your confirmation email and is also available to download from our website.

CAMP AGE RANGES

Camps are developed around the skills and abilities characteristic of the age ranges indicated. We strongly recommend placing your child in the appropriate age category. Depending upon your child's social, emotional and intellectual maturity and the particular activities in a given camp, he or she may best fit into a camp with an age range outside his or her actual age. To ensure your child has the best possible experience, please use judgment when registering your child outside a suggested camp age range.

MEDICAL FORMS

ALNC requires a medical form, including immunization history, for all children not accompanied by a parent or guardian to summer camps. A medical form will be emailed to you with your confirmation letter prior to your first summer camp program. You may also print a copy

from our website and mail, fax, or bring it in on your first day of camp (**although receiving these prior to camp is greatly appreciated!**). If your child has any severe allergies or other medical needs that may need advance planning by our staff, please contact us or fax your medical form in at least one week prior to the start of camp. Medical forms are filed for one year, so if your child is attending multiple camps or other programs, you only need to submit one.

WEATHER INFORMATION

Camps will be held rain or shine, so please be sure your child is dressed appropriately. ALNC does not cancel camps due to inclement weather. In the event of thunder, lightning or other serious weather conditions, all outdoor camp activities will be moved indoors immediately for the safety of our campers. If rain is in the forecast, we recommend sending your child with a raincoat and rainboots (no umbrellas, please!).

BUGS & SUN

Since your child will be spending time outside, please be sure to apply bug spray and sunscreen to your child prior to camp. You may also choose to send these to camp with your child (**please write your name on them!**). If you wish ALNC staff to reapply or assist in reapplying these to your child throughout the day, please indicate this on the medical form. ALNC staff cannot apply these to your child without written authorization.

COME WITH A FRIEND

You have the option to request that your child be grouped with a friend in a particular camp. A minimum of three days notice is required to accommodate these requests. You can indicate these preferences on the general registration forms or by calling or emailing our Program Coordinator (contact info on Page 17). To ensure your child is correctly grouped, please specify the name and age of your child's friend for each camp listed on the registration form. Please remember, your child and their friend must **BOTH** be registered individually!

REFUND POLICY

If we have to cancel a camp for any reason, you will be notified and receive a voucher or, at your request, a refund. Refunds are done by check and take 6 to 8 weeks to process.

If you need to withdraw from a camp for any reason, please inform us in writing (by mail or email):

- **at least one month prior to the start of camp** - you may receive a voucher (less 15% admin fee) or at your request, a refund (less 15% admin fee).
- **at least two weeks prior to the start of the camp** - you may receive a voucher (less 15% admin fee) or transfer your registration to another camp session, but **no** refund will be given.
- **Any non-attendance or cancellations received less than two weeks before the start of the program** - you will **not** be issued a voucher or refund.
- Refunds or vouchers are not given for missing part of camp.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO CAMP?

Please label everything with your child's name!

- Sturdy shoes
- Comfortable clothes (okay for outside play)
- Water bottle (optional) - drinking fountains available
- Raincoat and/or rainboots
- Sunscreen/Bug spray
- Hat/Cap
- Sack lunch (if participating in Lunch Bunch)
- Change of clothes and shoes (recommended)
- A smile ☺

WONDER BUGS (AGES 2-3 WITH PARENT/CAREGIVER)

FULL SUMMER PACKAGE – BEST DEAL!!!

\$110 - (Includes all 12 sessions)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday

9:30 am - 10:45 am

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS (Choose T, W, R, or F)

\$10 - (Per session)

Introduce your toddler or pre-school age child to a safe and wonderful natural world. This program is specifically designed for children ages 2-3 and their parent/caregiver. Each session is offered 4 times per week. Sign up for a package to attend weekly for the whole summer or choose your favorite sessions. All sessions run 9:30 - 10:45am and include a small snack.

FULL SUMMER PACKAGE

OT. Wonder Bugs Tuesday Package

OW. Wonder Bugs Wednesday Package

OR. Wonder Bugs Thursday Package

OZ. Wonder Bugs Friday Package

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS: (Choose One: T, W R or F)

0. WALKING STICKS

June 9, 10, 11 or 12 (T, W, R, or F)

Talk about your camouflage! You have to look carefully to find this insect hiding in nature, but by day's end it will be easy to see why they are so neat.

1. THE FLIGHT STUFF

June 16, 17, 18 or 19 (T, W, R or F)

Red-winged blackbirds are the star of the show today. This marsh bird has a lot to defend. Will you be able to recognize the conk-a-ree noise when you leave? Fly on over and find out!

2. ROCK STAR

June 23, 24, 25 or 26 (T, W, R or F)

This won't be a hard topic to dig so grab your tools and hit the dirt. We are going to go out and collect some rocks! You'll discover why rocking out with rocks is so cool while we sing and play.

3. LOOK SHARP

June 30, July 1, 2 or 3 (T, W, R or F)

This baby animal is full of surprises and covered with quills. When it's born it can't climb but its mother will. What is it? A porcupette! This lesson will poke you full of fun facts about porcupines. Do you have the spine for this one?

4. FUN WITH FUNGI

July 7, 8, 9 or 10 (T, W, R or F)

We don't want to spore you with facts so you'll discover them on your own. Don't hide under a toadstool. Join in to uncover the mysteries of mushrooms!



"THE WONDERBUGS PROGRAM HAS BEEN SUCH A GREAT WAY TO GET KIDS INVESTED AND EXCITED ABOUT NATURE. TEACHER TARA IS INCREDIBLE. SHE'S KNOWLEDGEABLE, CREATIVE AND TRULY CARES ABOUT EACH CHILD'S EXPERIENCE. GREAT STAFF, GREAT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS!"

— WONDER BUG PARENT

5. ROOKERY MISTAKE

July 14, 15, 16, or 17 (T, W, R or F)

Wade in today's adventure like a Great Blue Heron. Come discover the amazing wonders of these slow-moving birds. We'll spear a fact or two and tuck into games and fun.

6. TRUE BLUE

July 21, 22, 23 or 24 (T, W, R or F)

Bluebirds for you. These colorful birds will have you singing Zip-a-dee-doo-dah all the way home. It's going to be a nest-box full of activities that you won't want to miss!

7. MUSKY MAMMALS

July 28, 29, 30 or 31 (T, W, R or F)

Muskrats are mostly nocturnal rodents with scaly tails. They swim in the water. But wait, I'm spoiling the fun. If you want to learn more, then by all means, please come!

8. GET A GRIP

August 4, 5, 6 or 7 (T, W, R or F)

We'll handle summer in exciting ways today because there's so much to discover using our fingers. Games, crafts and more will put you in touch with this sizzling season. It will be a touch-down experience every season.

9. MINNOW MAYHEM

August 11, 12, 13 or 14 (T, W, R or F)

Fish for fathead minnows today in our pond and find out what makes them swim. Don't be schooled-come discover these catch-ivating fish!

10. CI-CAY-DA, CI-CAH-DA

August 18, 19, 20 or 21 (T, W, R or F)

No matter how you say it, 17 years is a long time to wait so come explore with us today! Class will be clicking with activities and games all about these sap-sucking locusts. We will have you shouting "exoskeleton" before we are through!

11. FINCH ME I'M DREAMING

August 25, 26, 27 or 28 (T, W, R or F)

House, Purple or American Gold. It's all finches to me! Find out what makes these birds fascinating. Wake up and flock this way for fun, songs and games!



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SPROUTS (AGE 4)

FULL WEEK PACKAGE – BEST DEAL!!!

