

Vermilion County Conservation District



Summer 2022 Camp Programs

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. Guided by experienced camp counselors, the activities will help children explore their natural world through hands-on discoveries, hiking excursions, and art.

If you have any questions regarding our camp programs, please call Kennekuk County Park at 217-442-1691. You can mail or drop off your registration using the order form found on our website www.vccd.org, or at the Kennekuk and Forest Glen Visitor Centers.

All fees are due at the time of registration. Fee includes listed program, craft materials, and snacks. Activities requiring special clothing or pre-packed lunches are listed in the description.

Wonderbugs

Grades K-2nd \$10/child

June 22 at 9:00am - 11:00am

Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park

We explore the wonderful wetlands of Kennekuk through books, activities, and a nature hike. Kids will get an up close hands-on aquatic experience with the plants and animals of the wetlands! .



Young Explorers

Grades K-5th \$35/child

July 13 at 9:00am - 3:00pm

Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park

July 14 at 9:00am - 3:00pm

Gannett Outdoor Education Center, Forest Glen Preserve

During this fun-filled classic summer camp, your child will participate in a variety of nature adventure activities. Explorers will take a nature hike, roast a hot dog for lunch, discover wildlife, and create an arts and craft project.

Toddling into Nature

Ages 3-5 \$5.00/child/session 1.25 hours

Environmental Education Center,

Kennekuk County Park

Introduce young children to the natural world by 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. Toddlers may sign up for one camp or both.

Animal Hide & Seek

June 15 at 10:00am or 2:00pm

June 16 at 10:00am or 2:00pm

We will explore and discover all the fascinating ways animals can hide in nature.

Grow Something Wild

June 29 at 10:00am or 2:00pm

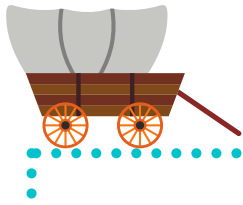
June 30 at 10:00am or 2:00pm

Children will take home planted seeds after learning how plants grow.

Pioneer Kids

*Grades 1st-3rd \$10/child
June 23 at 9:30am - 11:30am
Gannett Outdoor Education Center,
Forest Glen Preserve*

What was it like to be a kid in the 1850's? Join us for Pioneer Kids Camp to find out! Campers will hike to the Pioneer Homestead, make a candle, and cook a sweet treat on the hearth to enjoy.



Kids Cooking Class

*Grades 3rd-5th \$20/child
July 19 or 21 at 9:00am - 1:00pm
Gannett Outdoor Education Center,
Forest Glen Preserve*

Back by popular demand, the Kids Cooking Class will be offered on 2 dates. Each camp will have the same format, so please only register for one date. This is for kids to try their hand at cooking from the kitchen to the campfire.

Campers will take a short walk to the Homestead garden to cut herbs for pizza. Back in the kitchen they will create their own pizza and help with making homemade ice cream. We will also make a dessert over a campfire. At lunch, everyone gets to eat their handy work.



Paddling Around Lake Mingo

*Grades 4th-7th \$15/child
July 5 at 9:00am - 11:00am
Lake Mingo Boat Ramp, Kennekuk County Park*

Explore Lake Mingo in kayaks on a guided tour with District naturalists. Learn about the diversity of fish, birds, mammals, and more that call Lake Mingo home. Kayaking basics will be covered. All participants are required to wear a provided life jacket.



Creek Stomping Ecology Camp

*Grades 4th-6th \$25/child
July 7 at 9:00am - 2:00pm
Gannett Outdoor Education Center,
Forest Glen Preserve*

Spend the day getting wet while exploring Willow Creek. Follow our Naturalists on an adventure while searching for aquatic life and observing animal tracks along the way. After eating lunch, enjoy a tour of the Nature Center.

Participants must bring their own lunch and water bottle. They should wear shoes and clothes that can get wet, and are welcome to bring a change of dry clothes.

