

Nature Programming

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Springbrook Nature Center

Location:

130 Forest Ave.
Itasca, IL 60143
630/773-5572

Building Hours:

Now through Labor Day
M-F 2-7pm
Sat/Sun 12:30-5pm
Closed on Labor Day
Sep/Oct
Tue/Thu: 4-7pm
Sat/Sun: 11am-5pm



Nature Center Rentals

NEW!

We now have rentals available at the Nature Center! Rent the classroom, the Picnic Shelter or campfire ring for a fun and unique event. Please fill out a Room Rental Request Application and turn it in to the Registration Desk. We will work with you to schedule a date. (CC)

For more information please call Chris at 630-773-2257.

For more information about...

Nature Programming and Preschool

Please contact:

Chris Carling (CC)

Nature & Recreation Supervisor

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■ Resident rates for Nature programming

apply to residents of the Itasca Park District and Village of Itasca.

After School Art Club

Join this unique, fun and exciting art enrichment class at the Nature Center. Each Art Club session will give students the opportunity to explore various art mediums while enhancing their creativity and skills. The projects in each session will correspond with the current season. Get ready to draw, paint, cut, glue, get messy, and have tons of fun! (CC)

*No class Nov 24

GRADES: 1st-5th grade

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6431-1	Thu	Sep 8-29	4-5pm	\$28/\$32
6431-2	Thu	Oct 6-27	4-5pm	\$28/\$32
6431-3	Thu	Nov 3-17*	4-5pm	\$21/\$24
INSTRUCTOR:	Eric Whitney		MIN/MAX:	6/12
LOCATION:	Nature Center			

Bug Catchers

Come celebrate the fall with us as we make our very own bug jars. Head out into the prairie with nets to catch critters to put into our new jars! (CC)

GRADES: 1st-4th

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6364-0	Mon	Sep 12	4-5pm	\$8/\$10
LOCATION:	Nature Center		MIN/MAX:	6/15

NEW!

KinderArt Workshop

Join us in this unique, fun and exciting art enrichment class. Your kindergartners will have the opportunity to work with Mr. Whitney as they explore various art mediums while enhancing their creativity and skills. Get ready to draw, paint, cut, glue, get messy, and have tons of fun! (CC)

GRADE: Kindergarten

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6351-0	Mon	Sep 12	4-5pm	\$8/\$10
INSTRUCTOR:	Eric Whitney		MIN/MAX:	8/15
LOCATION:	Nature Center			

NEW!

Tree Homes

Have you ever heard of a drey or a maybe a gall? These are just some tremendous examples of homes you can find in trees! Come out and discover tree living secrets through a story, song, craft, and tree-rific activities! (CC)

AGE: 4-8yrs

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6362-0	Tue	Sep 13	4-5pm	\$6/\$8
LOCATION:	Nature Center		MIN/MAX:	8/15

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Campfire Fun

We all know and love the Springbrook grounds by day. At night there are different sounds to hear and different sights to see. Join us on a night hike, the way our ancestors did, without flashlights! Open your eyes, use your ears and nose and train yourself how to discover what is out in the dark. End the evening as we enjoy the flickering flames of a campfire while roasting marshmallows. Tie on your hiking shoes and come see the other kind of night life! (CC)

AGE: 4yrs-adult (those under 8 must sign up with paying adult)

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6442-0	Fri	Sep 16	6:30-8pm	\$9/\$12
LOCATION:	Nature Center		MIN/MAX: 6/15	

NEW!

Apple Art

What has a Little Red House with No Doors and No windows and a Star Inside? Come solve the riddle with us. Use real apples to make some cool art projects and make your own taffy apple to enjoy. Join us for a bushel of fun! (CC)

GRADES: 1st-5th

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6368-0	Tue	Sep 20	4:30-6pm	\$9/\$12
INSTRUCTOR:	Ms. Dee Dee		MIN/MAX: 6/15	
LOCATION:	Nature Center			

Nature Madness Pajama Party

Attention all Nature Lovers! Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite blanket and stuffed animal. Together we will watch nature-themed movies, munch on snacks, and enjoy related crafts, activities, and games. You might even get to see a live critter! (CC)

AGES: 5-10yrs

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	THEME	FEE
6420-1	Fri	Sep 23	6-8pm	Robin Hood	\$12/\$15
6420-2	Fri	Oct 21	6-8pm	Ghost & Goblins	\$12/\$15
6420-3	Fri	Nov 18	6-8pm	Penguins	\$12/\$15
6420-4	Fri	Dec 16	6-8pm	Winter Wonderland	\$12/\$15
LOCATION:	Nature Center		MIN/MAX: 10/25		



NEW!