Full Week (Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, includes Lunch Bunch) - \$295

Full Week Extended Day Add-On (8:30 - 9:00 am & 4:00 - 5:30pm) - \$90

MONDAY - THURSDAY CAMPS (4 DAYS)

INDIVIDUAL SESSION PRICING

9:00 am - 12:00 pm — \$108

Lunch Bunch (12:00 pm - 1:00 pm) — \$9/day

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm — \$108

Extended Day Add-On (8:30-9am & 4-5:30pm) — \$72

FRIDAY CAMPS (1 DAY)

INDIVIDUAL SESSION PRICING

9:00 am - 12:00 pm — \$28

Lunch Bunch (12:00 pm - 1:00 pm) — \$9/day

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm — \$28

Extended day option (8:30-9am & 4-5:30pm) — \$18

Camp sessions are available in 1, 4, or 5 day combinations and as half or full days. Call for pro-rated Extended Day pricing (am/pm only or single days).

FULL-WEEK PACKAGE - MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9AM - 4PM

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| 1O. | Week 1 Package | June 15 – 19 |
| 2O. | Week 2 Package | June 22 – 26 |
| 3O. | Week 3 Package | June 29 – July 3 |
| 4O. | Week 4 Package | July 6 – 10 |
| 5O. | Week 5 Package | July 13 – 17 |
| 6O. | Week 6 Package | July 20 – 24 |
| 7O. | Week 7 Package | July 27 – 31 |
| 8O. | Week 8 Package | August 3 – 7 |
| 9O. | Week 9 Package | August 10 – 14 |
| 10O. | Week 10 Package | August 17 – 21 |
| 11O. | Week 11 Package | August 24 – 28 |

MONDAY-THURSDAY CAMPS (AGE 4)

1A. CAN YOU SEE ME NOW? June 15 - 18 9am – 12pm
Have you ever played hide and seek with animals? This game is fun for us, but for animals, it's a matter of survival! Learn about the crazy costumes insects and animals of all kinds wear to disguise themselves!

1B. ANIMAL-ODOLOGY June 15 - 18 1pm – 4pm
Do you love animals? Then join us in this hands-on discovery of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects. Learn what makes each of them unique as we visit each habitat to learn about all the animals of nature.

2A. NATURE DETECTIVES June 22 – 25 9am–12pm
Secret sounds, sights and smells can tell you a lot about what happens in nature. Use your detective skills to search for clues to find the answer to one of nature's many mysteries.

2B. ROCK STARS! June 22 – 25 1pm – 4pm
Rocks and minerals are all around us! Become an amateur geologist and explore some of the prehistoric creatures that roamed the earth. You'll also get to make your own crystal and begin your very own rock collection.

3A. BUGS! BUGS! BUGS! June 29– July 2 9am – 12pm
Do you love bugs? We'll learn about bugs and other crawling critters while leaving no log unturned, no web un-admired. You'll buzz with excitement as we get an up-close look at these six-legged wonders and their friends.



3B. THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME June 29– July 2 1pm–4pm
Home is where the heart is. What if you lived in a tree? In the pond? Underground? What would you build your home of, and where? Search for all shapes and sizes of animal homes and then try to build some yourself!

4A. BIRDS OF A FEATHER July 6 – 9 9am – 12pm
Fly through the prairie, pond and forest in search of our feathered friends! We'll practice our bird songs, look for bird babies, play games about beaks and discover all about birds, both large and small.

4B. PLANT-TASTIC! July 6 – 9 1pm – 4pm
This camp is all about growing! We'll plant and water, make a plant print, take home a homemade Chia Pet, learn how plants drink water, run through the sprinkler, dig in the dirt, and learn about worms. (Please send a swimsuit or clothes to get wet!)

5A. SQUIGGLY WIGGLY July 13 – 16 9am – 12pm
Can you wiggle like a worm? Can you squiggle? Can you squirm? From worms and roly poly bugs to snakes and spiders, we'll meet and learn about all the friendly wigglers and crawlers of ALNC!

5B. DIGGING DINOSAURS July 13 – 16 1pm–4pm
Do you dig dinosaurs? Learn about some of these fantastic ancient animals and meet today's living ancestors of these extinct species.

SPROUTS (AGE 4 CONT'D)



"MY DAUGHTER COMES HOME FROM ALNC TUCKERED OUT FROM LOADS OF OUTDOOR TIME DELIGHTED BY THE DAY'S FUN ACTIVITIES AND THE STAFF'S WARM & SUPPORTIVE CARE, AND FULL OF REAL KNOWLEDGE NOT JUST "TRIVIA". THEY GET TONS OF OUTDOOR TIME EVERY DAY, RAIN OR SHINE... AND IT'S EDUCATIONAL. ENRICHING, ENLIGHTENING, ENJOYABLE, AFFORDABLE: AMAZING!"

— SUMMER CAMP PARENT

6A. DOODLEBUGS July 20 – 23 9am – 12pm

If animals inspire your budding artist, then join us for a week of creativity. We'll go on discovery hikes, learn about animals and reflect on what we see through art projects. We'll experiment with paint, clay and recycled materials.

6B. SENSATIONAL SENSES July 20 – 23 1pm – 4pm

Put your senses to the test and see how you compare to other animals in nature. You can practice seeing like an eagle, smelling like a mole, and hearing like a bat. We'll also enjoy making a variety of sensory art to take home.

7A. WET & WILD July 27 – 30 9am – 12pm

Water is nifty and what lives there is cool. Come discover what lives in our "pool"! Examine pond life and give fishing a whirl. Be prepared to get wet as we play and learn. Let the magic unfurl!

7B. WILD CHILD July 27 – 30 1pm – 4pm

Who let the wild child's out!? We'll howl, growl, flop, hop, squawk and squeal as we venture through the prairie, pond and forest. Build forts in the woods, hide in the prairie grass, splash on the shore and search for all things wild and wonderful.

8A. UNDERGROUND ADVENTURES August 3 – 6 9am – 12pm

An exciting world lies beneath the leaves and soil! We'll dig in the dirt, learn about worms, tunnels, caves and search for groundhogs and gophers.

8B. THINGS WITH WINGS August 3 – 6 1pm – 4pm

From butterflies to birds, flying animals come in all shapes and sizes. We'll hike to the pond, prairie and woodlands to observe many things with wings!

9A. LITTLE EXPLORERS August 10 – 13 9am – 12pm

An adventure begins when you walk out the door! Spend time looking for animal signs, searching for insects, watching for birds and peeking at plants. Using tools for budding naturalists, we'll explore all the habitats of ALNC!

9B. HATCHLINGS & SPROUTS August 10 – 13 1pm – 4pm

Discover what it's like to be a small animal in a big world! We'll visit the woods, fields and wet places to find and observe living plant and animal babies. Become a nest helper for parent birds and learn how they care for their very hungry babies.

10A. IMAGI-NATURE August 17 – 20 9am – 12pm

Use your imagination while discovering all about nature! Each day we'll transform ourselves into everything from pioneers to prairie animals using costumes, props and the great outdoors.

10B. THE POND AND BEYOND August 17 – 20 1pm – 4pm

Peek into our pond and discover many different creatures as we explore their watery, mucky world. Learn about the turtles, bugs, frogs and fish that call our pond home.

11A. UNDER THE TOADSTOOLS August 24 – 27 9am – 12pm

Come explore all the magical places at ALNC! We'll learn about fairies, elves, gnomes and mushrooms. We will read stories, build homes, play games and create art inspired by our small-sized friends.

11B. FUN IN THE FOREST August 24 – 27 1pm – 4pm

Forests are fabulous places and home to many plants and animals. From the canopy to the forest floor, we'll learn all about trees, leaves and everything they provide.



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SPROUTS (AGE 4 CONT'D)

FRIDAY CAMPS (AGE 4)

1G. ANTSY PANTSY June 19 9am – 12pm
Ants are amazing. Acquire astounding answers to all ant absurdities. Absorb absolutely awesome antics and accomplish amusing activities.

1H. TADPOLE TROOPERS June 19 1pm – 4pm
Discover life in, on and around the pond. While looking for tadpoles, frogs, turtles and bugs, you might see muskrats and herons, too!

2G. SNAILS, SLUGS AND REALLY COOL BUGS June 26 9am–12pm
Slugs and snails are here today. Going to leave a trail in your mind I say. Stop in and learn what they're all about. Discover and play until we hear you shout!

