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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS

- Please do not attend if you are not healthy or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- Please sanitize your hands as you enter the Y and as you exit.

FALL I SESSION: SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 – OCTOBER 24, 2021

FALL II SESSION: OCTOBER 25, 2021- DECEMBER 19, 2021

MONDAY CLASSES ARE PRORATED FOR MONDAY (LABOR DAY), SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

WONDERBUG DISCOVERIES (AGES 18 MONTHS- 3 YEARS WITH PARENT) (ACY)

This parent-child nature discovery program is highly sensory-based involving themed storybooks, songs, hands-on time, and outdoor time with exploratory walks through the Purdy Nature Preserve. Each week will focus on a different theme or topic in nature. A portion of each class will be held outdoors, weather permitting, so dress accordingly!

YOUNG EXPLORERS (AGES 2 ½ -4) (ACY)

We will use our senses to discover and investigate the wonderful sounds, colors, shapes, smells and textures of the natural world. We will incorporate outdoor exploration time, storybooks, songs, games, and crafts. Each week will focus on a different topic in nature. A portion of each class will be held outdoors, weather permitting, so dress accordingly!

ANIMALS IN THE FALL- SEP 7-OCT 24 (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY)

Discover how animals get ready for winter through hibernation, migration, and food collection. We will learn about black bears, ducks and geese, squirrels and more through stories, games, and simple crafts. Class will go outside when the weather allows, so please have children dressed for the weather. Class held on Mondays between Sep 7 and Oct 24.

CREEPY CRITTERS- OCT 25-DEC 19 (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY)

We will learn about nocturnal creatures such as raccoons, skunks, owls, bats, spiders and more through stories, games, and hand-on learning. Find out why it can be exciting instead of creepy to hear strange sounds outdoors at nighttime. Class will go outside when weather allows, so please have children dressed for the weather. Class held on Mondays between Oct 25 and Dec 19.

OUTRAGEOUS OUTDOORS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY)

This exciting class gives your child a chance to learn all about the beauty and wonder of the natural world through hands-on activities, games, stories and crafts related to the nature theme of the week, as well as time outdoors exploring nature. Have your child dressed for the weather as a portion of this class will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

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ARCHERY 101- SEP 7-OCT 24 (AGES 8-14) (ACY)

Learn the basics of archery in this class including the '11 steps to becoming a successful archer'. Class follows the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) guidelines. All equipment is provided. Class will be held outdoors and is only available during session 1.

LIVE ANIMAL CARE (AGES 6-12 YEARS) (ACY)

Drop your child off on the second Saturday of each month in the Nature Study Classroom to learn how we care for our classroom animals, including snakes, lizards, turtles, frogs, and fish. Help feed the animals, clean their tanks, and make sure they are living healthy lives.

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Wonderbug Discoveries- Sep 7- Oct 24	ACY	18 months-3 years	T	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$29	\$50
Wonderbug Discoveries- Oct 25- Dec 19	ACY	18 months-3 years	T	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$29	\$50
Young Explorers- Oct 25- Dec 19	ACY	2 ½ -4 years	TH	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	\$44	\$65
Animals in the Fall- Sep 7- Oct 24	ACY	3-5 years	M	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$38	\$56
Creepy Critters- Oct 25- Dec 19	ACY	3-5 years	M	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$44	\$65
Outrageous Outdoors- Sep 7- Oct 24	ACY	3-5 years	W	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$44	\$65
Outrageous Outdoors- Oct 25- Dec 19	ACY	3-5 years	W	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$44	\$65
Archery 101- Sep 7-Oct 24	ACY	8-14 years	M	4:30 PM	5:15 PM	\$25	\$38
Live Animal Care- Oct 9	ACY	6-12 years	S	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	\$8	\$11
Live Animal Care- Nov 13	ACY	6-12 years	S	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	\$8	\$11
Live Animal Care- Dec 11	ACY	6-12 years	S	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	\$8	\$11

ADULT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

(Children under 14 may attend only with an adult)

NIGHT HIKE (ALL AGES) (ACY)

Come out to the Purdy Preserve and experience the sights and sounds of fall in the dark. Hikes begin at the Apple Creek YMCA with a short program in the Nature Study Classroom. Pre-registration is required- sign up all members of the family who will be attending. Please bring a flashlight.

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Night Hike – October 14	ACY	All Ages	TH	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	FREE	\$5

SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

The Apple Creek YMCA and Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve are now accepting field trip registrations for the 2021-22 school year for grades K-12. Local schools may book trips on several different topics related to plants, animals, forestry, pond study, life cycles and much more. Programs will be tailored to each school's curriculum needs and will be led by YMCA naturalists. Call 920.702.2305 or email the Environmental Education Director at svondracek@ymcafoxcities.org for a complete list of programming options.

LEADERS FOR GIRL, BOY AND CUB SCOUTS OR OTHER YOUTH GROUPS

Scouts of all ages may schedule time with the Naturalist to fulfill requirements for outdoor related try-its, achievements or badges they are working on. Cost for a 1-2-hour session is \$3/child with a minimum of

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10 youth attending. There is no fee for leaders and adult chaperones to attend. Programs can be held at your normal meeting location or at the Apple Creek YMCA.

BECOME A NATURE PRESERVE VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed for many outdoor related tasks such as mowing, tree trimming, trail maintenance and more. Call 920.702.2305 for more details on how you can help shape the Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve.

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