For Goodness Snakes!

Snakes have some pretty amazing ways of catching and eating their prey, no legs necessary! Stop by to learn more about these really cool reptiles. We'll read a story, make a craft, and enjoy a snack. Join us for some slithering good fun. (CC)

AGE: 3-7yrs

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6936-0	Mon	Sep 26	6-7pm	\$6/\$8
LOCATION:	Nature Center		MIN/MAX: 8/12	

Springbrook Birthday Party Packages

We offer a fun, educational alternative to the usual birthday party. Our parties include a naturalist-led program and a party room at the Nature Center. Call Chris at (630)773-2257 for more information. (CC)

Choose from one of the following:

NEW!

Treasure Hunting for Geodes \$215

Want to have the coolest birthday party on the block? Then you are at the right place. Join us as we search for a geode, an ordinary-looking rock which, when split apart, reveal a gem-like treasure of sparkling quartz hidden inside. Experience the mystery of holding a million-year-old fossil in the palm of your hand as you learn how they are formed. Each child will make their own fossil and will receive their own unique geode.

NEW!

Butterfly Tea Party \$175

Learn about the butterfly life cycle as you morph from a caterpillar, to a cocoon and finally into a beautiful butterfly with wings. Join us on a "Tea Party" as you discover the wonderful smells of nature.

NEW!

Creek Walk \$175

Splash around as you have the unique opportunity to use nets and buckets to explore the life in the creek. Catch fish, crayfish, tadpoles and more? End the creek walk with a fun craft.

NEW!

Look What I Made! Nature Crafts \$175

Join the party as we make cool crafts from nature to take home. We'll take a hike outside to gather some craft materials.

Astounding Animals \$175

Springbrook has its very own team of superheroes; animals with amazing abilities that any X-Man would envy. Be ready to have a super time as we play games, meet live animals, and make a craft to take home.

Bug Safari \$175

We will journey forth into the wilds of the prairie in search of creatures with 6, 8, 10, 100 legs or more! Go where no one has gone before...under leaves and over logs, exploring for these elusive creatures.

Nature Detectives Scavenger Hunt \$175

Become a super sleuth as you hunt for clues to solve a puzzling mystery. As we gather clues, look out for an unexpected guest or two. Make a take-home craft, get some fresh air, and work together to solve a mystery.

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NEW!

Toddler Time

Get your toddler up and out of the house early for a morning of fun while we sing, dance, learn, and play. Each class will include a story and some time for free play. Dancing and laughing will also be welcome! With the weather permitting, we will be going outside to explore nature. Please bring a snack for your child. Parent participation is required. (CC)

AGE: 1-2yrs with parent

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6309-1	Sat	Oct 1-29	9:15-10am	\$30/\$35
6309-2	Sat	Oct 1-29	10:05-10:50am	\$30/\$35
INSTRUCTOR:	Ms. Gina		MIN/MAX: 8/12	
LOCATION:	Nature Center			

Color my World

Fall is a colorful time of year, full of wonders to discover. Why do leaves turn color in autumn? Did you know that colors, like yellow and orange are in leaves all summer long but the powerful green chlorophyll overwhelms them? Join us for a nature hike to look for all the colors and changes of fall. Collect leaves to create some fun art projects. (CC)

AGE: 4-8yrs

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6369-0	Mon	Oct 3	6-7pm	\$6/\$8
LOCATION:	Nature Center		MIN/MAX: 8/12	

Spooky Critters

Bats, owls, spiders, oh my! Come and find out all about these spooky critters found at the Nature Center! Kids will participate in fun games, a short hike, and crafts. (CC)

AGE: 3-7yrs

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6365-0	Thu	Oct 20	6-7pm	\$6/\$8
LOCATION:	Nature Center		MIN/MAX: 8/12	

NEW!

Wild Drama!

What's a better way to connect with nature than through acting? We'll learn how to act on nature's stage by performing a puppet show, telling stories, and role-playing. You can even create a mask of your own. The entire world's a stage and the animals and plants are the actors! (CC)

AGE: 4-8yrs

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6371-0	Tue	Oct 11	4-5pm	\$6/\$8
INSTRUCTOR:	Miss Katie		MIN/MAX: 8/15	
LOCATION:	Nature Center			

S'mores!

Goey, warm and chocolaty, no fall season would be complete without an evening around the campfire with s'mores. The name comes from what every camper says the first time they have s'mores: "can I have some more of those?" Come join us around the campfire, sing songs, and tell stories while eating s'mores. Don't wait to go camping to fix this delicious dessert! Come ready for fun. (CC)

AGE: All ages (age 8 and under must be accompanied by paying adult)

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6497-0	Fri	Oct 14	6-7pm	\$6/\$8
LOCATION:	Nature Center		MIN/MAX: 10/20	

NEW!