2H. CHICKADEE DOO DAH June 26 1pm – 4pm
They don't sing doo-dah, but they do sing! Chickadees may be tiny birds but their songs fill the air all year long. Discover the fascinating world of these black-capped singers.

3G. LITTLE GARDENERS July 3 9am – 12pm
Get out your garden gloves and watering cans! Discover the life of a seed and how plants grow. There will be plenty of digging in the dirt so make sure to wear your gardening clothes!

3H. MILKWEED & MONARCHS July 3 1pm – 4pm
Flutter through our milkweed patch to discover tiny monarch eggs, caterpillars or chrysalises and learn about life cycles and migration. Discover why milkweed is important and take some seeds home to plant.

4G. YUCK! July 10 9am – 12pm
Explore the grosser side of nature. No stone shall be left unturned; no log unrolled in our quest to find scat, worms, frogs, decomposers, fungus and slime that will leave you absolutely awfully amazed.

4H. THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR July 10 1pm–4pm
The famous book by Eric Carle is our inspiration to learn all about caterpillars and what they eat and how they grow! We'll search for caterpillars as well as what and how they eat!

5G. RAINBOW OF FUN July 17 9am – 12pm
Colors abound as we explore the colorful world of nature! Experiment with light to make a rainbow with water, make a kaleidoscope and see how many different colors we can find in nature!

5H. MOLES & HOLES July 17 1pm – 4pm
A life underground has its rewards! Come learn all about moles and the digging they do as we unearth some fascinating facts about these animals.

6G. HOP TIL YOU DROP! July 24 9am – 12pm
Hop on over to ALNC to learn all about the bouncing and bounding animals in nature. We'll learn about rabbits and frogs and even do some hopping ourselves!

6H. NEST FEST July 24 1pm – 4pm
Come join us for a nest fest! Build a bird nest, search high and low for real bird nests and guess what lives inside them. We'll have so much fun, you'll never want to fledge!

7G. CREATE! July 31 9am – 12pm
Calling all artists and creative kids! Nature has been an inspiration for generations of artists all over the world. We'll gather supplies from the habitats and trails at ALNC and create amazing art from pine cones, leaves and mud!



7H. GOODNESS SNAKES ALIVE July 31 1pm–4pm
Snakes slither and slide, but they're not slimy! Learn to love our friends without feet. Explore where they live, what they eat and how they move. We'll delve into the world of reptiles and learn what makes them unique.

8G. WILD WILD SUNFLOWER CHILD August 7 9am – 12pm
Smell the flowers and head outside to play and observe! Make leaf and flower crowns, play hide and seek in the prairie and plant a seed to bring home and care for.

8H. LITTLE LUNKERS August 7 1pm–4pm
Something fishy is going on! We'll dive deep into the lives of fish while we explore the pond and marsh.

9G. ITSY BITSY SPIDER August 14 9am – 12pm
Is your spidey-sense ready for action? Come get caught in a web of fascinating facts about spiders while playing, exploring and making spidery crafts.

9H. MEET THE BEETLES August 14 1pm–4pm
Learn all about these impressive insects! From cockroaches to ladybugs, we're sure to have a blast.

10G. WORM SQUIRM August 21 9am – 12pm
Wriggle into the world of worms! Explore a worm tunnel, learn to worm grunt and get creative while making worm art.

10H. SPLISH SPLASH August 21 1pm–4pm
Water is our planet's most precious resource and not just because it's great fun to play in! Learn all about water with games, songs and a water carnival. Bring your swimsuit and be prepared to get wet!

11G. TOTALLY TURTLES August 28 9am – 12pm
Turtles aren't slow, they're fast-inating! We'll shell-ebrate and learn all about these creatures and their kin and head out on a search for turtles at the pond.

11H. SEEDS & SOIL August 28 1pm–4pm
Seeds, soil and sun are the words for today. We'll search in the soil, take apart seeds to look inside and learn what all plants need to grow. Take home a living locket and watch it grow!

TADPOLES (AGES 5-6)

FULL WEEK PACKAGE – BEST DEAL!!!

Full Week (Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, includes Lunch Bunch) - \$295

Full Week Extended Day Add-On (8:30 - 9:00 am & 4:00 - 5:30pm) - \$90

MONDAY - THURSDAY CAMPS (4 DAYS)

INDIVIDUAL SESSION PRICING

9:00 am - 12:00 pm — \$108

Lunch Bunch (12:00 pm - 1:00 pm) — \$9/day

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm — \$108

Extended Day Add-On (8:30-9am & 4-5:30pm) — \$72

Camp sessions are available in 1, 4, or 5 day combinations and as half or full days. Call for pro-rated Extended Day pricing (am/pm only or single days).

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6P.	Week 6 Package	July 20 – 24
7P.	Week 7 Package	July 27 – 31
8P.	Week 8 Package	August 3 – 7
9P.	Week 9 Package	August 10 – 14
10P.	Week 10 Package	August 17 – 21
11P.	Week 11 Package	August 24 – 28

FRIDAY CAMPS (1 DAY)

INDIVIDUAL SESSION PRICING

9:00 am - 12:00 pm — \$28

Lunch Bunch (12:00 pm - 1:00 pm) — \$9/day

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm — \$28

Extended day option (8:30-9am & 4-5:30pm) — \$18

MONDAY-THURSDAY CAMPS (AGES 5-6)

1C. BUGS & SLUGS June 15 - 18 9am-12pm
Ant in an anthill, busy as a bee, butterflies in the meadow –so many bugs to see! Using insect nets, bug jars and magnifying lenses, we'll get an up-close look at these six-legged wonders and their friends.

1D. ROOTS, SHOOTS, FLOWERS & FRUITS June 15 - 18 1pm-4pm
From grass to flowers to trees, plants are all around us! We will learn about our sun-loving friends and even make a plant press!

2C. HAPPY CAMPERS June 22 -25 9am-12pm
Learn all about being a happy camper! We'll play camp games, make a no-cook snack, practice setting up a tent and being comfortable in the out of doors. We'll even take a solar shower, so bring your swimsuit!

2D. AMPHIBIAN ADVENTURES June 22 -25 1pm-4pm
Discover the antics of these amazing amphibians! Search the pond and marsh for frogs under logs or hiding along the shore. What's the difference between a tadpole and a polliwog? We'll learn to identify common Wisconsin frogs by their call and conduct our very own "frog chorus."

3C. LITTLE SHACK IN THE LITTLE WOODS I June 29-July 2 9am-12pm
Share the world Laura Ingalls and her family may have experienced as they made a life in the woods. Experience life in the 1800's - garden, help make dairy goods and learn about the trees and animals that roamed the woods of pioneer Wisconsin!

3D. HEY HO H2O! June 29-July 2 1pm-4pm
Get ready to make a splash! Explore our ponds, streams, and wetlands. Learn to identify aquatic life and celebrate with a water festival on the final day. Bring a swimsuit and be prepared to get wet!

4C. ROY G. BIV July 6-9 9am-12pm
We'll explore rainbows, clouds, colors, prisms and chromatography in this en"light"ening camp! Discover how rainbows are made and conduct colorful experiments.

4D. MAD SCIENTISTS July 6-9 1pm-4pm
The bigger the mess, the better! Come get wacky in the Mad Scientist Lab with hours of gooey, oozy fun. Includes a special appearance from our own mystery scientist!

5C. DIG THIS! July 13-16 9am-12pm
Join us to dig deep and explore what animals are creeping around underground. We'll investigate soil and learn how it helps plants and trees grow. Prepare to get messy while we make mud pies, soil soup and many other fun art creations to bring home.

5D. UNSOLVED MYSTERIES July 13-16 1pm-4pm
Uncovering the mysteries of nature will be your task during this fun-filled and eye-opening week. All one needs is a curious mind and a willingness to explore! So grab your magnifying glass and join the fun.



