

SARETT NATURE CENTER'S 2017 Summer Classes for Kids

Welcome to Sarett's Summer Classes!
We have an exciting summer line-up of programs to explore our natural world. Please join us!

YOUNG EXPLORERS Ages 4-7

BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES

June 20, Tuesday, 10:00 to 11:30 am Learn about the wonderful world of butterflies, including a visit to the butterfly house.
Fee \$8, members \$6



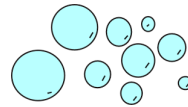
GOING BATTY!!

June 21, Wednesday, 10:00 to 11:30 am Learn about their habits, what they eat and how we can help protect them.
Fee \$8, members \$6



BUBBLES IN NATURE

June 27, Tuesday, 10:00 to 11:30 am Learn how animals use bubbles for survival and try some bubble experiments.
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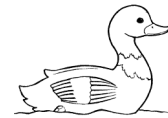


CALL OF THE WILD

July 5, Wednesday, 10:00 to 11:30 am Can you howl like a coyote or whistle like a woodchuck? Learn about sounds and communications of animals.
Fee \$8, members \$6

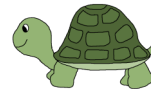
DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE

July 13, Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30 am Ducks and geese are some of our favorite birds. Find out about all their unique adaptations.
Fee \$8, members \$6



TREMENDOUS TAILS

July 19, Wednesday, 10:00 to 11:30 am Learn how tails help an animal to survive. Games, activities and a craft.
Fee \$8, members \$6



TURTLES!

July 28, Friday, 10:00 to 11:30 am Get to know the turtles of Sarett. Have turtle races and look for the giant snapper of Circle Pond.
Fee \$8, members \$6

NOCTURNAL ANIMALS

August 2, Wednesday, 10:00 to 11:30 am Many animals become active after dark. Let's learn about the nocturnal animals in our area.
Fee \$8, members \$6



SCAVENGER HUNT

August 11, Friday, 10:00 to 11:30 am Spend the morning using your observation skills. We will have several different types of scavenger hunts. Be ready to be outside.
Fee \$8, members \$6



CATERPILLAR CRAWL

August 15, Tuesday, 10:00 to 11:30 am Let's learn some survival tricks of caterpillars, what they eat and who they become. Walks, games and a craft.
Fee \$8, members \$6



AMAZING ANIMALS

August 17, Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30 am Today we will learn about many of the animals of Sarett. We will feed, touch and hold a few of the Sarett animals.
Fee \$8, members \$6



MUCKIN IN THE MARSH.

August 18, Friday, 10:00 to 11:30 am We will be walking off-trail to explore the marsh. You **must** want to get wet and dirty to participate. To participate and protect your legs and arms from cut grass and stinging nettle - you must wear old long pants, old tie shoes and long sleeved shirts. You will get wet and muddy.
Fee \$10, members \$7



KAYAKING FOR KIDS

10 & up

Kayakers should always dress as if they are going to get wet, especially the footwear. Wear old shoes or water shoes so you can learn to launch yourself. You are welcome to bring a set of dry clothes to change into after the class. Everyone must wear a PFD (life vest) the entire time we are on the water. Kayaking takes lots of energy so please bring a good lunch, snacks and lots of water to drink. A hat for sunshade, sunglasses, bug repellent, and sunscreen are also necessary. Let's go have fun exploring our area's waterways.

Beginning Kayaking

June 15, Thursday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm &
June 16, Friday, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Learn the basics of kayaking and study aquatic life at the same time. We'll explore North Lake and the Galien River.
Fee \$30, members \$25.

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June 28, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm &
June 29, Thursday, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Learn the basics of kayaking and study aquatic life at the same time. We'll explore North Lake and the Galien River.
Fee \$30, members \$25.



Kayak the Kalamazoo

July 12, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Kayak from the dam to M-89 on the Kalamazoo River. Must have Sarett kayak experience.
Fee \$25, members \$20.

Kayak the Paw Paw River

July 25, Tuesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Paddle the Paw Paw River from Watervliet to the Coloma area. Must have Sarett paddling experience.
Fee \$20, members \$15.

Kayak the Dowagiac

August 10, Thursday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Paddle from Dowagiac to M-62. New paddling adventure for summer classes. Must have Sarett paddling experience.
Fee \$25, members \$20.

NATURE EXPLORERS

MINIATURE GARDEN

Ages 8 & up

June 14, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
Using supplies from nature and your imagination, create your own miniature garden. Sarett will supply the container, soil, supplies and plants and students will supply the imagination.
Fee \$20, members \$18



BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES

Ages 8 & up

June 20, Tuesday, 12:30 to 2:30 pm
Learn about the beautiful butterflies of Sarett. Learn life cycle, defense mechanisms, body structure and butterfly ecology. Learn what you can do to help butterflies in your own backyard. A visit to the butterfly house is included.
Fee \$10, members \$7



GOING BATTY!

