



Vermilion County Conservation District

2025 SUMMER CAMPS



VCCD Summer Camps offer outdoor fun for children 3 to 13 years old. With almost 5,000 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.



Camps for Children 6-9 years old

6-9 years old as of June 1, 2025

Young Explorers

\$35/child

June 26, 9:00am - 3:00pm, Gannett Education Center, Forest Glen Preserve

During this classic summer camp, kids will participate in a nature hike, roast a hot dog for lunch, discover wildlife, and create an arts and craft project.

Pioneer Kids

\$20/child

July 23 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 jump rope, and cook a sweet treat on the hearth to enjoy.

Camps for Children 10-13 years old

10-13 years old as of June 1, 2025

Gone Fishin'

\$20/child

July 2 at 9:00am - 11:30am at Maple Grove Lodge, 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.

Junior Explorers

\$35/child

July 17 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 hike, roast a hot dog for lunch, discover wildlife, and create a unique art and craft project.

VCCD Summer Camp Frequently Asked Questions

• How do I register?

Mail or drop off the registration form found at <https://vccd.org/summer-programs/>, or at the Kennekuk and Forest Glen offices. *All fees are due at the time of registration.* Camp placement is not confirmed until fees have been paid. Fee includes the listed program, craft materials, and snacks.

• How will I know my child is registered for the camp?

Confirmations will be sent to your email, please legibly print your email and check spam/junk folders if you do not receive a confirmation.

• Can an adult or guardian stay with child during the camp?

NO adults, parents, or guardians are allowed to stay during camp with the exception of the 3-5 year old camps. The VCCD offers different program opportunities for families; *Summer Camp programs are strictly for children.*

• Are VCCD camp counselors CPR/First Aid/AED Trained?

Yes, VCCD camp counselors are trained. Camps will have a 10:1 campers to staff/volunteer ratio.

• Is the VCCD flexible with children attending camps outside their age range?

It depends on the camp and age of child. Contact Lara at ldanzl@vccd.org, 217-442-1691 to discuss.