



# Nature Discovery

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## Spring Break '11 Day Camps & Field Trips



### *Nature Discovery Spring Day Camp*

Mon & Tues, April 4 & 5, 9am-3pm.  
For K thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Students can sign-up for one or both days of nature and outdoor-oriented activities. Each day will encompass feeding, caring for, and handling our huge captive collection of Michigan snakes, turtles, frogs, salamanders and lizards, as well as a variety engaging outside explorations and activities dependent on the weather, including exploration of our vernal pond, just beginning to awaken with life.

Cost: \$45/day. \$40/day for two days or more than one sibling. Hot lunch and snack are provided. Ask us about after-care. Call or email to enroll.

### *Spring Day Field Trips*

Mon thru Wed, April 4 thru 6, 8:30am-3:30pm.  
For 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & older. Sign-up for any or all trips.

#### **Monday, April 4: MAPLE RIVER STATE GAME AREA**

The game area offers wild opportunities like viewing a Bald Eagle nest and locating nests of Red-tailed Hawks, too. Over 20 species of migratory waterfowl stop here in abundance. We'll view and identify them with our spotting scope. On the roadsides and dikes, we'll also encounter a huge array of birds and other wildlife (like swallows, bluebirds, meadowlarks, leopard frogs, garter snakes, turtles, muskrats, ospreys, cranes, and more). Students will be given checklists to tally birds encountered on the trip. \*Arrangements can be made to drop your student at home at the end of the day!\*



#### **Tuesday, April 5: LANSING AREA BIRDING**

The Lansing area offers great natural areas and unique birding opportunities, too. We'll start the day checking out yard and feeder birds at Nature Discovery, then visit Park Lake, Lake Lansing, Grand Woods Park, and, finally, Moore's Park, where an impressive pair of Peregrine Falcons nests high on the power plant wall over the river. Students will be given checklists to tally birds encountered on the trip. \*Arrangements can be made to drop your student at home at the end of the day!\*

**Wednesday, April 6: KENSINGTON METROPARK**

Kensington Metropark has a nature center, trails through fields and forests, and boardwalks around wetlands, all a short walk from the building. We'll check out an active and noisy great blue heron rookery and the many lakes loaded with a variety of migratory ducks and geese, in addition to frogs, turtles, snakes and sandhill cranes, and nesting swans. On the trails, we'll hand-feed chickadees, titmice and other birds. Students will be given checklists to keep track of birds encountered on the trip.



COST: \$50/day. \$45/day for more than one day or more than one student. Pack a bag lunch and binoculars if you have some. Call or email to enroll in advance.



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**Thursday, April 7: HOFFMASTER STATE PARK**

7:30am-5pm. Cost: \$75. Call or email to enroll.

Michigan's most visited state park, just south of Muskegon, offers Lake Michigan beaches, dunes to climb and forests to hike. There are birds to see on the waterfront here that we definitely won't see on inland trips. We'll sift through the sand for predatory antlions, which students can take home and rear. We'll also visit the beautiful, state-of-the-art visitor center. Prior to the park, we'll swing by Muskegon Wastewater Treatment Facility, possibly the number one birding location on the west side of Michigan. A combination

of vast holding ponds separated by driveable dikes are a magnet to thousands of migratory waterfowl. Miles of surrounding fields offer other special birds. Bring a bag lunch, pack binoculars, if you have some, and dress warmly. \*We can arrange to drop your student at home at the end of the day!\* \$75/student. Call or email to enroll in advance.