TADPOLES (AGES 5-6 CONT'D)

6C. BIRD BRAINS

July 20-23

9am-12pm

Learn about our wonderful feathered friends that call the wood, pond and prairie home! We'll use binoculars to get a closer look, create a project to help birds in your own backyard, do a crane dance and more!

6D. DINOSAURS & DRAGONFLIES

July 20-23

1pm-4pm

Did you know that dragonflies used to have almost 3 foot wingspans and buzzed around during the time of dinosaurs? Travel back in time to discover dragonflies, damselflies, dinosaurs and other fascinating, prehistoric creatures.

7C. AQUA-PALOOZA

July 27-30

9am-12pm

Investigate the world of water! Explore the pond and marsh and learn what lives in and around them. We'll also learn about the water cycle, wetlands and play water games. Bring your swimsuit and be prepared to get wet!

7D. ART OF NATURE

July 27-30

1pm-4pm

Red, yellow, orange, green, blue, white and brown—nature's colors are all around! We'll create beautiful crafts using things we find in nature on our daily adventures.

8C. NATURE OLYMPICS

August 3-6

9am-12pm

How far can a frog jump, how fast can a deer run? What about you? We'll test our skills and see how we compare in these friendly games. Come join us for all the fun as we learn about these speedy sprinters, fast flappers, and long leapers!

8D. LITTLE SHACK IN THE LITTLE WOODS II

August 3-6

1pm-4pm

Join us for a second week of pioneer adventures based on the world of Laura Ingalls! Play in the Children's Shack and listen to stories, churn butter, learn pioneer games and discover all about pioneer Wisconsin!



"WHILE VISITING ME FROM [ABROAD], MY THREE GRANDCHILDREN ATTENDED VARIOUS CAMPS AT ALDO LEOPOLD LAST WEEK. THEY HAD A WONDERFUL TIME. THANKS TO THE FRIENDLY CAPABLE STAFF, AND TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED MAKE IT A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR US. WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMING AGAIN."

— SUMMER CAMP GRANDPARENT

9C. TALLGRASS TALES

August 10-13

9am-12pm

Let the tall grass tickle your nose as you discover the wonders of the prairie. Hear tales of the tallgrass prairie, search for groundhogs, bluebirds, snakes and flowers. We'll even create our own "tallgrass tale" to remember our camp adventures.

9D. THE ENCHANTED FOREST

August 10-13

1pm-4pm

Join us for an enchanted adventure as we explore the magical places of ALNC! We will read stories, build gnome homes and fairy houses, play games and create art inspired by our small sized nature friends!

10C. THE BONY BUNCH

August 17-20

9am-12pm

Reptiles, fish, mammals, birds and amphibians are the highlights of this bony bunch. Learn about and meet animals with backbones that make up this bony bunch of vertebrates.

10D. INTO THE FOREST

August 17-20

1pm-4pm

There are many different types of forests, such as basswood and oak. Each is special in its own way. While exploring all the corners of ALNC's forests, we will collect leaves, make forest art and search for the furry friends that live there.

11C. I LIKE TO MOVE IT

August 24-27

9am-12pm

There will be no sitting still in this camp! Animals, clouds, water and sound are all constantly moving and we will be on the move as we observe them. Slither, creep, crawl, hop, scamper and swoop to explore all types of movement!

11D. STORIES IN STONE

August 24-27

1pm-4pm

You can learn a lot from a rock! Learn about how rocks are made, explore the different types of rocks found at ALNC and around the world, and create a pet rock to bring home!



TADPOLES (AGES 5-6) CONTINUED →

EXTENDED DAY AVAILABLE - 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

TADPOLES (AGES 5-6 CONT'D)

FRIDAY CAMPS (AGES 5-6)

1I. KNOW IT OWLS June 19 9am-12pm
Whooh me? Yes you! Join us for a day of learning all about owls and their fine feathered friends. Can you recognize the calls of Wisconsin's owls?

1J. GRIN & BEAR IT June 19 1pm-4pm
We'll reveal the bear facts about these large mammals. Learn all about their amazing senses and how they protect themselves. Beware: we will acquire an un"bear"able amount of knowledge today!

2I. VERY BERRY June 26 9am-12pm
Mulberries and raspberries ripen in summer at ALNC! Come learn all about these fruits, have a fresh summer snack and create a craft using natural dyes made from berries.

2J. WEEVIL KNIEVEL June 26 1pm-4pm
See a weevil, hear a weevil and speak of weevils (and all sorts of other beetles)! Join us if you dare! We'll race through the prairie on the hunt for weevils and beetles of all shapes and sizes! It's the lesser of two weevils?

3I. GETTIN' SQUIRRELLY July 3 9am-12pm
We're nuts for squirrels! From flying squirrels to gray squirrels, learn all about our furry forest friends. We'll practice finding hidden acorns and identifying their nests.

3J. COCOON IN JUNE July 3 1pm-4pm
Cocoons are the topic of choice today. We'll learn about caterpillars and butterflies while we play. Games and crafts, stories and songs; we'll search outside too—please come along!

4I. CRAY-CRAY! July 10 9am-12pm
Rusty, Calico, Dwarf and Blue—we go crazy for crayfish and you should, too! We'll pinch for knowledge as we explore the watery world of swimmerets, carapaces, exoskeletons and all things crustacean!

4J. WIND IN YOUR SAILS July 10 1pm-4pm
Wind is air in motion. Learn how wind happens, what makes it blow, what travels with it and how to measure it! We'll conduct some experiments to see how far seeds and others can go on a windy or not-so-windy day!

5I. HOW TWEET IT IS July 17 9am-12pm
Blue jays squawk, crows caw and cranes croak! Birds use these calls to send messages to other birds. We'll practice our bird songs and listening skills to learn several bird calls of common birds at ALNC!

5J. MILKWEEDS AND MONARCHS July 17 1pm-4pm
There's so much to learn about migration and life cycles! Search for monarch eggs, caterpillars and chrysalises and watch as they grow. Discover why milkweed is important and take some seeds home to start your own milkweed patch.

6I. THAR SHE BLOWS! July 24 9am-12pm
Eruptions abound in this explosive camp! We'll learn all about volcanoes, how and why they erupt and even create our own volcanic eruptions.

6J. MARSH MARCH July 24 1pm-4pm
Marshes are great places to march around in! Keep your eyes peeled for muskrats, frogs, toads, turtles and fish as we stomp through the soggy soil of ALNC's marsh!

7I. CRANE-IACS July 31 9am-12pm
Become a Crane-iac at ALNC! Use your brain to learn all about these special birds and their behavior. We'll make crane crafts, do a crane dance and much, much more!



7J. MAP QUEST July 31 1pm-4pm
Join us for an old fashioned treasure hunt! We'll learn how to read a map and head out to search for hidden treasures spread throughout the ALNC grounds.

8I. SLOW & STEADY August 7 9am-12pm
Turtles may be slow on land, but they can move quickly in the water. We'll search for turtles and their reptilian relatives in the pond and marsh, make a turtle craft and see one up close!

8J. GET A WHIFF! August 7 1pm-4pm
This scent-sational camp is all about smells! You smell with your nose, but did you know that some animals use other body parts to smell? We'll learn all sorts of smelly facts and learn all about the science of smell.

9I. NATURALLY FUN August 14 9am-12pm
Come play with us! Nature provides all we need for a morning of fun and exploration. We'll build forts, play camouflage games and spend the day on an outdoor adventure.

9J. SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT August 14 1pm-4pm
Crows are known for their loud noises that warn us they are near. But did you know that these social birds are smart, too? We'll learn about the world of crows, ravens, magpies and jays.

10I. HABITAT SAFARI August 21 9am-12pm
Grab your binoculars, put on your vest and get ready for adventure! Come join us on this safari as we explore the different habitats of ALNC! We'll search for hidden animals, creep through the tall grass and sneak through the sumac!

10J. WILDLY CREATIVE August 21 1pm-4pm
Join us to create beautiful art using nature as our inspiration. We'll have a rainbow of fun! We'll adventure outdoors to gather clay, twigs, flowers and rocks to create beautiful art from nature.

