2017 Summer Camp Programs at the Vermilion County Conservation District

The Vermilion County Conservation District's Summer programs offer outdoor fun for children ages 3 and older. With almost 4,500 acres between Kennekuk County Park and Forest Glen Preserve, children will gain appreciation and knowledge of wildlife and the great outdoors. Our camp programs give children the opportunity to explore their natural world through hands-on discoveries, hiking excursions, and art experiences.

If you have any questions regarding our camp programs,
please contact Lara Darling at 217-442-1691.

Toddling Into Nature

Kennekuk Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park

This camp will introduce young children, ages 3-5, to the natural world, exploring through songs, activities, crafts, and more with a parent or guardian. Each class is organized around a theme and emphasizes active learning through sensory experiences, and movement activities. Children create with art materials, enjoy simple stories, and explore the great outdoors. Toddlers may sign up for one camp or all three. Fee is $5.00 per child per session, due upon registration.

Each session is approximately one hour long:

Whoo-hoo Likes Owls? June 6 at 10:00am or 2:00pm; June 8 at 10:00am only

We will learn about our feathered flyers through crafts, listening to their calls, dissecting an owl pellet, and more!

Investigating for Wildlife June 13 at 10:00am or 2:00pm; June 15 at 10:00am only

With a hike through the woods, we will use our senses to find evidence of wildlife. We will then put the clues together to learn more about our Vermilion County wildlife!

Wonder Bugs

Grades K-2nd, July 13, 9:00am - 11:30am

Kennekuk Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park

We explore the wonderful woodlands of Kennekuk through books, activities, and a nature hike. From rotting logs to tall trees, come out and discover how amazing forests can be! Fee for camp is $10/child; fee includes activity supplies and snack.

Pioneer Kids Camp

Grades 1st-3rd, June 13 or 14, 9:30am-11:30am
Gannett Outdoor Education Center, Forest Glen Preserve

Come to Forest Glen Preserve to experience what life was like for a pioneer kid. The group will hike a short trail and learn an old fashion skill at the Pioneer Homestead. Everyone will get to cook a pioneer sweet treat on the fire before the adventure ends. Fee is $10/child, due upon registration, fee includes activities and snack.

Science in Nature

Grades 3rd-5th, July 18, 9:00am - 11:30am
Kennekuk Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park

Campers will get to do many hands-on science experiements connected with nature activities to show the fun side of science. Nature will be our laboratory so be sure to wear old clothes! Fee for camp is $10/child; Fee includes activity supplies.

Creek Stomping Ecology Camp

New!

Grades 5th-8th, July 11, 9:00am-11:30am
Gannett Outdoor Education Center, Forest Glen Preserve

Spend the day getting wet as we learn about aquatic habitats! We will use buckets, dip nets, and more to examine water-loving insects and plants. Play games, conduct experiments, and understand water's big role in our lives at this new camp. Fee is $10/child, due upon registration; fee includes activity supplies and snack.

Photographing Nature

New!

Grades 5th-10th, June 28, 9:00am-2:00pm
Kennekuk Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park

Children in grades 5th through 10th grade who love nature and photography cannot miss this exciting new camp at Kennekuk! This introductory nature photography workshop for kids will cover basic digital camera operation, shot composition, lighting, and other important factors influencing photo quality. After lunch, we will go out on a photo nature safari hike to put our new skills to the test. The camp will be instructed by a professional photographer along with a VCCD staff employee. Participants must bring their own digital or point-and-shoot camera, no cell phone cameras allowed; as well as a lunch. Fee is $15/child, due upon registration.

Registration form available online at www.vccd.org, as well as the Kennekuk County Park and Forest Glen staff offices.