



Vermilion County Conservation District

2023 Summer 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.

Please call Forest Glen Preserve at 217-662-2142 if you have any questions regarding our camp programs. You can mail or drop off your registration using the registration 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 the listed program, craft materials, and snacks. Activities requiring special clothing or pre-packed lunches are listed in the description.

Wonder Bugs

*Grades K-3rd \$20/child
June 13 at 9:00am - 11:30am
Environmental Education Center,
Kennekuk County Park*

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!

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, stories, 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.

Pioneer Kids

*Grades K-3rd \$20/child
June 27 at 9:00am - 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.

Whoo-hoo Likes Owls

*June 20 at 10:00am or 2:00pm
June 21 at 10:00am*

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

Busy Bumbling Bees

*June 22 at 10:00am or 2:00pm
June 23 at 10:00am*

Get the latest buzz about these beneficial pollinating insects!



Young Explorers

Grades K-3rd \$35/child

July 11 at 9:00am - 3:00pm

Gannett Outdoor Education Center,
Forest Glen Preserve

July 12 at 9:00am - 3:00pm

White Oak Barn, Kennekuk County Park

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.



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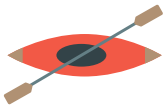
Junior Explorers

Grades 4th-7th \$35/child

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

White Oak Barn, Kennekuk County Park

Junior Explorers will be able to enjoy a classic summer camp program, similar to our Young Explorers camp, but with nature adventure activities geared more to their age range. Explorers will take a 2-mile hike, roast a hot dog for lunch, discover wildlife, and create a unique art and craft project.



Paddling Around Lake Mingo

Grades 4th-7th \$20/child

July 18 or 19 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.



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Gone Fishin'

Grades 4th-7th \$20/child

June 28 at 9:00am - 11:30am

Horseshoe Pond, Kennekuk County Park

June 29 at 9:00am - 11:30am

Willow Creek Pond, Forest Glen Preserve

Practice fishing from start to finish: bait your hook and care for your fish after the catch. Learn to identify common Illinois fish.

Campers will see a live ethical demonstration on how to clean, cut, and prepare fish after catching. All fishing equipment will be provided.

Creek Stomping Ecology Camp

Grades 4th-7th \$20/child

June 15 at 9:00am - 11:30am

Gannett Outdoor Education Center,
Forest Glen Preserve

Spend the day getting wet while exploring Willow Creek. Follow our Naturalists on an adventure in the creek while searching for aquatic life and observing animal tracks along the way.

Participants must wear shoes and clothes that can get wet and muddy. Examples include old tennis shoes or water shoes and their least favorite shirt. They are welcome to bring a change of dry clothes to put on before leaving.