Pumpkin Party

Is it a vegetable or fruit? Come party with the pumpkins by feeling, smelling, weighing, decorating, and even bowling with these Halloween favorites! You'll be sure to enjoy some pumpkin fun! (CC)

AGE: 4-8yrs

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6353-0	Tue	Oct 18	4-5pm	\$8/\$10
INSTRUCTOR:	Miss. Katie		MIN/MAX: 8/15	
LOCATION:	Nature Center			

Fossil Fun

Interested in learning about fossils and where they are found? Find out what the Illinois State Fossil is. Studying fossils allows us to connect with the past and discover the history of our planet. There is something mysterious and powerful about holding a 400-million-year-old creature in the palm of your hand. Join us and learn what a Paleontologist does. (CC)

AGE: 5-10yrs

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6444-0	Sat	Nov 12	2-3pm	\$8/\$10
LOCATION:	Nature Center		MIN/MAX: 8/15	



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NEW!

Dream Catchers

Discover the history behind one of the most fascinating traditions of Native Americans and learn to make your own Dream Catcher. Find out how they trap bad dreams and let the good dreams filter down to the sleeper. Hang your own Dream Catcher over your bed and enjoy peaceful sleep! (CC)

AGES: 5-10yrs

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6379-0	Tue	Nov 15	4:30-5:30pm	\$8/\$10

INSTRUCTOR: Ms. Dee Dee

LOCATION: Nature Center **MIN/MAX:** 8/12

NEW!

Pinecone Wreath

Celebrate the holiday season by creating your own rustic pinecone wreath. This attractive decoration is a great craft for those people who want an all-natural look to their fall and winter decorations. All supplies will be provided including bows and natural decorations. (CC)

AGE: Families (8 yrs and under must have adult help)

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6344-0	Mon	Dec 12	4:30-6pm	\$10/\$13

LOCATION: Nature Center **MIN/MAX:** 8/12

Holiday Crafts

With the clock ticking down to the holiday season, it's time to get crafty. Join us as we create some beautiful holiday crafts. Delight your family and friends with these homemade gifts and decorations. (CC)

AGE: 4-8yrs

CODE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
6343-0	Mon	Dec 5	4:30-5:30pm	\$6/\$8

LOCATION: Nature Center **MIN/MAX:** 8/12



Join us as we visit Santa's Workshop! The Springbrook Nature Center will be beautifully decorated! We will have cookies and hot chocolate, and do some crafts. There will be a festive display for kids to take pictures with Santa so don't forget your camera! (AB)

DAY	DATE	TIME
Fri	Dec 9	5:30-8pm
Sat	Dec 10	11am-1:30pm

FEE: Free

LOCATION: Springbrook Nature Center



Girl & Cub Scout Programs

We offer fun, educational Boy & Girl Scout classes throughout the year at Springbrook for troops that are already formed. Programs are interactive and designed to teach an awareness and appreciation for the environment while fulfilling requirements for the achievements, electives, and badges listed on our website at www.itasca.com/nature. Call Chris at (630)773-2257 for more information. (CC)

Choose from one of the following:

Cub Scouts

- Let's Go Outdoors (Tiger Cub)
- Learn About Animals (Tiger Cub)
- Feed the Birds (Tiger Cub)
- Fun Outdoors (Tiger Cub)
- Your Living World (Wolf Cub)
- American Indian Lore (Wolf Cub)
- Birds (Wolf Cub)
- Outdoor Adventure (Wolf Cub)
- Sharing Your World with Wildlife (Bear Cub)
- Nature Crafts (Bear Cub)
- Water and Soil Conservation (Bear Cub)
- American Indian Life (Bear Cub)
- Forester Badge (Webelos)
- Geologist Badge (Webelos)
- Naturalist Badge (Webelos)
- Scientist Badge (Webelos)

Girl Scouts

Brownies

- Animal Antics
- Sky Above, Ground Below
- Exploring Ecology
- The Five Senses
- Wildlife Wonders

Juniors

- Everything is Connected
- Learning Rocks
- Wildlife Everywhere
- Natural Surroundings
- Discovering Science

Donation Request

- Gently used backpacks
- Animal Magazines
- Yarn
- Beads / buttons
- Old CD's (used for a craft)
- Toilet tubes (please make sure TP is peeled off)
- Egg cartons
- Felt / fabric (scraps are fine)
- Markers