



## Vermilion County Conservation District

# 2024 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 Kennekuk County Park at 217-442-1691 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](http://www.vccd.org), or at the Kennekuk Administration Building.

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 11 at 9:00am - 11:30am

Environmental Education Center,  
Kennekuk County Park

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!

### 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 25 or 26 at 9:00am - 11:30am

Gannett 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 prepare their own pioneer snack to enjoy.

### Brilliant Butterflies

June 18 at 10:00am or 2:00pm

June 19 at 10:00am

Discover the caterpillar- to- brilliantly colored flying insects' life!

### Turtles & Snakes

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

June 21 at 10:00am

Observe live animals as we learn about our shelled and scaly friends.



### Young Explorers

Grades K-3rd \$35/child

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

White Oak Barn, Kennekuk County Park

July 16 at 9:00am - 3:00pm

Gannett 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.

### Junior Explorers

Grades 4th-7th \$35/child

July 11 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 tie-dye project.

### Paddling Around Lake Mingo

Grades 4th-7th \$20/child

July 23 or 24 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.

### Gone Fishin'

Grades 4th-7th \$20/child

July 2 at 9:00am - 11:30am

Audubon Barn, Forest Glen Preserve

July 3 at 9:00am - 11:30am

Horseshoe Pond, Kennekuk County Park

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 Camp

Grades 4th-7th \$20/child

June 13 at 9:00am - 11:30am

Gannett 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.

