# KAYAKING FOR KIDS

#### Beginning Kayaking

June 14, Tuesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm & June 15, Wednesday, 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 St. Joseph River. Fee \$30, members \$25.

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#### Kayak the Kalamazoo

July 1, Friday, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm Kayak from the dam to the pipeline access. Must have Sarett kayak experience. Fee \$25, members \$20.

#### Kayak the Dowagiac

July 12, Tuesday, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm Paddle from M-62 to Dodd Park. Must have Sarett paddling experience. Fee \$25, members \$20.

#### Kayak the Paw Paw River

July 27, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm Paddle the Paw Paw from the Hartford area to the Watervliet area. Must have Sarett paddling experience. Fee \$20, member \$15.

#### One Day Kayak Lesson

August 9. Tuesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm Try your hand at kayaking at North Lake Park to learn the basics. Fee \$15. members \$12.

#### Kayak the Paw Paw River

August 17, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm Join us for an adventure from Sarett's River Tower to the Brown Sanctuary. This could be a challenging adventure. Must have Sarett paddling experience. Fee \$20, member \$15.



## 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.







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 to 7

#### JUMPING FROGS

June 16, Thursday, 9:30 –11:00 am or 12:30–2:00 pm Learn about our friends, the frogs, with games, activities, & a walk to frog habitat. Fee \$10, members \$7

#### SNAKES ARE GREAT!

June 22, Wednesday, 9:30—11:00 am or 12:30-2:00 pm Learn about their habits, how they move, what they eat and how we can help protect them.

Fee \$10, members \$7

#### TRICKY TRACKS

June 28, Tuesday, 9:30—11:00 am or 12:30-2:00 pm Learn about the tracks of animals with games, activities and a craft. Fee \$10, members \$7

#### LEAPING LIZARDS

July 5, Tuesday, 9:30—11:00 am or 12:30-2:00 pm Learn about lizards and their adaptations. We'll study skinks, geckos, and chameleons. Fee \$10, members \$7

HOO, HOO, WHO STAYS AWAKE ALL NIGHT?
July 14, Thursday, 9:30-11:00 am or 12:30-2:00 pm
Learn about the owls of Sarett. Fee \$10, members \$7

#### AMAZING ANTLERS

July 19, Tuesday, 9:30—11:00 am or 12:30-2:00 pm Learn about antlers and the animals that have them with crafts, games & activities.

Fee \$10, members \$7

#### SPIDERS

July 27, Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 am or 12:30-2:00 pm Learn about the interesting lives of spiders. Crafts, games and a walk. Fee \$10, members \$7

#### SIX LEGS + FOUR WINGS = INSECTS

August 3, Wednesday, 9:30—11:00 am or 12:30-2:00 pm
Discover the wonderful world of insects. Use a
sweep net to find your own.
Fee \$10, members \$7

### FLIPPERED FRIENDS

August 5, Friday, 9:30 -11:00 am or 12:30-2:00 pm Learn about our ocean friends: the seals, sea lions, sea otters and walruses. Play games and enjoy activities. Fee \$10, members \$7

#### WILD WOODPECKERS

August 11, Thursday, 9:30 -11:00 am or 12:30-2:00 pm Search for woodpecker signs, make a woodpecker feeder to take home and learn about the woodpeckers of Sarett. Fee \$10, members \$7



#### MILKWEED AND MONARCHS

August 17, Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 am or 12:30-2:00 pm Learn about the monarch butterfly & visit the milkweed field to look for eggs, caterpillars and butterflies.

Fee \$10, members \$7

#### MICHIGAN'S MARSUPIAL

August 19, Friday, 9:30-11:00 am or 12:30-2:00 pm Study Michigan's only pouched mammal with games and fun activities. Fee \$10, members \$7

#### THE LAST HURRAH (for summer)!

Age 4 & up

August 24, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm We'll have a fun day of nature activities. Bring a lunch and join the fun!

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Stay for everyone's favorite,

MUCKIN IN THE MARSH. Walk off-trail through the marsh. To protect your legs, you must wear old long pants, old tie shoes and you will get wet and muddy. We will have a gentler walk and water activities for the youngest participants.

9:30 am—1:00 pm Fee \$12, members \$7 9:30 am—2:30 pm Fee \$15, members \$10



#### NATURE EXPLORERS

#### MICRO JOURNALING

Ages 8 & up

June 17, Friday, 10:00 am to Noon Learn to draw nature objects observed with magnifiers and microscopes. Bring a sketch book.

Fee \$10, members \$8

#### JUNIOR RESTORATION RANGERS

Ages 8 & up

June 21, Tuesday, 9:30 am to Noon

Come help us help the habitat of Sarett. We'll spend some time learning about and removing invasive species. Prizes to the winning team. Thanks for helping.