Ages 8 & up

June 21, Wednesday, 12:30 to 2:30 pm
Learn about the wonderful flying mammals of the night. Find out what they eat, how they live and what you can do to help these animals.
Fee \$10, members \$7

CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

Ages 8 & up

June 22, Thursday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Welcome to the gruesome world of insect-eating plants. Learn about the unique adaptations that pitcher plants, sundews and other carnivorous plants have.
Fee \$15, members \$12



POND STUDY

Ages 8 & up

June 23, Friday, 10:00 to Noon
Nothing is more fun than exploring the pond with dip nets and magnifiers. Wear old clothes—we sometimes get wet.
Fee \$10, members \$7



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June 27, Tuesday, 12:30 to 3:00 pm
Learn how animals use bubbles for survival and then try some bubble experiments.
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BEGINNING GEOCACHING

Ages 8 & up

June 30, Friday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Learn how to use a GPS receiver to find hidden containers. This class is for kids who have never geocached at Sarett.
Fee \$12, members \$8



WALKING ADVENTURE

Ages 8 & up

July 6, Thursday, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
Sarett has some new trails and the new Boerma Preserve to explore!! We will be out walking, exploring, and playing games in woods. Wear old clothes and old shoes
Fee \$10, members \$8

ANIMAL APPRECIATION

Ages 8 & up

July 7, Friday, 9:30 am to Noon
Learn about the feeding and care of Sarett's animals with this hands-on class.
Fee \$8, members \$5



GRAND MERE FUN DAY

Ages 8 & up

July 11, Tuesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Enjoy a dune/beach walk in the morning at Grand Mere State Park and then spend the afternoon in the big Voyageur Canoes and kayaks on North Lake. No paddle experience necessary. Bring a hearty lunch and lots of water to drink.
Fee \$15, members \$10



OWLS OF SARETT

Ages 8 & up

July 14, Friday, 9:30 am to Noon
Find out about the owls of our area. Meet Sarett's new barred owl, dissect owl pellets and learn about the amazing adaptations of these flying nocturnal hunters.
Fee \$10, members \$8

ZOO DAY!

Ages 8 & up

July 18, Tuesday, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
We will travel to John Ball Zoo in Grand Rapids to visit the animal exhibits. Bring a sack lunch, good walking shoes and a little money for a souvenir or a cold drink.
Fee \$25, members \$20

DOWN ON THE FARM

Ages 8 & up

July 20, Thursday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Spend part of the day at Sarett learning about pollinators, build a home for our native pollinating bees and visit naturalist Brett's fruit farm. We will see how a real working farm operates, taste some of the fruits and have a wagon ride. A very special day.
Fee \$12, members \$10



WORK AND PLAY DAY

Ages 7 to 12

July 21, Friday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Help Sarett with trail work, animal care and other jobs. There will also be games, fun and snacks.
Fee \$12, members \$8



NATURE CRAFTS

Ages 8 & up

July 26, Wednesday, 9:30 am—Noon.
Nature will provide us with inspiration and some materials to create a variety of craft projects.
Fee \$8, members \$6

EVENING AT THE DUNES

Ages 8 & up

July 27, Thursday, 6:00 to 9:00 pm
Visit our local dune system. Learn how they were formed, the animals that live there and see how fast you can run up a dune.
Fee \$12, members \$10

ROCKS

Ages 8 & up

August 1, Tuesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Learn about the 3 rock types and how to identify commonly found samples. We will also head to the beaches to begin (or add to) your rock collection.
Fee \$12, members \$10

SARETT OVERNIGHT

Ages 8 & up

August 3 & 4, Thursday 7:00 pm until Friday 9:00 am
Enjoy walks, call owls, watch stars and sleep the night in the nature center building. Evening snack & breakfast included. Class size limited.
Fee \$28, members \$22

PUZZLE IT OUT

Ages 8 & up

August 8, Tuesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Teams will work together to solve different puzzles that will lead them to a prize.
Fee \$15, members \$10



ADVANCED GEOCACHING

Ages 8 & up

August 9, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
We will spend the day looking for geocaches at Fernwood Botanical Gardens.
Fee \$18, members \$16 (includes Fernwood admission)



REGISTRATION

*** PRE-REGISTRATION and PRE-PAYMENT FOR CLASSES ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE SEND PAYMENT AND A LIST OF CLASS SELECTIONS TO:



SARETT NATURE CENTER
2300 BENTON CENTER ROAD
BENTON HARBOR MI 49022

Please call Sarett at 269-927-4832 for more information on any of our classes. It is important for the enjoyment of all students that your child be the appropriate age for the class. Please dress appropriately for classes, wear a cap, good walking shoes & bring a drink and lunch if class is over the noon hour. Flip-flops are not a good shoe for walking on nature trails. Please be aware Sarett naturalists want your child to have a great time so choose the classes that your child will enjoy.

*** MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR SARETT NATURE CENTER. \$50/family, \$40/individual. To become a member please mail your name, address and check payable to Sarett Nature Center. Thank You.



BEACH DAY

Ages 8 & up

August 16, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
Join us for a beach explore along Lake Michigan shoreline. We will get wet to our knees, play some games and discover the beach rocks. Bring water and lunch.
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END OF SUMMER

Ages 8 & up

August 23, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Bring a lunch and get ready for a new Sarett experience. Sarett naturalists will have nature stations located all over the property. You'll get to The different station by wagon ride! Each station will have a different activity, then you get back on the wagon and head to the next station. A day of fun and learning.
Fee \$15, members \$12

