**GOOD-NATURED KIDS**

for 3-4 year olds with an adult

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 am

June 16, 23  July 7, 21, 28  August 4, 18

Cost: $15, $12 members

*Registration by phone is required. Call 507-328-3950.*

Classes meet entirely outdoors. Rain date is the following Thursday.

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**June 16: Salamander Salute**

Salamander Salute and learn all about this wet, wild and wonderful animal. Meet our live salamander and head into the woods in search of more “tigers”. A muddy craft and snack fit for a salamander will complete our adventure.

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**June 23: Knock Knock Woodpecker**

Downy, Hairy, Pileated, what makes these birds so special? Use your eyes and ears as we search for woodpeckers in the park and their signature mark on trees. Then enjoy a snack suitable for “pecky” eaters.

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**July 7: Flying Dragons**

Did you know that flying dragons exist? We call them dragonflies and they hatch right out of the water. Gather around the pond to learn all about the lifecycle of the dragonfly. Also enjoy a snack & craft fit for a dragon.

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**July 21: Holey Moley**

Moles, worms, groundhogs, spiders, foxes and even owls find that life is good when you are underground. Get the dirt on why these animals like to live underfoot when we go searching for their lairs. Dig up some good grub and make your own underground detective tunnel.

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**July 28: Nature Detective**

Put on your detective hat and i-spy eyes to track down who is out and about in Quarry Hill Park. Who chewed on this tree, spit on this leaf, left their tracks and scat or dug this hole? Get ready to wonder as we try to piece together the clues nature leaves us!

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**August 4: Nature’s Helicopter**

Most birds can only fly forward. But hummingbirds can also fly backward, up, down, and sideways just like a helicopter! Join us as we learn more about the world’s smallest birds. Fuel up on a sweet snack and create your own hummingbird café for home.

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**August 18: Butterfly Flutterby**

Summer is coming to an end and butterflies are abundant. Search high and low for fluttery butterflies that rise and glide on the breeze. Learn what makes each unique and beautiful. Spend time in the butterfly garden looking for young caterpillars, taste a butterfly snack and nature willing, take home your own caterpillar to raise and release.

*In order to provide the best experience for all participants, only children registered for the class may attend. Siblings and other children will not be allowed in class.*
**REGISTRATION DETAILS**

- Secure ONLINE registration at QHNC.org
- Full payment is required at the time of registration. Mastercard & Visa are accepted online. Other payment methods can be arranged by contacting the Nature Center office.
- A registration fee of $2.50 per camper will be added to the total camp fee.
- Parents wishing to sign campers up for more than one session should consider the variety of classes within their child’s age group. Campers signing up for repeat sessions of camp will experience the same activities, but new discoveries with each week. Please be aware that we do not provide supervision between AM & PM sessions.
- Friend requests can be made. Both campers must request each other to ensure placement in the same camp group.
- Campers requiring supervision or aide beyond the Quarry Hill camper to staff ratio may need to provide a personal aide at their own expense.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Camps are held Mon—Fri from 9:00—11:30 am or 12:30—3:00 pm
- Camps are designed by professional environmental science educators and naturalists with your child’s enjoyment and safety in mind.
- Each camp is led by a camp staff and a youth leader assistant. Camper to staff ratio is 12:1 or less.
- Camp staff is first aid certified.
- Each camper registered by May 20 will receive a Summer Nature Camp T-shirt.
- Camps will interact with our live, captive animals and enjoy plenty of outdoor exploration.
- All camps include a light snack.

**ENTERING GRADES 7 & ABOVE**

**Teen Nature Photography**

Fee $114, $104 members

Digging deeper into photography composition techniques, campers will hike to little known reaches of the park for unique photo opportunities. Each day of camp poses a new photographic challenge with opportunity for collaborative editing and review. Digital cameras, computers, and editing software is provided by Quarry Hill. Each camper will receive a 4GB USB drive for photo storage.

Offered: AM PM
June 15-19 TNP3 Not offered
July 6-10 TNP7 Not offered
July 13-17 TNP9 Not offered
July 20-24 TNP11 Not offered
July 27-31 Not offered TNP14
Aug 10-14 Not offered TNP18

**Adventure Biker**

Fee $174, $164 members

Explore the “wilder” side of Rochester by bike. Water and dry land adventures include fishing, canoeing, and fire starting. Bikers must provide a bike with at least 24” wheels and 3 speeds, sack lunch, water bottle, and helmet. To be up to the challenge, bikers should be able to sustain a bike speed to cover 1 mile in less than 6 minutes, and a daily distance of 10+ miles.

