



**Nature Day Camp
Registration Packet
Price Nature Center
6685 Sheridan Rd.**

**Tues. July 23, 2024
9 am – 3 pm
(Ages 8-12)**

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Welcome to Nature Day Camp! This camp is brought to you by Saginaw County Parks & Recreation Commission in partnership with Saginaw County MSU Extension 4-H & Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in the Nature Day Camp at Price Nature Center on Tues. 23, 2024! We can't wait to welcome your 8-12-year-old for this 1-day nature camp experience. This packet will help you and your camper prepare for a fun, safe, and exciting experience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 989-790-5280.

Please pay close attention to the following:

- Campers must be signed in and out by a responsible adult. Pick-up must be done by a person listed on the health form, and they will need to show their driver's license or picture ID. Campers cannot come and go from the camp without an adult.
- You may provide lunch & snack for your child, or it will be provided for them by the Mission Nutrition Program. Water will be supplied.
- Close-toed shoes are required for the safety of your camper. If your camper wears inappropriate footwear, they will be excluded from activities until the appropriate shoes are provided.
- Campers must follow all rules listed in the Parent Handbook, as well as those introduced during the Camp Orientation. Any behavior issues will be handled following the procedures described in the Behavior Policy and Camper Code of Conduct.
- Price Nature Center will still be open to the public during the camp, but campers will be kept in groups with the staff.

How to register

Each camper must have the following forms completed. Each camper must have their own registration form. Your registration is not complete until the Parks Office receives these forms.

- 1) Registration Form
- 2) Agreement to Participate/Photo Release Form
- 3) Camper Code of Conduct

Submit completed forms and payment to the Parks office located in the Saginaw County Courthouse located at 111 S. Michigan Ave Saginaw, MI. **The registration deadline is July 16, 2024 @ 5 PM.** You will receive a confirmation from the Outdoor Recreation and Event Coordinator when we receive your camper's completed registration packet with full payment. There is limited space, so do not delay.

Financial Information

\$25 per camper paid in full at time of registration. Check or cash.

- Refund/Cancellation Policy: Day camp operates rain or shine, and we will offer activities as the weather allows. There will be no refunds for changes in the schedule necessitated by weather issues or unforeseen circumstances.

Arrival and Departure Information

- Location: Drop off and pick up for all campers will be at the pavilion at Price Nature Center. A parent or responsible adult listed on the Registration form must be with the child for drop off. Camper will only be released to a parent or responsible adult listed and must have a Valid ID matching information on the health form. The camper must be signed in and signed out.
- Parking: Park in the main parking lot or circle drive and walk your camper down the trail past the bathrooms to the pavilion. Signs will be posted.
- Check-in: 8:45 to 9:00 A.M.
- Check-out: 3:00 P.M.
- Late drop-off or early pick-up for emergencies only. Please contact Jeanette at 989-395-5644 if an emergency arises.

Policies

- Medicine: Parents are responsible for sending child with any medication (EpiPen, inhaler) for life threatening emergencies. Staff will not administer.
- Phones/Electronics: Campers are not permitted to have cell phones, iPods, tablets, Apple Watches, digital cameras, or any other electronic devices at camp. If for any reason you need to contact your camper, you may call the Outdoor Recreation and Event Coordinator at 989-395-5644. Prohibited items will be collected and locked away until end of day, when it will be returned to the camper's parent/guardian.

Policies, continued

- **Personal Items:** Personal possessions such as backpacks and other belongings are the responsibility of the participant. Camp Staff is not responsible for any lost/stolen items.
- **Appropriate Dress:** Close-toed shoes with a backstrap are required. If your camper arrives in inappropriate footwear, they will be excluded from activities until they have appropriate footwear. Remember, this is for the safety of your child!
- **Camper Safety:** Your camper's safety is our top priority, and we work to make all our activities as safe as possible. The camp staff is trained in First Aid and CPR in case of emergencies.
- **Rain Plan:** If we experience light to medium passing rain, most activities may continue with an adjustment in the schedule and location. If there is a thunderstorm or related bad weather event, we will contact parents for an early pick-up. We will shelter under the bathroom building for coverage.
- **Bathroom Policy:** There will be group scheduled bathroom breaks. Staff is required to monitor these breaks and no camper will be alone with staff. Staff must be always 2-deep with a camper if camper needs to use the restroom outside of the scheduled bathroom breaks.

