



Waukesha County

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WAUKESHA COUNTY PARKS TO HOST NEW SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS TO DISCOVER PARKS AND ADVENTURE

(WAUKESHA, WI) – Waukesha County Parks and Land Use staff invites children to come out and experience the parks at summer programs in June, July and August. The new programs highlight nature, exploration, science, and recreational fun.

“Spending time outdoors in Waukesha County parks is what summer is all about,” said Department of Parks and Land Use Director Dale Shaver. “We are incredibly excited to introduce the next generation to nature and science through these unique programs.”

The Waukesha County Environmental Education Team will host the following programs:

Wild Wednesdays

Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to Retzer Nature Center and the Horwitz-DeRemer Planetarium to discover science! The fee is \$6 per child for the 2-1/2 hour program. Kids should bring their own lunch. Registration required by the Monday before the program at waukeshacounty.maxgalaxy.net.

- **Wednesday, June 12 & 26 – Summer Solstice and Seasons** (Two times: 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.)
Learn about the seasons at the pond and watch a planetarium show about the stars.
- **Wednesday, July 10 & 24 – Flight** (Two times: 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.)
Learn about feathered flyers, examine an owl pellet and watch a planetarium show.
- **Wednesday, August 7 & 21 – Sun** (Two times: 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.)
Discover solar energy, build a solar oven to toast s’mores and watch a planetarium show.

Discover Your Parks

Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to discover a new park each month with hands-on activities exploring the park from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. The fee is \$35 per child and will take place rain or shine. Kids should bring their own lunch. Registration required two weeks before the program at waukeshacounty.maxgalaxy.net.

- **Thursday, June 27 – Discover Fox Brook Park**
Make your own paper, go fishing, discover flying insects and animals, and take a swim.
- **Thursday, July 11 – Discover Menomonee Park**
Make your own paper, try archery, discover flying insects and animals, and take a swim.
- **Wednesday, August 7 – Discover Retzer Nature Center**
Learn about recycling, discover insects and animals, use a solar oven, and see a planetarium show.

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