Fee \$8, members \$5

#### BEGINNING GEOCACHING

Ages 10 & up

June 29, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm Join us in this high tech treasure hunting game using GPS devices to locate hidden containers outside.

Fee \$12, members \$8

#### WORK AND PLAY DAY

Ages 7 & up

June 30, Thursday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Help Sarett with trail work, animal care and other jobs. There will be games, fun and snacks as well.

Fee \$12, members \$8

#### POND STUDY

Ages 8 & up

July 6, Wednesday, 9:30 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

### WILD ABOUT WEATHER

Ages 8 & up

July 7, Thursday, 9:30 am to Noon

Learn about the weather around us and how it shapes the world we live in. Try some weather experiments.

Fee \$12, members \$8

#### FOSSIL FINDING

Ages 8 & up

July 7, Thursday, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Try finding fossils along the Grand Mere beach.

Fee \$10, members \$7

#### ENDANGERED ANIMALS

Ages 8 & up

July 8, Friday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Did you know Sarett has endangered and threatened animals? Learn about these seldom seen animals with activities and hikes.

Fee \$12, members \$10

#### BEACH DAY.

Ages 8 & up

July 13, 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. Fee \$12, members \$8

#### DAY OF DRAWING

Ages 8 & up

July 15, Friday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm Work on perfecting your observation skills and drawing of the world around us. Bring a sketch book. Fee \$10, members \$8

#### NATURE CRAFTS

Ages 8 & up

July 19 & 20, Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 am to Noon Use your imagination to make nature creations to take home. Fee \$12, members \$10

#### EVENING AT THE DUNES.

Ages 8 & up

July 20, Wednesday, 6:30 to 9:00 pm Visit our local dune system. Learn how dunes were formed, the animals that live there and how fast you can run up a dune.

Fee \$12, members \$10

#### DON'T BUG ME

Ages 8 & up

July 21, Thursday, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Put 6 legs, 3 body parts, 2 pairs of wing together and what do you have? An insect. Learn just how many bugs there are out there. Use sweep nets to catch, study and release. Fee \$12, members \$8

#### GET THE SCOOP ON SKULLS

Ages 8 & up

July 22, Friday, 9:30 am to Noon

Learn to "read" a skull. Figure out what the animal eats, how it lives and its adaptations.

Fee \$8, members \$6

#### SCAVENGER HUNT EXTRAVAGANZA

Ages 8 & up

July 26, Tuesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Test your observation skills, solve the puzzles, and follow the clues to the end of the trail to claim your prize. Fee \$15, members \$10

#### **BROWN SANCTUARY EXPLORE**

Ages 8 & up

July 28, Thursday, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm From wetlands to upland forests, the Brown Sanctuary has a little of everything. Wear old clothes for off-trail explore. Fee \$12, members \$8

#### **OUTDOOR SKILLS**

Ages 8 & up

July 29, Friday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm Learn about fire, compasses, lashing, knots and other useful skills for spending time in the great out-of-doors. Fee \$15, members \$12

#### **VAL THE VULTURE**

Ages 8 & up

August 2, Tuesday, 9:30 am to Noon or 12:30 to 3:00 pm Meet Val the turkey vulture, learn her crazy adaptations and vulture ecology. We'll study other raptors to compare and contrast.

Fee \$10, members \$8

#### MIGHTY MONARCH

Ages 8 & up

August 10, Wednesday, 9:30 to 11:30 am Learn about the monarch butterfly. Find out what you can do to help monarchs. Visit the milkweed field to look for eggs, caterpillars and butterflies.

Fee \$10, members \$7

#### SARETT OVERNIGHT

Ages 8 & up

August 11 & 12, 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

### CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

Ages 8 & up

August 16, Tuesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Welcome to the gruesome world of insect-eating plants.

Learn which one grows in

our area with area expert Ron Dudek.

Fee \$15, members \$12

#### ANIMAL APPRECIATION

Ages 8 & up

August 18, Thursday, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Learn about the feeding and care of Sarett's animals with this hands-on class.

Fee \$8, members \$5

### SOUNDS OF SUMMER

Ages 8 & up

August 23, Tuesday, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm Katydids, cicadas, and crickets are some of the late summer sounds we'll learn about today.

Fee \$10, members \$7

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### **WOOD SHOP WONDERS**

For kids 10 4 up

Wooden Pens. June 16, Thursday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. A beginning woodworking class working on the lathe making two wooden pens to take home. \$40/student, \$35/member

Rubber Band Cars. July 20, Wednesday, 10:00 am to Noon. Make a dragster that travels up to 25 feet on rubber band power.

Use the band saw and drill press. \$22/student, \$20/member

Musical Kazoo. August 17, Wednesday, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Cut, drill, and assemble a working kazoo.

\$18/student, \$15/member





