



Squaw Creek NWR Junior Naturalist Program

Beginning May 24th - Aug 23th, 2012 (14 wks)

Join us in our 6th year - Every Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Calling All Naturalists - May 24th

Learn what a real naturalist is and just why the Fish and Wildlife Service thinks they are so very important. We'll take a peek at Squaw Creek's different habitats and some of the amazing creatures we protect at the refuge. Wake up the naturalist inside you by attending our first in a series of classes designed to get everyone outside. Held in the Headquarters Building.

Croakin' in the Creek - May 31st

Squaw Creek sure has lots of strange sounds coming from the wetland. It's time for our Jr. Naturalists to take their first nature challenge and discover what's making all that ruckus. Here's your chance to become an honorary Squaw Creek NWR Herpetologist. We'll take a closer look at our refuge amphibians as we explore the refuge's most famous habitat. Held in the Outdoor Classroom.

Skunk Sense - June 7th

Now a Skunk is a mammal you'll remember if you meet, you better run if you find him standing up on his front feet. Just how smart is that silly skunk anyway? At this program we'll learn more about this interesting critter and just how his self defense mechanism really works. Headquarters Building.

Sticky, Slimy, & Oh So Grimy - June 14th

This is guaranteed to be the YUCKIEST program in the history of the Jr. Naturalists! Slime, we've got it. Goo, no problem. If it squirms, drools, squirts, or oozes it's here! From fungus to mammals, we'll be talking about all the things that make you think twice. Be prepared to take a few Nature Challenges and make sure you don't wear your nice new shirt to this class - Meet in the Outdoor Classroom.

Bike Hike - June 21st

Bring your bike as we take a 2-mile ride around the marsh and take this opportunity to get to know each other better. The biking will be easy as a series of stations along the trail give us a chance to learn about nature and rest our legs. Hike starts at the Outdoor Classroom.

Fishing For Fun - June 28th

For this adventure in ichthyology we need to get really close to the water. Students will learn how to bait and cast a line as we enjoy the refuge's new fishing hole. Parents are welcome to join as we reel in the fun. We'll hold a casting competition along with basic fish identification stations. Don't worry, tools and bait are provided; just bring your best fishing cloths. Outdoor Classroom.





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Mighty Hunters – July 5th

Hunting is one of the Midwest's most famous sports. Find out why conservation and hunting go hand in hand as we turn our Jr. Naturalists into 'Mighty Hunters'. We'll and travel into the forest to capture our prize, the perfect picture. Camouflage and camera's provided but feel free to bring some tools from home. The hunt begins in the bluffs.

Bird's the Word – July 12th

Join us for a closer look into the life of a bird. We'll learn to spot and identify Missouri's most common feathered friends by sight and sound. Learning to look and listen are two very important tools in the life of a good birder. Held in the headquarters auditorium.

Sound Hound – July 19st

Are your ears as sensitive as a coyote? Naturalists will learn a few new ways to listen to wildlife as well as understand what its saying. We'll talk to the owls and howl with the best of the coyotes as we find Nature has much more to say to us than we ever knew. Meet in the Auditorium (earplugs optional).

Tree's a Company - July 26th

Calling all Arborist! Here's your chance to swing from some branches as we learn what types of animals you might find when you explore a tree. This class takes a closer look at our refuge trees and teaches some basic climbing/safety skills that necessary for every naturalist.

Archeology Adventure – Aug 2nd

Study the material remains of cultures past as we review the best way to look for artifacts and even learn to make some 'knock-offs' of our own. A guest speaker will give us a rare look into the past as he shows us part of his archeology collection. Meet at the Headquarters Auditorium.

Buggy Buddies – Aug 9th

Join us in the Headquarters building as we take a Very Close look at the habitat around us. There's a whole lot of living going on right under your feet. We'll take a hike at the refuge from the perspective of a tiny ant.

Pollination Sensation - August 16th

Wildflowers are popping up everywhere! We'll learn about some unique animals that make the beautiful floral arrangements at the refuge possible. Join us in the auditorium to learn about bats, bugs, and bees...

Eco Adventure Course – Aug 23th

This low-ropes challenge course requires small groups of students to solve challenges as a team. Put all your Jr. Naturalist Knowledge together for this confidence-building activity as kids rely on their Jr. Naturalist experiences to finish the course. Meeting in the Headquarters Building.

