

SARETT NATURE CENTER'S 2018

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

BIRDS OF PREY

June 20, Wednesday, 10:00 to 11:30 am

Learn about the birds called raptors. Get an up close look at Sarett's birds of prey including our Great Horned Owls, Barred Owl & Turkey Vulture. Fee \$8, members \$6



OOEY, GOOEY, STICKY & SLIMY

July 17, Thursday, 10:00-11:30 am

From frogs to salamanders to snails, follow the slime trail to learn about some of nature's messiest residents. Fee \$8, members \$6



UNTOUCHABLES

June 26, Tuesday, 10:00 to 11:30 am

Discover a world that will bring you face to face with pokey plants and shaggy animals. Learn their importance in nature and why they aren't so untouchable after all. Fee \$8, members \$6

OH DEER!

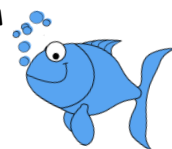
July 5, Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30 am

Today learn about the White-tailed deer, including its habitat, what it eats, and how it lives. Fee \$8, members \$6

FUNNY FISH

July 10, Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 am

Students will learn about fish from head to tail. Live fish, games, and crafts are planned. Fee \$8, members \$6



DIGGING FOR DINOSAURS

July 13, Friday, 10:00 to 11:30 am

Dinosaurs are long gone but they are still exciting to learn about. We'll play games and have activities that will help us understand these long ago reptiles. Fee \$8, members \$6



BIG BUGS

July 25, Wednesday, 10:00 to 11:30 am

Discover the wonderful world of big bugs like the Giant Preying Mantid, Giant Water Bug, and Cecropia Moth. Use a sweep net to find your own. Fee \$8, members \$6

DRAGONS OF THE MARSH

August 7, Tuesday, 10:00 to 11:30 am

They can whiz past you in the blink of an eye. In this program learn all you want to know about DRAGONFLIES! Fee \$8, members \$6



SNEAKY SNAKES

August 15, Wednesday, 10:00 to 11:30 am

Snakes are great! Learn about their habits, where they live, and what niche they fill in our ecosystems. We will watch snakes eat, hold snakes (if you want) and walk looking for snakes. Fee \$8, members \$6

MUCKIN IN THE MARSH.

August 17, 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

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REGISTRATION

***** PRE-REGISTRATION and PRE-PAYMENT FOR CLASSES ARE REQUIRED.**

Please visit or call us to sign up for programs at 269-927-4832. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

Please feel free to call us 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 be aware Sarett naturalists want your child to have a great time so choose the classes that your child will enjoy.

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.

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

Thank You!

NATURE EXPLORERS Ages 8 & UP (unless otherwise noted)

MINIATURE GARDEN

June 19, Tuesday, 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



WORK AND PLAY DAY

June 29, Friday, 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.



PROWLING PREDATORS

July 3, Tuesday, 9:30 am to noon.
Sneak, hide, pounce! Activities and games will be based on how predators hunt and survive in their natural habitats. Fee \$10, members \$7.

BEGINNING GEOCACHING Ages 10 & up ONLY

July 6, 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



EVENING AT THE DUNES.

July 10, Tuesday, 6:00 to 9:30 pm.
Visit our local dune system. Learn how they were formed, the animals that live there and how fast you can run up a dune. Fee \$12, members \$10.

RIVER CRITTERS

July 11, Wednesday, 9:30-noon.
Visit the Paw Paw River and learn the river critters who make their home at Sarett Nature Center. Wear old clothes, and long pants for off trail exploration. Fee \$10, members \$7



NATURE CRAFTS

July 13, Friday, 9:30 am to Noon
Nature will provide us with inspiration and some materials to create a variety of craft projects. Fee \$10, members \$7

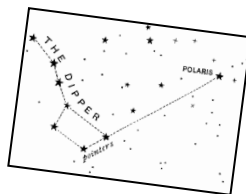
ZOO DAY!

July 18, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.
Travel with us to Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek. See lions, red pandas, giraffes and more. Bring a sack lunch, good walking shoes and a little money for a souvenir or a cold drink. Fee \$25, members \$20. Bring \$2.00 for lettuce snack to feed giraffes if you want.



STARRY STARRY NIGHT

July 19, Thursday, 9:30-Noon
Learn about the summer night sky. Discover the different constellations and planets out at this time. Fun crafts and games are planned. Fee \$10, members \$7



DOWN UNDER

July 20, Friday, 9:30 am to Noon. Plan to get down and dirty this morning finding out all about the soil and the organisms that live there. Wear old clothes. Fee \$10, members \$7

GRAND MERE FUN DAY

July 26, Thursday, 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

WILD ABOUT WETLANDS

July 27, Friday, 9:30 am to noon
Wetlands make up a large portion of Sarett's land. In today's class learn about the different types of wetland habitats. Activities include a pond study to look at some animals that live in these wet places. Wear old clothes and long pants. Fee \$10, members \$7

ON FIRE!!!

August 2, Thursday, 9:30-2:00
In this thrilling program, learn about the importance of fire in nature. Activities will include how to determine signs of fire, learn different methods of creating fire, fire safety, how to build a safe fire and the best types of wood to use when making a fire. Students will also have the chance to experience a small prairie burn. Fee \$12, members \$8



BEACH DAY

August 3, Friday, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
Join us for a beach explore along the 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

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

Ages 10 & up ONLY
August 8, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Spend this day doing different types of science experiments covering different topics in life science, chemistry and physics. Fee \$20, members \$18



SARETT OVERNIGHT

August 9 & 10, 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

SCAVENGER SCRAMBLE

August 14, Tuesday, 9:30 am—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 \$12, members \$10

DOWN ON THE FARM

August 16, 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 on this very special day! Fee \$12, members \$10

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END OF SUMMER

August 22, Friday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Bring a lunch and get ready for a different Sarett experience. Sarett naturalists will have nature stations located all over the property. You'll get to the different stations by wagon ride! Each station will have a different activity, then you get back on the wagon and head to the next station for a day of fun and learning. Fee \$15, members \$12



Meet our Animal Ambassadors
Thursdays, 3:00 pm
For ALL ages
Fee: \$5/adult, kids & members FREE

Beginning on Thursday, June 21, meet with a naturalist every Thursday to learn about the types of animals at Sarett. Each Thursday will feature a different group of animals.

KAYAKING FOR KIDS 10 & up

Let's go have fun exploring our area's waterways! 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 the provided PFD (life vest) the entire time we are on the water. Kayaking takes a lot of energy so please bring a good lunch, snacks and a lot of water to drink. A hat for sunshade, sunglasses, bug repellent, and sunscreen are also necessary.

Beginning Kayaking

June 21, Thursday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm &
June 22, 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.

Beginning Kayaking

June 27, Wednesday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm &
June 28, 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, Thursday, 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 24, 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 1, Wednesday, 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.