Offered: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
June 8-12 AB1
June 22-26 AB5
June 29—July 3 AB6.1
July 13-17 AB9
July 27-31 AB13
Aug 10-14 AB17

**Micro Madness**

Fee $104, $94 members

What lurks beneath our macroscopic view of nature in the microscopic world?

Ant lion jaws, tiger swallowtail scales and waterbears, are just a few of the amazing things participants in this camp may discover on forays in the park. Back at the Nature Center campers will use microscopes and attached camera equipment to examine and record their discoveries. A group photo cd of some of the week’s highlights will be assembled and shared as we explore, collect and view the microscopic world of nature. Campers will also enjoy popular camp activities such as rock climbing and canoeing or kayaking.

Offered: AM PM
June 22-26 Not offered MM6

**Session Changes:**

Cancellations:

- A full refund (less a $10 processing fee per camper) will be given for registered campers if a replacement is available from a waiting list and Quarry Hill is notified at least 10 days prior to the start date of the registered camp session.
- Without a replacement, a 75% refund will be given if the Nature Center is notified by May 1.
- Campers withdrawing before the start of camp due to a medical emergency will receive a full refund (less a $10 processing fee per camper) only if we are unable to place the camper in a different session or they are unable to participate due to medical reasons.

Campers requesting a session change must call the Nature Center office. Requests after May 1 will incur a $10 fee per change per camper. Session change requests will only be considered if they are made 10 or more days before the start of your registered session.
Geology Rocks
Fee $114, $104 members
Trilobites, gastropods and crinoids, OH MY! Campers will learn about local geology as we travel in the Quarry Hill ‘Critter Coach’ to nearby fossil sites in search of ancient treasures! We’ll also spend time rock climbing at Quarry Hill’s natural limestone climbing wall. Be ready for a rockin’ good time! Wear shoes that you can hike in.
Offered: AM  PM
June 15-19  GR3  Not offered
July 20-24  GR11  Not offered

Nature Photography
Fee $114, $104 members
With camera in hand, venture to a unique location in the park each day! Campers will see nature through an all new lens when they photograph snakes, turtles, butterflies, flowers, moss, and fungus. Experiment with light during a slow shutter speed ‘flashlight painting’ session in the cave. Campers learn the basic elements of photography and photo editing using digital cameras and laptops provided by Quarry Hill. Campers are provided with a 4G USB flash drive to take their photos home.
Offered: AM  PM
June 15-19  Not offered  NP4
June 22-26  NP5  NP6
July 6-10  Not offered  NP8
July 13-17  Not offered  NP10
July 20-24  Not offered  NP12
July 27-31  NP13  Not offered
Aug 3-7  NP15  NP16
Aug 10-14  NP17  Not offered

Slip Slack Paddlewack
Fee $104, $94 members
Slip on your adventurous shoes for this all-around, action packed class! This week will offer experiences in slack lining, kayaking, fly-fishing, orienteering, fire starting, animal tagging and more. So slip, slack, paddle-WACK, and throw a fish a fly. So much fun, why not give it all a try?
Offered: AM  PM
June 15-19  Not offered  SPW4
June 22-26  SPW5  Not offered
July 6-10  SPW8  Not offered
July 13-17  SPW10  Not offered
Aug 10-14  SPW17  Not offered

GPS Treasures
Fee $104, $94 members
Geo-caching is the high tech version of Hide and Seek. All around the world, people are hiding ‘geo-caches’ (think treasure chests without the gold or pirates) so other people can use their GPS to find them. During camp, we will learn how to use a hand-held GPS to find the geo-caches hidden in and around Quarry Hill Park. Participants should expect to hike 1+ mile per day and be prepared for off-trail travel, such as walking through tall grasses or thick shrubs.
Offered: AM  PM
July 6-10  GT7  Not offered
Aug 3-7  GT15  Not offered

Stream Scene Investigator
Fee $104, $94 members
Become a stream investigator! Be prepared to get wet as we catch and identify the various fish, crayfish, and other critters that live in area waters. We will also study the water itself to see how it effects the environment. Wade in to an adventure at our local streams & rivers. (Wear sandals with a strap or water shoes for this camp!)
Offered: AM  PM
July 20-24  SSI12  Not offered
Aug 3-7  SSI16  Not offered

SCHOLARSHIPS: Friends of Quarry Hill Nature Center is committed to serving campers from all economic backgrounds. Scholarships are available for summer nature camp. Scholarship terms: Families who qualify for the free/reduced school lunch program and can provide an eligibility letter or verification of salary may receive scholarships. A non-refundable fee of $20 is required to attend any camp with a regular fee of $105 or less (or ½ of the listed fee for camps over $105). Limit one scholarship per camper/ per summer.
Please contact Quarry Hill Nature Center to apply for a scholarship.

