

Nature Discovery

Summer 2019 Day Camps

Does your child exhibit a strong interest in the natural world? Nature Discovery's summer camps offer high-quality Michigan wildlife education experiences in a rural setting specifically targeting such students. This year, we are limiting the enrollment each week to only six students, thus, providing an even friendlier, less inhibited atmosphere with a low student-to-teacher ratio. Parents are amazed at the breadth of natural knowledge that gushes from students who have taken these camps! Each week emphasizes a specific area of interest, and is labeled with the recommended age range. A student who is a year outside the age range for a specific week may be accepted based on the ages of the other children enrolled for that week and the parent's assessment of the child's abilities.



Our popular captive collection of Michigan reptiles and amphibians, the largest in the state, is kept in our small, bi-level nature center from which the camps are conducted. No matter which week your child attends, the collection is accessible every day. The camps are designed such that a student has an opportunity, over several summers of attendance, to gain a broad background in Michigan natural science. Parents are invited to participate on any camp day(s) at no charge.



FEES for the various weeks are listed at the bottom of each week's description. Some have additional travel fees. A non-refundable (NR) deposit is required to reserve a space on the roster. A roster space is not guaranteed until the deposit is received. The balance is due on the first day of the camp or trip. Do not send a check prior to a telephone or e-mail correspondence. Availability must first be confirmed.

Check the following pages for descriptions of each camp. Carol will also be teaching science classes for 2nd to 8th grade students at Lansing Community College East. See the LCC section for details.



Michigan Field Birding (10 yrs & older)

June 10-13; 8am to 2pm.

In this whirlwind 4-day adventure we will try to encounter as many birds as possible in a variety of locations and habitats. Each day we'll head in a different direction within an hour drive of Williamston to see up to 90 species, many of which you don't find just anywhere. Birders will keep their own personal checklists. Bring a good pair of binoculars. (Jim can recommend some. Compact binoculars are NOT recommended.) Serious birders only, please. FEE: \$290, plus \$25 travel fee (\$145 NR deposit).

Budding Naturalists (5-6 yrs)

June 17-20; 9am to 12pm.

Young naturalists will enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor nature activities, including hands-on visits with our captive reptiles & amphibians, and excursions on our nature trails featuring wildflower and tree identification, catching insects to identify, inspect and feed to our turtles, frogs and salamanders, bird watching and more. A snack is served each day.

FEE: \$150 (\$75 NR deposit).



Nature Discovery (7 to 9 yrs)

June 24-27 or August 12-15; 9am to 3pm.

This week offers students engaging exposure to a range of Michigan wildlife through a mix of inside and outside activities, including hands-on studies with our huge collection of live Michigan frogs, salamanders, turtles, and snakes, in addition to bird-watching, insect collecting, tree, shrub, vine, and wildflower identification, pond life studies, and more. We will also take short drives around the neighborhood to experience a diversity of habitats and wildlife. FEE: \$290 (\$145 NR deposit).

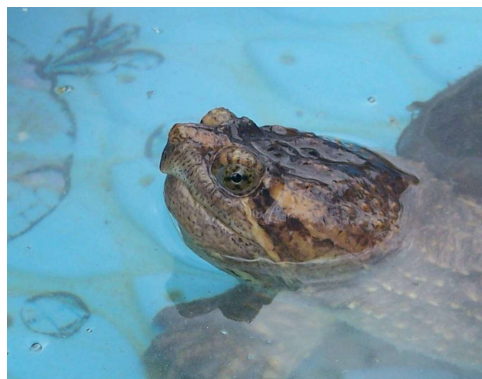
Michigan Reptiles & Amphibians

(10 yrs & older)

August 5-8; 9am to 3pm.

Here's a full week of Michigan frogs, salamanders, turtles, lizards and snakes in the classroom and in the field. Students will handle snakes, and help feed and maintain all the animals on hand while learning about them at the same time. We'll also go on various field excursions by van and on foot around the neighborhood to find and identify as many wild herps as we can. Students will keep checklists of their finds.

FEE: \$290 (\$145 NR deposit).



To Enroll...

Call Jim & Carol at 517.655.5349 or email us at naturedisc87@gmail.com. After availability is confirmed, send a deposit check to secure your reservation. Remember, Enrollment each week is limited to only 6, so sign-up early!

Lansing Community College

Carol will also be teaching 4-day summer science camps for students entering grades 2-9 at LCC's East Lansing Campus. Check out the schedule below, which offers hands-on fun with Chemistry, Physics, Math, Engineering, Natural Science, Building Machines and Robots. Morning classes, 9am-noon. Afternoon classes, 1-4pm.

July 8-11: AM – Science Wizards (Gr 2-3). PM – Pond Life Explorers (Gr 4-8).

July 15-18: AM – Rockets & Robots (Gr 6-9). PM – Classroom Arcade (Gr 4-5).

July 22-25: AM – Fun with Physics (Gr 2-3). PM – Miniature Golf Challenge (Gr 5-8).

July 29-Aug 1: AM – Build A 'Bot (Gr 4-5). PM – Alternative Energy Projects (Gr 6-9).

For details or to register for Summer Youth Camps, visit lcc.edu/seriousfun and click on the summer tab.



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