11I. WOOLY BEARS August 28 9am-12pm
Can caterpillars predict the weather? Where do these fuzzy insects come from and what do they turn into? Learn all about wooly bear caterpillars, Isabella moths and their family of insects.

11J. CRAZY CRITTERS August 28 1pm-4pm
From leaf-nosed bats to star-nosed moles and blobfish to pig-nosed frogs, there sure are a lot of strange critters out there! We'll learn about a few of them as well as some of the animal oddities found at ALNC.

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EXPLORERS (AGES 7-9)

FULL WEEK PACKAGE – BEST DEAL!!!

Full Week (Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, includes Lunch Bunch) - \$295

Full Week Extended Day Add-On (8:30 - 9:00 am & 4:00 - 5:30pm) - \$90

MONDAY - THURSDAY CAMPS (4 DAYS)

INDIVIDUAL SESSION PRICING

9:00 am - 12:00 pm — \$108

Lunch Bunch (12:00 pm - 1:00 pm) — \$9/day

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm — \$108

Extended Day Add-On (8:30-9am & 4-5:30pm) — \$72

FRIDAY CAMPS (1 DAY)

INDIVIDUAL SESSION PRICING

9:00 am - 12:00 pm — \$28

Lunch Bunch (12:00 pm - 1:00 pm) — \$9/day

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm — \$28

Extended day option (8:30-9am & 4-5:30pm) — \$18

Camp sessions are available in 1, 4, or 5 day combinations and as half or full days. Call for pro-rated Extended Day pricing (am/pm only or single days).

FULL-WEEK PACKAGE - MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9AM - 4PM

1Q.	Week 1 Package	June 15 – 19
2Q.	Week 2 Package	June 22 – 26
3Q.	Week 3 Package	June 29 – July 3
4Q.	Week 4 Package	July 6 – 10
5Q.	Week 5 Package	July 13 – 17
6Q.	Week 6 Package	July 20 – 24
7Q.	Week 7 Package	July 27 – 31
8Q.	Week 8 Package	August 3 – 7
9Q.	Week 9 Package	August 10 – 14
10Q.	Week 10 Package	August 17 – 21
11Q.	Week 11 Package	August 24 – 28

MONDAY-THURSDAY CAMPS (AGES 7-9)

1E. MUCKIN' IN THE MARSH June 15 – 18 9am – 12pm

Put on your muckin' shoes and follow us through the marsh in search of cat-tails and heron wails. Our marsh is filled with great blue herons, muskrats, frogs, toads, ducks, geese and even fox—we'll discover them all! Please wear sturdy shoes that can get wet and bring a change of clothes.

1F. THE BIG CHILL June 15 – 18 1pm – 4pm

When the summer sun makes us sweat, we'll travel back in time to the ice ages. Search for the great Woolly Mammoths, make a glacier, learn about ice and icebergs and have all sorts of frosty fun.

2E. LIVING LIKE LAURA INGALLS June 22 – 25 9am – 12pm

As Laura Ingalls lived and played on the banks of Plum Creek, she learned things that few children today know how to do. As a young child, she used Wisconsin's woods, waters and prairies as her playground. Learn how you can have fun in these same places the way Laura did!

2F. PHE-KNOWLEDGE-Y BOWL June 22 – 25 1pm – 4pm

Do you know the date the first mosquito is usually seen? What about when the cranes arrive for the spring? Put your phenology and nature knowledge to the test in this fun quiz bowl camp! We'll spend our afternoons learning and exploring all about phenology in true Aldo Leopold fashion!

3E. THE GREAT OUTDOORS June 29-July 2 9am – 12pm

Learn how to create a base camp, set up a tent, start a fire and cook in the outdoors! We'll hang bear bags, assemble and use mess kits, go on a hike, learn basic knot tying and how to plan a camping trip using "Leave No Trace" principles. Bring your swimsuit and enjoy a solar shower!



3F. WOODWORKING FOR WILDLIFE June 29-July 2 1pm – 4pm

We'll spend our days learning all about birds, bats and habitats! We'll explore and adventure outdoors and campers will construct their very own project to take home to monitor wildlife in their own backyard.

4E. BAT & OWL PROWL July 6-9 9am – 12pm

Discover all about the creatures of the night and what makes them unique! From bats and owls to tarantulas and fireflies, we'll learn about these critters that come out when the sun goes down.

4F. IT'S A HARD ROCK LIFE July 6-9 1pm – 4pm

This camp rocks! Have fun exploring Wisconsin geology as we learn about the rocks and minerals beneath our feet, go with the flow as we learn about lava, volcanoes and other geologic events!

5E. AMAZING RACE July 13-16 9am – 12pm

Can your team be the first to meet each challenge? Each day we'll have different physical and mental challenges for your team to overcome. The obstacles will take you through woods, forests and wetlands! Come prepared to get dirty and have fun!

EXPLORERS (AGES 7-9) CONTINUED →

EXTENDED DAY AVAILABLE - 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

EXPLORERS (AGES 7-9 CONT'D)

5F. FOREST FANTASY

July 13-16

1pm-4pm

Sing with the trees and dance with the dragonflies as we explore the myths and legends of the forest. Let your imagination soar as we build fairy houses, play magical games and create mystical crafts.

6E. INSECT-IGATIONS

July 20-23

9am-12pm

It's a buggy world out there-insects are the most abundant life form on Earth. Explore the most common orders of insects from butterflies to beetles and true bugs. If you think insects are interesting, this is the place to be!

6F. PARKS & RE-CREATION

July 20-23

1pm-4pm

We've got a camp you can't refuse! It's litter-ally the BEST! By creating art out of waste, artists are showing that one person's trash is another's treasure. We'll start our search by doing a trash audit at ALNC, search the ALNC grounds for trash & treasure, and then use our imagination to create upcycled works of art!

7E. CAMPFIRE GOURMET

July 27-30

9am-12pm

What do you know about the wild edible plants in the forest and prairie? Can you create a scrumptious meal using raw ingredients and aluminum foil? From Dutch oven masterpieces to quick, no-cook snacks, learn how to make many tasty treats for the trail.

7F. MIGRATE-EST HITS

July 27-30

1pm-4pm

Learn to identify the birds of ALNC as we explore, fill birdfeeders, monitor bluebird boxes and observe the birds that use them.

8E. OUT OF THIS WORLD

August 3-6

9am-12pm

Blast off as we delve deep into the solar system to study about stars, constellations, galaxies, meteor showers and planets. We'll even make and launch our own rocket!

8F. WILD WISCOVERY

August 3-6

1pm-4pm

No cows at this camp, but it will be a badger bash! Discover why this is the badger state, and learn about the plants, animals and trees that call this their home and are state symbols. We'll explore a new aspect each day and make a Wisconsin field guide to carry with you on local adventures!



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— SUMMER CAMP PARENT

9E. ULTIMATE SURVIVOR

August 10-13

9am-12pm

Do you have what it takes to survive in the woods? Each day we'll have different challenges like shelter building, fire making, orienteering and relay races. Win immunity and have a blast as your team strives to survive!

9F. WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

August 10-13

1pm-4pm

Join us for a wet week of fun as we learn about water resources such as lakes, rivers, and even the ocean, and how we can help keep our waterways clean. We'll dive into "Plum Landing" from PBS Kids to learn about our impacts globally and close to home!

10E. PIONEER WAGON TRAIN

August 17-20

9am-12pm

This adventurous camp will test if you could be a pioneer traveling across the prairie! Load up your wagons and follow the wagon master! Share some Dutch oven grub from the chuckwagon and head out on an across-the-land adventure, but beware of bandits and other dangers. Wagons ho!

10F. ALL AROUND THE WORLD

August 17-20

1pm-4pm

Take a journey around the world, starting at ALNC, as we explore the various habitats that exist on our planet. Through games, multi-media experiences and exploration, we'll learn about organisms all over the world that have developed traits to help them to survive.