CAMPERS WILL BE OUTSIDE AND ARE LIKELY TO GET WET AND DIRTY. DRESS FOR ADVENTURE AND WEATHER. SUN AND INSECT PROTECTION, RAINGEAR, AND OLD SHOES ARE AWESOME!
**MISSION EXPLORER**

**Entering Grades 1 & 2**

**Mission Explore**

Fee $94, $84 members

Lace up your shoes, grab your gear and get ready for an expedition in Quarry Hill Park! We’ll safari in the savanna, creep in the cave, poke around the pond, and frolic in the forest. Our mission is to find out what makes these intriguing places unique and to uncover what animals lurk in and around these mysterious habitats. Each day begins at our headquarters where we will investigate clues to the day’s destination. Then we’re off to the great outdoors to carry out our mission: Exploration. At the end of the day we’ll log our discoveries in your mission journal and earn a badge.

Are you willing to accept the mission?

Offered: AM PM

June 8-12 ME1 ME2
June 15-19 ME3 ME4
June 22-26 ME5 ME6
July 6-10 ME7 ME8
July 13-17 ME9 ME10

**Whiz Kid**

Fee $94, $84 members

Calling all whiz kids who like to build things that float, fly and even explode! Think like a scientist and design like a real engineer as we set out on daily excursions in the park to conduct fun experiments. Building boats, engineering rockets and making things glow in the dark are just a few examples of the fun that awaits! The great outdoors will be our laboratory as we discover how nature puts science to cool use. Goggle up whiz kid... it’s going to be fun!

Offered: AM PM

July 20-24 WK11 WK12
July 27-31 WK13 WK14
Aug 3-7 WK15 WK16
Aug 10-14 WK17 WK18

**Entering Grades 3 & 4**

**Furology Fun**

Fee $94, $84 members

Explore the wild side of Quarry Hill as you learn mammal tracking skills and capture live animals. Have fur-ology fun learning about our furry friends, the mammals, and their behavior! Campers will make mammal mazes for our resident hamsters and spy on the park’s nocturnal animals using outdoor trail cameras. All activities emphasize hands-on involvement and outdoor exploration. Campers will also canoe, hike and explore the sandstone cave.

Offered: AM PM

June 8-12 FF1 FF2
June 15-19 FF3 FF4
June 22-26 FF5 FF6
July 6-10 FF7 FF8
July 13-17 FF9 FF10
July 20-24 FF11 FF12
July 27-31 FF13 FF14
Aug 3-7 FF15 FF16
Aug 10-14 FF17 FF18

**Swamp Gas**

Fee $94, $84 members

Take a closer look at the fascinating world of plants while we hunt for the biggest trees in Quarry Hill, build natural shelters, canoe, and even make our own tasty treats ‘a la plant’ to eat. Tools in hand, we will unlock secrets to the forest, farm, oak savanna, quarry, and pond in search of “S.W.A.M.P. G.A.S.”

Offered: AM PM

June 8-12 SG1 SG2
June 15-19 SG3 SG4
Aug 3-7 SG15 SG16
Aug 10-14 SG17 SG18

**Entering Grades 5 & 6**

**Scales & Slime**

Fee $94, $84 members

Search for the slippery and scour for the scaly as you hone your herpetology skills through encounters with turtles, snakes, frogs and salamanders. Discover what makes a frog a toad, how long a turtle can hold its breath and whether salamanders really can regenerate body parts. Be amazed at the remarkable things these amphibians and reptiles can do when you catch the wild and handle the captive. Canoeing, fishing, rock climbing, and hiking will round out the week’s adventures.

Offered: AM PM

June 8-12 SS1 SS2
June 15-19 SS3 SS4
June 22-26 SS5 SS6
July 6-10 SS7 SS8
July 13-17 SS9 SS10
July 20-24 SS11 SS12
July 27-31 SS13 SS14
Aug 3-7 SS15 SS16
Aug 10-14 SS17 SS18

**Nature Biker**

Fee $114, $104 members

Exercise, fresh air, adventure! Ride on city bike trails to study animals and plants as we explore local waterways and other natural areas. Campers must provide a bike, helmet, water bottle, and be able to sustain a biking speed of 1 mile in 8 minutes and a daily distance of 5-10 miles.

Offered: AM PM

June 8-12 NB1 NB2
June 15-19 NB3 NB4
July 6-10 NB7 NB8
July 13-17 NB9 Not offered
July 27-31 NB13 NB14

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