

*** Explorers ***

For boys & girls entering 5th & 6th grades

June 21-25 TRY IT: Do you want to try out a number of things we do at camp, but don't know what to choose? Each day will consist of two mini sessions of: canoeing, naturalist, art/jewelry, and archery.

June 28-July 2 SKY WATCH: Come and explore our atmosphere and beyond using knowledge of astronomy and meteorology. Spend time observing the stars in our STAR LAB planetarium and learn how to utilize elements of the sky for survival skills like navigation and cooking.

or

CANOEING & KAYAKING: Learn the basics of handling a canoe and kayak. Launch, paddle, portage, and learn safety and rescue techniques as you explore Indian Lake.

July 5-9 NATURALIST: Gain practical skills and an understanding of the outdoors. Learn to identify CT wildlife as you make your own nature guide. Learn to take pictures, make drawings, collect plants, and record your observations.

or

EXPLORATION OF ARCHERY: The basic skills of archery will form the foundation of this week. Leave modern technology behind while discovering the lost art of constructing primitive archery equipment from plants, animals, and rocks. Successful completion of this week may qualify participants for the Archery Boy Scout Merit Badge.



July 12-16 COLONIAL TRADES: Try your hands at ancient skills including: Blacksmithing, basketry, tin punching, stenciling, fireplace cooking, leather working, and primitive pottery.

or

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES: Learn the skills necessary to be comfortable outdoors for the day. Learn about clothing, nutrition, safety, and lost proofing yourself. Your day will be spent out on the Preserve exploring the far reaches of Indian Rock and our new adjoining South Mountain Preserve. Cameras and binoculars will be used on explorations to learn and record the natural history we discover as we explore these areas.

July 19-23 WILD ANIMALS: Venture into the preserve and discover the variety of amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals that live here. Learn where to find different species and visit with live and mounted animals throughout the week.

or

EXPLORERS: Become confident in the outdoors by learning basic camping skills. Gain experience in shelters, outdoor cooking, orienteering, health, and sanitation. An overnight outdoors on the preserve will round out the week. **Special fee - \$220**



July 26-30 ART OF NATURE: Learn to draw and paint animal and plant life along with learning illustration techniques using a variety of artist media.

or

SEARCH & RESCUE: Learn the many methods of searching the wilderness for lost people and objects. Rescue techniques will be employed as teams carry out a mission each day! Basic First Aid and survival skills will be introduced throughout the week.

Aug. 2-6 SOLVE IT: Experiment with the physical world around you! Solve problems involving pulleys, weights, ramps, ropes, and perform chemical experiments. Conduct actual experiments that test the laws that govern the universe!

or

CANOE FISHING: Canoes will serve as vessels of discovery as we paddle and fish the waters of Indian Lake. Basic canoeing and safety skills will start the week. Learn a variety of techniques on fishing for Largemouth Bass in a canoe. In-depth studies of fish ecology and anatomy will be coupled with advanced studies of the Indian Rock watershed.

Aug. 9-13 SPLASH: A week of beach-front activities including: swimming, water polo, canoeing, volleyball, and a beach party!

or

ROCKETRY: 3-2-1 blast off to a week of discovery, learning all about rockets, space vehicles, and galactic travel. Learn how rockets work by building and launching your own model rocket.

Aug. 16-20 ANIMAL SCIENCE: Expand your knowledge of farm animals as you become a junior farm hand. Raise up a chick of your own and help with farm projects that help the animals. Learn to care for a horse, cow, pig, sheep and rabbit.

or

SUPER SLEUTHS: Hone your skills of deduction and reasoning as we use a detective's "eye" to observe the living world. Investigation skills will be applied to searching, tracking, mysteries, and surprises!

Aug. 23-27 SO LONG TO SUMMER: Join us for a week of fun and games as we say goodbye to summer. Treasure hunts, forest games, races, and a barbecue party will round out the week.