11E. IT'S ALL GOOD IN THE WOODS

August 24-27

9am-12pm

It's the last week of camp! We'll hit all the best spots and camper favorites in this week of fun. From building forts in the basswoods to camouflage games, we'll do it all one last time!

11F. SCIENTIFIC ADVENTURES

August 24-27

1pm-4pm

Explore various fields of science including ornithology, geology, ecology and limnology. We'll learn how to use tools and equipment used by real scientists, such as water quality testing equipment, soil probes and binoculars.

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EXPLORERS (AGES 7-9 CONT'D)

FRIDAY CAMPS (AGES 7-9)

1K. SPITTLE ME THIS... June 19 9am – 12pm
Who spit on the grass? It's not bad manners, it's a bug! Slip into the world of the spittlebug and learn all about these incredible nymphs and the insects they become.

1L. LEAPIN' LIZARDS June 19 1pm – 4pm
Lizards are under-appreciated and often unnoticed in Wisconsin. Meet some of our lizard neighbors and learn their secrets for survival in Wisconsin's diverse habitats!

2K. GEOCACHING June 26 9am – 12pm
Join us for an outdoor adventure game using a GPS to find "caches" hidden throughout the ALNC grounds. Learn how to use a GPS, search for hidden treasures, and observe the natural world while you wander.

2L. PIONEER GENERAL STORE June 26 1pm – 4pm
From buttons to burlap, the ALNC General Store is stocked with everything a pioneer needs! We'll complete our daily work to earn play pioneer money to purchase and barter for essentials in The General Store!

3K. O SAVANNA! July 3 9am – 12pm
The oak savanna is a rare historic landscape that can be found right here at ALNC! Is it a prairie or woodland? We'll spend our morning exploring & photographing the savanna learning all about fire, restoration and oaks.

3L. THAT'S DISGUSTING July 3 1pm – 4pm
Explore the darker, slimier side of nature. No stone shall be left unturned, no log unrolled in our quest to find the parts of nature that can make you queasy. Scat, worms, frogs, decomposers, fungus and slime molds will leave you absolutely awfully amazed.

4K. BORN TO BUILD July 10 9am – 12pm
Animals (including humans) live in many different kinds of homes. We'll learn about, explore or build survival shelters, reed huts, groundhog burrows, beaver dams, anthills and other animal homes.

4L. LOST & FAWNED July 10 1pm – 4pm
Have you ever come across an injured or orphaned animal in the wild and not known what to do? In this camp, we'll meet a wildlife rehabilitator to learn all about when humans should or shouldn't help and how.

5K. NATURE SCORES AGAIN July 17 9am – 12pm
Turn trees into goals, pinecones into balls and leaves into camouflage as we play a variety of outdoor games while experiencing nature. Spend the day running, playing and having fun! No experience required, just excitement.

5L. BEETLE MANIA July 17 1pm – 4pm
Beetles are incredible insects! Beetles can lift more than any other animal, turn into submarines, and eat dung: that deserves a round of applause! We'll enter our beetle findings with the "Lost Ladybug Project"

6K. AMPHIBIAN ADVENTURES July 24 9am – 12pm
Search the pond and marsh for frogs under logs or hiding along the shore. What's the difference between a tadpole and a polliwog? Learn to identify common Wisconsin frogs by their call and conduct your own "frog chorus."

6L. HOOK, LINE & SINKER July 24 1pm – 4pm
This camp is "reel"-y cool! Fishing is an easy and fun way to enjoy the outdoors. Learn all about fish families, practice casting, learn to stock a tackle box and head outside for "catch and release" fishing in the pond.

7K. PALEO-ADVENTURES July 31 9am – 12pm
Discover the world of ancient plants and animals through the study of paleontology. Excavate a fossil, go on a fossil hunt, and make your own fossils to take home. It'll be fossil-riffic!



7L. COMPOST CRITTERS July 31 1pm – 4pm
Find out what slimes, slithers and scoots through the soil and discovery how important the underground world is for those above ground. We'll also learn about vermiculture and how to make your own worm bin!

8K. SKULL & CROSSBONES August 7 9am – 12pm
Arghhhh! Can you find the pirate's hidden gold? Use a treasure map to find where at ALNC "X" marks the spot - retrieve three medallions and return them to the treasure chest! Can you lift the pirate's curse?

8L. DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE August 7 1pm – 4pm
Green Herons, Wood Ducks, Sora Rails... We love birds, it never fails! Explore the shore of ALNC's pond to learn about our water-loving fowl! Come take a quack at it!

9K. TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE August 14 9am – 12pm
Calling all budding - or should we say buzz-ing - young naturalists! This camp is fit for a queen (bee, that is!). You won't bee-lieve all there is to know about our planet's most fascinating insects! Learn about hives, pollination, honey and the 'waggle dance'!

9L. THE SAVAGE GARDEN August 14 1pm – 4pm
Carnivorous plants, such as Venus fly traps, pitcher plants and bladderwort capture and eat animals and digest their prey like you digest food. Learn all about the plants that bite back and the tricks they use to trap their food.

10K. GOODNESS SNAKES ALIVE August 21 9am – 12pm
Snakes slither and slide, but they're not slimy! Learn to love our footless friends by discovering where they live, what they eat and how they move. We'll delve into the world of reptiles and learn what makes them unique.

10L. H₂OLYMPICS August 21 1pm – 4pm
Come join us for the H₂Olympics! We'll learn about all the properties of water by conducting some very wet experiments. We'll also be heading through the pond and marsh, so come prepared to get wet.

11K. ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE August 28 9am – 12pm
Experience "school" as you never have before! We'll travel back in time to a one-room schoolhouse and learn what was actually taught in the 1800's. We'll have fun doing the chores of pioneer students, including fetching water and wood, using quill pens and personal chalk boards.

11L. MYTHBUSTERS! August 28 1pm – 4pm
Spend an afternoon being a MythBuster and uncover the truth behind some of nature's myths. Are bats really blind? Can lightning strike the same place twice? Learn the answers to these nature questions and BUST many more nature myths.

ADVENTURERS I (AGES 10-12)

LOOKING FOR AN EXCITING, AFFORDABLE AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE THIS SUMMER? CHECK OUT THE ALDO LEOPOLD NATURE CENTER'S ADVENTURE SUMMER CAMPS! THESE CAMPS WILL GIVE YOUR TWEEN/TEEN HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY THE BEST OF THE OUTDOORS AS THEY BACKPACK LOCAL TRAILS, LEARN TO CANOE, CAMP AND MORE! (SEE WEBSITE FOR EXACT SCHEDULES).

1M. Hit the Trail

June 15 - 19, 2015

9am - 4pm Monday - Wednesday

9am Thursday - 4pm Friday (1 Overnight)

\$375

Hiking boots? Check. Map? Check. Water bottle? Check. Now that we have the essentials, it's time to hit some of the many great trails southern Wisconsin has to offer! Each day, we'll depart from ALNC to a different hiking destination to hike, explore, geocache, orienteer and play. Our week will culminate in an overnight stay at our beautiful Black Earth campus in Wisconsin's driftless region.

2M. Kickapoo River Trip I

June 22 - 26, 2015

9am - 4pm Monday

9am Tuesday - 4pm Friday (3 Night Trip)

\$500

The Kickapoo, known as the "crookedest river in the world", is a beautiful, 125 mile river that meanders through Wisconsin's driftless region. This river system, one of the oldest in the state, features many unique rock formations, wildlife to observe and places to explore. We'll learn the basics of canoeing, how to plan a trip, backcountry & camping skills as we adventure along one of Wisconsin's most scenic waterways. Return home with a sense of achievement, confidence and newly made friendships.

