

# Summer Youth Program Guide

## Introduction:

The Woodbury County Conservation Board has been offering quality educational programs since 1988. Our main offices are held at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center (DPNC) which is a popular choice for site visits. DPNC has interactive exhibits indoors, and outdoors kids can explore our woodlands and Loess Hills prairies, view live Birds of Prey in the Raptor House, and explore the Discovery Forest Nature Playscape. Our professional staff is committed to providing positive outdoor activities to engage your group.

Our programs are designed to encourage life-long interest and appreciation of the outdoors. We invite you to visit one of our outdoor areas or have us come to your site for a nature adventure.

## Location for field trips include:

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center

Browns Lake/Bigelow Park

Snyder Bend Park

Southwood Conservation Area

Fowler Forest Preserve

Little Sioux Park

Stone State Park

## To Schedule a Visit Contact:

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Or call any of us at 712-258-0838

## Program Fees:

Self-guided Visits = Free, but require reservation

Naturalist-led Programs = \$1 per person with \$20 minimum

Outdoor skills = \$2-\$3 per person with \$20 minimum

## Programs Offered:

Cost is \$1 per person. See details below.

### Discovery Forest Nature Playscape

A short walk from the Nature Center is an amazing outdoor natural play area includes digging, climbing and music areas to encourage creative and imaginative play.

### Live Animal Presentations

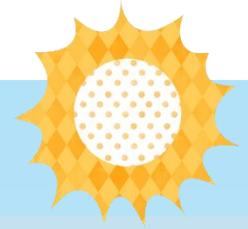
We have live educational animals residing at the Nature Center including a turtle, snake, salamander, or birds of prey for your students to learn more about. Note: The birds of prey cannot be touched.

### Junior League Legacy Exhibit Gallery

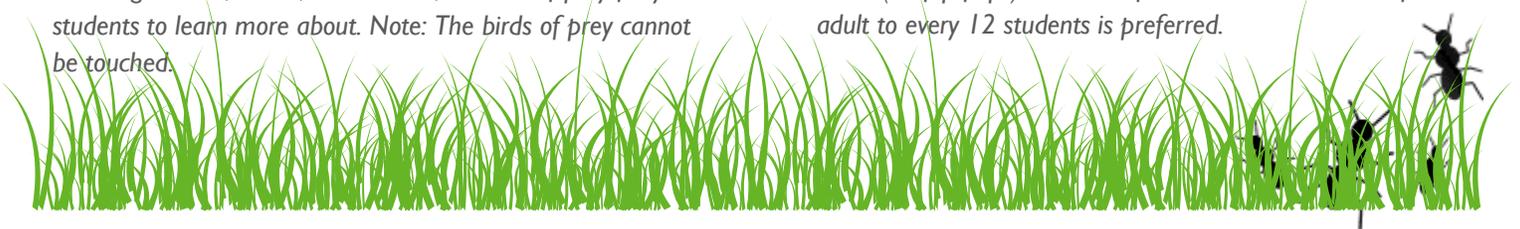
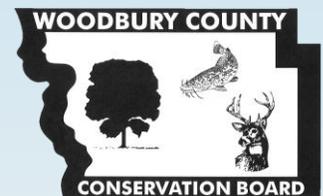
Crawl under the prairie like a badger, listen to prairie sounds, discover animals up close and learn about the Loess Hills. A scavenger hunt is available while you explore.

### Take a Hike

Guided hikes for all ages are available. Please wear sturdy shoes (no flip flops) and dress for the weather. A ratio of one adult to every 12 students is preferred.



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### Incredible Insects

We'll learn what makes insects unique from other animals. Searching outdoors with bug nets or jars will be included in the fun.

### Animal Furs & Feathers

Local wildlife have amazing furs and feathers. We'll learn how to identify some animals by their furs and feathers.

### Animal Tracks

How do you know an animal is near? By the clues they leave, like tracks. We'll learn some of the local wildlife footprints & look outdoors for them.

### Bone vs. Stone

Both are hard, made of minerals, and tend to be covered in dirt. We'll learn the differences between bones and stones outdoors and identify what you may find.

### Owl Pellets (\$2 per pellet additional charge)

Owls have an interesting nocturnal lifestyle. We'll be able to discover more by dissecting owl pellets to discover more about their habitat and their role in nature.



*"Wonderful program! Such a great way to stop the brain drain from summer and keep them excited about learning."*

## Skills Programs Offered

**These are limited to 20 participants at a time. Cost is \$2-\$3 per person. See details below.**

### Archery (\$2)

Students must be 4th grade and up. We'll learn how to hold and shoot a bow correctly. We'll shoot at targets only.

### Fishing (\$2)

Students must be 3rd grade and up. Must be done at one of the parks with a lake. We'll learn the basics of casting and try to catch a few fish. Any student who is 16 years or older must have a valid Iowa fishing license.

### Geocaching (\$2)

Students must be 4th grade and up. They'll learn how to use GPS units and all about this high-tech scavenger hunt.

### Atlatl (\$2)

Students must be 4th grade and up. We'll learn the history of the atlatl. We'll learn how to properly hold and use an atlatl. We'll be trying to hit a target with the atlatl dart.

### Fire building (\$2)

Students must be 3rd grade and up. Discover the basics of survival. We'll talk about the importance of fire and the things that are needed to build a campfire and how to stay safe.

### The Power of Flight (\$2)

Flight is fascinating. We'll learn about flight and then create a science experiment that will be a blast.

### Outdoor cooking (\$3)

Students must be 3rd grade and up. We'll learn about the tools and materials used in outdoor cooking. Choose one or two of our recipes and prepare a yummy snack.

1. Pizza Roll Ups
2. Campfire cones
3. Banana boat
4. Brown Bear
5. Spider-dogs

### Canoeing and Kayaking (\$3)

Students must be 5th grade and up. Must be done at one of the parks with a lake. We'll learn the basics and safety of canoeing or kayaking. We'll then venture out onto the water for some water fun. Waivers must be signed before program otherwise the student will not be able to participate.