Camp Schedule (subject to change)

9:00-9:30 AM-Registration/Camp Rules
9:30-10:45 AM- Animal tracks/plant ID/activity
Bathroom Break/Snack
11:00-12:15 PM- Birding/edible bugs/activity
12:15-1:00- Lunch/playground/bathroom break
1:00-2:30 PM-Nature hike/scavenger hunt/how to build campfire/fire
safety/smores.
2:30-3:00 PM-Hike back to pavilion
3:00 PM-Pick-up at pavilion

What to Bring

- Sunscreen and bug spray - campers are responsible for applying sunscreen independently. For efficiency in the camp day, please send them to camp with a layer of sunscreen and bug spray already applied. We will remind campers to reapply sunscreen at lunchtime.
- Rain gear/ hat & sunglasses weather dependent.
- Lunch & snack if your child does not plan to eat the lunch/snack provided by Mission Nutrition.

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2024 CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM

Camper Name (last, first) _____

Birthdate _____ Gender _____

School _____ Grade in fall _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Will a sibling be attending camp? If yes, name _____

T-shirt size (indicate youth or adult) _____

Does your child have any health or behavior concerns we should be made aware of to help make this a positive experience?

Family/Emergency Information

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Best daytime phone number in case of emergency _____

Home Address _____

Email _____

Second Parent/Guardian Contact _____

Best daytime phone number in case of emergency _____

Additional people approved to pick up child from camp:

_____ Relation to child _____

_____ Relation to child _____

People listed on the approved pick-up list must show a photo ID for the child to be released. A phone call to send someone not on the list will not be approved.

Agreement for Minor to Participate/Photo Release

Please read with your camper and have them sign their name.

In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in the Nature Day Camp, I agree to defend, pay in behalf of, indemnify, and hold harmless Saginaw County, its elected and appointed officials, Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, employees and volunteers and others working in behalf of Saginaw County against any and all claims, demands, suits, or loss, including all costs connected therewith, and for any damages which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from Saginaw County, its elected and appointed officials, Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, employees, volunteers or others working in behalf of Saginaw County, by reason of personal injury, including bodily injury and death and/or property damage, including loss of use thereof, which arises out of or is in any way connected or associated with my child participating in Nature Day Camp, including my use of any equipment rented or borrowed from Saginaw County or my participating in any transportation or shuttle provided by Saginaw County.

Participant Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

I understand that Saginaw County Parks may take photos of the camp participants and activities. I hereby authorize the use of these photographs of my child for purposes of social media, public relations and/or advertising.

Parent/Guardian Signature I further certify that to the best of my knowledge, I have disclosed all information that could restrict my child's participation in this activity.

Parent's Signature

Date

Camper Code of Conduct Form

For you to have a fun, exciting and safe day camp experience, everyone needs to follow the same guidelines. Below is a list of the basic rules you will need to follow while at camp. Keep in mind that more specific rules will be explained when you get here. Please read the guidelines and make sure that you understand them. You will be expected to follow the guidelines as soon as you arrive at camp.

Please read this with your camper and sign it with them at the bottom.

While at the Nature Day Camp, our main rule is RESPECT. We believe that everybody should enjoy camp equally and feel safe, secure, and accepted regardless of color, race, gender, popularity, athletic ability, intelligence, religion, and nationality.

I will **RESPECT NATURE**: I will walk on trails, enjoy the surroundings, dispose of garbage properly, leave wildlife alone, and clean up when I leave.

I will **RESPECT OTHERS**: I will use kind words, listen, be fair, and keep my hands and feet to myself. I will respect their property.

I will **RESPECT the FACILITIES**: I will keep the grounds clean, and respect equipment, waterfront, buildings, and restrooms. If something is broken, I will tell camp staff.

I will **RESPECT MYSELF**: I will think and act in a positive way, make safe decisions, drink plenty of water, and wear sunscreen and bug spray. I will respect my belongings.

Participant Signature

Date