3M. The Good Old Days

June 29 - July 3, 2015

9am - 4pm Daily

\$350

From massive sheets of ice and mammoths to farming and advanced technology, a lot has happened in Wisconsin in the last 15,000 years! We'll spend the week stepping into the shoes of some of the people who took part in Wisconsin's rich history. Discover how Native Americans grew their crops, churn butter like a pioneer and saw logs like a lumberjack! Come along with us to visit some of Wisconsin's famous historical places, such as the Wisconsin Historical Museum and Old World Wisconsin.

4M. H2Overboard!

July 6 - 10, 2015

9am - 4pm Daily

\$350

Water is essential to life on Earth, but it is also fun to play in on a hot summer day! Most of the water on our planet is found in the oceans, leaving only 3% of the water on Earth as freshwater. Become a hydrologist as we study some of the properties of water and how clean water is important for life in aquatic ecosystems. Since science is also fun, we will enjoy our aquatic week by partaking in some fun water recreation, such as fishing, canoeing and swimming! Bring a towel and spare clothes, and be prepared to get wet!

5M. The Best Of!

July 13 - 17, 2015

9am - 4pm Daily

\$375

The Madison area boasts an abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities. The chain of lakes in Madison, connected by the Yahara River, is a great place to go canoeing, fishing or swimming. We will have a chance to paddle on some of those lakes while looking for wildlife along the way. This region also has fascinating geology, which we will get to see during a tour of the Cave of the Mounds. Plus, we will have an opportunity to learn about animals found in other parts of the state, country or world as we visit the Henry Vilas Zoo. Join us as we tour some of the many fantastic outdoor places in the Madison area!

8M. High Adventure

August 3 - 7, 2015

9am - 4pm Daily

\$375

How adventurous are you? Do you dare to rock climb or walk across a wire 50 feet in the air? Think you will be able to find a pint-sized container using nothing but a GPS unit? If these sound fun, then this is the camp for you! In addition to our adventures, we will spend a lot of time outdoors learning skills needed to rock climb, paddle canoes or even catch certain fish! Join us as we grow in confidence while mixing adventure with skills training and outdoor fun!

9M. Gone Camping!

August 10 - 14, 2015

9am - 4pm Monday - Tuesday

9am Wednesday - 4pm Friday (2 Night Trip)

\$375

Camping is a great way to enjoy the great outdoors. There are many great places to camp, and we will get to explore at one of the best in the state; Devil's Lake State Park! Before we can go camping, though, we have to make sure we are prepared. We'll plan and pack our supplies, learn to pitch a tent, cook meals over a campfire or camp stove, and practice hanging a bear bag up in a tree! Then, we will head to Devil's Lake, one of the newest additions to the National Register of Historic Places, and put our skills to the test while hiking the trails and exploring the park.

10M. Kickapoo River Trip II

August 17-21, 2015

9am - 4pm Monday

9am Tuesday - 4pm Friday (3 Night Trip)

\$500

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ADVENTURERS II (AGES 13-16)

6N. Devil's Lake Backpacking Trip July 20 - 24, 2015

9am-4pm Monday

9am Tuesday-4pm Friday (3 Night Trip)

\$450

Wisconsin is home to one of the nation's eleven National Scenic Trails, the 1,000-mile long Ice Age Trail. We will have the opportunity to explore this trail and the scenic beauty it boasts. Learn how to plan an itinerary for a trip and create a list of items to pack for a safe and fun adventure. Then we will begin our hike along the Ice Age Trail in the beautiful Devil's Lake State Park area. We'll return from our adventure with stories to share!

7N. Kickapoo River Trip July 27 - 31, 2015

9am-4pm Monday

9am Tuesday - 4pm Friday (3 Night Trip)

\$500

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— SUMMER CAMP PARENT



11N. Porcupine Mountains Backpacking Trip August 24-28, 2015

9am Monday - 4pm Friday (4 Night Trip)

\$550

Something amazing happens when you spend a week in the wilderness with a team of adventurers, removed from day-to-day distractions. We will spend the last week of summer in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan backpacking past rushing waterfalls, exploring the Lake Superior shoreline, learning about forestry, geology and wildlife-- all while laughing, cooking around a campfire, gaining confidence and falling asleep to the sounds of waves crashing on the shores of Lake Superior. What a way to end the summer!

SPONSOR A CAMPER: THE CAMPFIRE FUND & SUMMER CAMP FUND

THE ALDO LEOPOLD NATURE CENTER IS ABLE TO OFFER A LIMITED NUMBER OF FREE AND REDUCED FEE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN WITHOUT FINANCIAL RESOURCES, THROUGH THE CAMPFIRE FUND AND SUMMER CAMP FUNDS, THANKS TO GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND FROM AREA ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING KIWANIS CLUB OF DOWNTOWN MADISON, DOTTY DUMPLING'S DOWRY, MADISON ROTARY FOUNDATION, AND KIWANIS CLUB OF WEST MADISON.

WHILE YOU ARE COMPLETING YOUR CHILD'S REGISTRATION, PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING A CHILD WITH AN EXTRA DONATION AND HELP US GIVE THESE CHILDREN AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE IN NATURE - IT'S OFTEN THEIR FIRST OPPORTUNITY! WHATEVER YOU GIVE, IT WILL HELP CONNECT DESERVING KIDS TO LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITIES IN NATURE. THANK YOU!

MEET THE STAFF...



VIRGINIA WIGGEN
NATURE CENTER DIRECTOR

VIRGINIA BEGAN WORKING AT ALNC IN 2007 AND OVERSEES ALL OF THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS. SHE GREW UP EXPLORING THE PRAIRIES OF NORTH DAKOTA AND HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BIOLOGY FROM CONCORDIA COLLEGE AND A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FROM UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH. SHE ENJOYS ALL OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, BUT CANOEING, CAMPING AND GARDENING ARE AT THE TOP OF HER LIST.



CREAL ZEARING
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

CREAL COORDINATES THE EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS AT ALNC. BEFORE MOVING TO MADISON, CREAL LOVED WORKING AS A NATURALIST AT EAGLE BLUFF ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER IN LANESBORO, MN, WHERE SHE EARNED A CERTIFICATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. SHE GRADUATED FROM KNOX COLLEGE IN 2010 WITH A DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND SPANISH. SHE MISSES HER FAMILY IN RURAL PRINCETON, IL, AS WELL AS THE LAKES AND PRAIRIES OF GREEN OAKS.

"I JUST WANTED TO PASS ON MY SINCEREST AND GREATEST PRAISES FOR YOUR STAFF. I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT THEM - ENERGETIC, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND VERY PATIENT WITH THE KIDS. THEY MADE THE CLASSES SO THAT EVEN A 2 YEAR OLD COULD TELL ME ABOUT THEM A WEEK LATER."

— SUMMER CAMP PARENT

OUR TALENTED & DEDICATED NATURALISTS!

It's our goal to connect kids with nature and our phenomenal summer camp staff is the secret to our success! All ALNC Naturalists are college graduates with backgrounds in a wide variety of fields and have significant experience working outdoors with children. All staff have been through a thorough background check and are certified in Standard First Aid and CPR. All trip leaders have a minimum Wilderness First Aid and CPR training and certification. Overnight trips are led with 2 Naturalists (1 male, 1 female).



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REGISTRATION FORM – PART I

YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ONLINE AT:
www.aldoleopoldnaturecenter.org

CAMP PRICING

AGES 2 - 3 - WONDER BUGS

FULL SUMMER PACKAGE – BEST DEAL!!!

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings
 (12 sessions) - \$110

WEEKLY PRICING (Choose T, W, R, or F)

Per Session Price - \$10

AGES 4 - 9

FULL WEEK PACKAGE – BEST DEAL!!!

Full week, Full day - \$295

Extended day option (8:30-9am & 4-5:30pm) - \$90

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS PRICING (Monday - Thursday)

Four-day, Half day camps - \$108

9am-12pm or 1-4pm

Lunch Bunch (12 noon-1pm) - \$36

Extended day option (8:30-9am & 4-5:30pm) - \$72

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS PRICING (Friday only)

Half day camps - \$28/ea.

