

NATURE EXPLORERS

Fall 2019

- September 11
\$5 BUTTERFLIES: Sarett's butterfly house will provide numerous specimens to observe after learning about the anatomy and life cycle of the butterfly. (Any family members 2 years old and older visiting the butterfly house, \$2 each)
- September 25
\$4 FABULOUS, FUNKY FUNGI: They're not plants and they're not animals. We'll study the unique adaptations of the fungus kingdom species and their importance in the natural world.
- October 9
\$4 LOOKIN' FOR LICHENS: They look like paint splotches on trees and rocks but are actually fascinating plants that are an important part of the natural world. We'll learn about their anatomy and then go a hunt to examine them up close.
- October 23
\$4 WHICH WAY SHOULD I GO? Learn how to decipher a topographic map and visualize the landforms it represents. Practice interpreting and following a trail map.
- November 6
\$4 WEB OF WONDER: We will study how the interconnectedness of animal diets forms a "food web" in nature. Food chains and predator-prey relationships will be part of our discussion.
- November 20
\$4 NATURE PREPARES FOR WINTER: Animals prepare for this harsh season by staying put, sleeping or getting away. We'll study the survival strategies of hibernation and migration and the behaviors of animals that stay active.
- December 4
\$5 CLOUD WATCHING: Cirrus, stratus, cumulus and other clouds will be easy to identify after we construct our cloud watching charts and use them outside.
- December 18
\$5 BUBBLEOLOGY: The physics of sphere shapes will be explored through experiments with soap bubbles. We will also learn about animals' ingenious use of bubbles.