9am-12pm or 1-4pm

Lunch Bunch (12 noon-1pm) - \$9

Extended day option (8:30-9am & 4-5:30pm) - \$18

ADVENTURERS I & II AND DRIFTLESS EXPLORERS

Camps and Trips - (See individual pricing)

INSTRUCTIONS

For paper registrations: To register for a camp, please refer to the camp descriptions, codes and dates (pages 4-16). You may use this form to sign up for more than one camp or a package for an individual, but **please use a separate form for each child**. A confirmation with details and camp info will be mailed or emailed to you prior to your registered camps.

For online registrations: You should receive an immediate e-mail confirmation after completing an online registration. A confirmation with additional details and camp info will be e-mailed to you prior to your registered camps.

Find more information about membership and programming, or to download additional forms, visit our website at aldoleopoldnaturecenter.org.

Medical Forms: A medical form will be sent to you with your confirmation letter prior to your first summer camp program. You may also print a copy from our website and mail, fax, or bring it in on your first day of camp (**although receiving these prior to camp is greatly appreciated!**). For more information, see Page 3.

Questions? Call us at **608-221-0404 ext. 0** for more information, or to register by phone. You can also email our Program Coordinator at alncreg@naturenet.com.

PLEASE FILL OUT CAMPS BELOW, THEN TURN OVER TO FINALIZE!

Date	Camp code(s)	Camp Session/ Package Fee \$	Extended Day Fee	Lunch Bunch Fee \$9/day	TOTAL
JUNE 15-19	10. ---SAMPLE---	295.00	90.00	---	385.00
		\$	\$	\$	\$
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REGISTRATION FORM – FINAL STEPS

ALNC MEMBERS: SAVE EVEN
MORE ON SUMMER CAMPS
WHEN YOU DEDUCT 10%
OFF THE TOTAL PRICE!

Membership for the entire family is
just \$50 and includes program and gift
shop discounts, free exhibit admission,
the ALNC e-newsletter, and more!

Visit us online at
www.aldoleopoldnaturecenter.org
for more details and to join!

TOTAL (from page 17)	\$
-10% MEMBER ONLY DISCOUNT	-
(Optional) ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (\$50)	+
(Optional) SPONSOR A CAMPER	+
GRAND TOTAL	\$

PAYMENT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ALNC

CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD: ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMEX

_____ - _____ - _____ - _____

EXP. DATE _____ / _____ KEY CODE _____

REGISTRATION IS EASY!

- Register online at www.aldoleopoldnaturecenter.org, or
- Fill out camp info on previous page
- Fill out payment information above, contact information below, and mail to:

Aldo Leopold Nature Center

330 Femrite Drive

Monona, WI 53716

- For any questions, or to register by phone, call (608) 221-0404, x0

CAMPER & CONTACT INFO...

CONTACT NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (REQUIRED) _____

CAMPER'S NAME _____ AGE & D.O.B. _____

(optional) Please group with _____ DATE/CAMP CODE _____

(optional) Please group with _____ DATE/CAMP CODE _____

(optional) Please group with _____ DATE/CAMP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____ WORK _____

ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____

THANK YOU! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



2015

FAMILY FUN & PHENOLOGY CALENDAR

ALDO LEOPOLD NATURE CENTER

JANUARY

- 7 — BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEES BEGIN SPRING SONGS
- 10 — TIKI TORCH TOBOGGAN — BLACK EARTH
- 11 — ALDO LEOPOLD'S BIRTHDAY
- 17 — CANDLELIGHT SNOWSHOE HIKE

FEBRUARY

- 10 — EASTERN BLUEBIRDS BEGIN TO ARRIVE
- 15 — WHITE-TAILED DEER BUCKS SHED ANTLERS
- 21 — FAMILY ICE FISHING FUN — MONONA
- 27 — SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR MEMBERS

MARCH

- 5 — WOOD FROGS BEGIN CALLS ON 50+ DEGREE NIGHTS
- 7 — ALDO LEOPOLD DAY AT WID
- 20 — SPRING BEGINS
- 24 — PASQUE FLOWERS BLOOMS
- 29 — MAPLE SYRUP FEST — MONONA
- 30 & 31 — VACATION DAY PROGRAMS — MONONA

APRIL

- 1 — GREAT BLUE HERONS RETURN TO WI WETLANDS
- 1-3 — VACATION DAY PROGRAMS — MONONA
- 4 — EGG HUNT & SPRING SPECTACULAR — MONONA
- 6 — DRABA BEGINS TO BLOOM
- 22 — EARTH DAY

MAY

- 9 — WILDFLOWER WANDER — MONONA
- 16 — SANDHILL CRANE CHICKS ARE HATCHING
- 31 — MONARCH BUTTERFLIES ARRIVE

JUNE

- 4 — PAINTED TURTLES BEGIN LAYING EGGS
- 21 — FISHING FAMILY FUN
- 21 — SUMMER BEGINS
- 22 — MILKWEED BLOOMS
- 27 — RUN WILD IN THE WOODS 5K/10K — BLACK EARTH

JULY

- 5 — PURPLE CONEFLOWER BLOOMS
- 11 — PUZZLING POND CRITTERS — MONONA
- 18 — SANDHILL CRANE CHICKS LEARN TO FLY

AUGUST

- 1 — CARDINAL FLOWER BLOOMS
- 28 — SNAPPING TURTLE EGGS ARE HATCHING

SEPTEMBER

- 3 — NEW ENGLAND ASTER BLOOMS
- 12 — FAMILY GEOCACHING ADVENTURE — BLACK EARTH
- 16 — MIGRATING CANADA GEESE ARRIVE
- 23 — FALL BEGINS
- 26 — PIPERS IN THE PRAIRIE — MONONA

OCTOBER

- 1 — TAMARACK TREE NEEDLES ARE TURNING GOLDEN
- TBD — VACATION DAY PROGRAMS — MONONA
- 14 — WOOD DUCKS ARE MIGRATING SOUTH
- 30 — FALL FEST — MONONA

NOVEMBER

- ALL MONTH: 2-FOR-1 ALNC MEMBERSHIPS
- 13 — SANDHILL CRANES ARE MIGRATING SOUTH
- 14 — FAMILIES ON THE FRONTIER — MONONA
- 19 — PHEASANTS BEGIN TO WINTER IN CATTAILS

DECEMBER

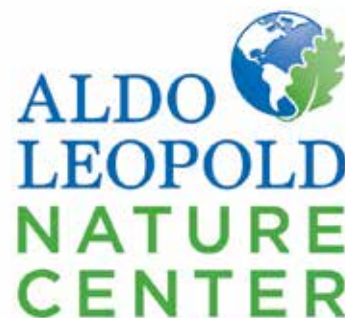
- ALL MONTH: 2-FOR-1 ALNC MEMBERSHIPS
- 5 — LOOK FOR SMALL MAMMAL TRACKS IN THE SNOW
- 18 — WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION — MONONA
- 20 — LAKE MENDOTA AVERAGE FREEZE DATE
- 21-23 — VACATION DAY PROGRAMS — MONONA
- 22 — WINTER BEGINS

PHENOLOGY: THE STUDY OF THE
TIMING OF NATURAL EVENTS

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE
AND OTHER PHENOLOGICAL
OBSERVATIONS, BASED ON DATES
RECORDED BY ALDO LEOPOLD AND
HIS FAMILY, IN ALNC'S FAMILY
PHENOLOGY CENTER.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE
INTERACTIVE INDOOR CLIMATE
SCIENCE CENTER EXHIBITS, WITH
NEW THEMATIC ACTIVITIES EACH
MONTH, FROM STARRY SKIES
TO CORALS & SEASI

EXHIBIT ADMISSION FOR
ALNC MEMBERS IS FREE.



330 Femrite Drive
Monona, WI 53716

SAVE THE DATE! 2015 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS
FEBRUARY 27TH FOR ALNC MEMBERS & MARCH 13TH FOR NON-MEMBERS.



THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS!



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