

QUARRY HILL SUMMER NATURE CAMP 2017



PRESCHOOL MUST BE 4 YRS OLD BY START OF CAMP

Animal Discoveries

Fee \$88, \$78 members

Take a walk on the wild side this summer to discover more about the exciting world of animals at Quarry Hill. Daily puppet shows, songs, art activities, stories, and lots of time exploring the great outdoors will add up to a week of wild animal fun for 4 or 5 year olds.

Offered:	AM	PM
June 26-30	AD-5	AD-6
July 10-14	AD-7	AD-8
July 17-21	AD-9	AD-10
July 24-28	AD-11	AD-12
July 31—Aug 4	AD-13	AD-14

ENTERING GRADES 1 & 2

Senses and Defenses

Fee \$88, \$78 members

Could you escape a spider's web, outfox a fox, and blindly find a cricket in a dark cave? Find out as we put our senses and defenses to nature's test. This camp is sure to be a wild time as we use all our senses to explore the tricks animals use to survive in the wild. Excellent eyesight, creative camouflage, tongues that smell and stinky sprays are some of the animal adaptations we'll explore. Each day will be a new adventure filled with plenty of time outdoors exploring and playing nature games that bring the senses into sharper focus.

Offered:	AM	PM
June 12-16	SD1	SD2
June 19-23	SD3	SD4
June 26-30	SD5	SD6
July 10-14	SD7	SD8
July 17-21	SD9	SD10
July 24-28	SD11	SD12

Eco-Hero

Fee \$88, \$78 members

Calling all Eco-Heroes! Learn to harness your super powers to make good-natured choices to protect and conserve our planet Earth. Investigate pollinators, battle alien plants, worm your way into composting, and more. Power up for plenty of time exploring nature, crafts and games fit for an Eco-Hero! Together we pledge to explore, conserve, and protect. Ready your cape and may the force of nature be with us.

Offered:	AM	PM
July 31— Aug 4	EH13	EH14
Aug 7—11	EH15	EH16
Aug 14-18	EH17	EH18

Camp Sessions are Monday – Friday
Morning session: 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Afternoon session: 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Exceptions where noted.

All campers receive a t-shirt!

Register online at www.QHNC.org.

Members receive a 10% discount.
 Registration policies at www.QHNC.org.

Camp scholarships are available.
Contact the Nature Center for details.

ENTERING GRADES 3 & 4

Catching Critters

Fee \$88, \$78 members

Dung beetles, monarchs, stink bugs, damselflies, wolf spiders—there are so many critters to catch and get to know. This week is filled with a variety of outdoor activities & hands-on discoveries in the world of creepy crawly invertebrates. Plus, campers will canoe, fish, hike and explore the cave!

Offered:	AM	PM
June 12-16	CC1	CC2
June 19-23	CC3	CC4
June 26-30	CC5	CC6
July 10-14	CC7	CC8
July 17-21	CC9	CC10
July 24-28	CC11	CC12
July 31-Aug 4	CC13	CC14
Aug 7-11	CC15	CC16
Aug 14-18	CC17	CC18

Archaeology Adventures

Fee \$88, \$78 members

Enjoy solving mysteries? Become one of our digging detectives uncovering clues to Quarry Hill's historical past. What people once lived here...how did they use the land...and what did they leave behind? Get ready for excavations, explorations, and plenty of downright dirty fun as we examine artifacts throughout the park!

Offered:	AM	PM
June 12-16	AA1	AA2
June 19-23	AA3	AA4
Aug 7-11	AA15	AA16
Aug 14-18	AA17	AA18

ENTERING GRADES 5 & 6

Hangin' with the Birds

Fee \$88, \$78 members

Hang out with live birds including grosbeaks, blue jays and woodpeckers! We will study, band and then release birds that we catch using bird traps. Learn to identify local birds and then test your "bird brain" as you try to survive life as a bird during various adventurous games. Campers will also rock climb, canoe, fish, and more!

Offered:	AM	PM
June 12-16	HB1	HB2
June 19-23	HB3	HB4
June 26-30	HB5	HB6
July 10-14	HB7	HB8
July 17-21	HB9	HB10
July 24-28	HB11	HB12
July 31-Aug 4	HB13	HB14
Aug 7-11	HB15	HB16
Aug 14-18	HB17	HB18

Nature Art

Fee \$88, \$78 members

Do you love nature and art? You will find a perfect combination of both in this class. Projects may include painting with nature objects, crafting your own unique walking stick, sand art and much more.

Offered:	AM	PM
July 17-21	NA9	Not offered

Geology Rocks

Fee \$108, \$98 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 26-30	GR5	Not offered
July 24-28	GR11	Not offered

ENTERING GRADES 5 & 6, CONT.

Nature Biker

Fee \$108, \$98 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, with daily distances of 5-10 miles.

Offered:	AM	PM
June 19-23	NB3	NB4
July 10-14	NB7	Not offered
July 17-21	NB9	NB10
July 31-Aug 4	NB13	NB14
Aug 14-18	NB17	Not offered

Nature Photography

Fee \$108, \$98 members

With camera in hand, explore the park with an artist's eye! Our subjects will include: snakes, turtles, butterflies and flowers. Campers will use Quarry Hill cameras and laptop computers to edit and save their photos. Campers are provided with a 4G USB flash drive to take their photos home.

Offered:	AM	PM
June 12-16	NP1	Not offered
June 19-23	NP3	Not offered
June 26-30	Not offered	NP6
July 10-14	Not offered	NP8
July 17-21	Not offered	NP10
July 24-28	Not offered	NP12
July 31- Aug 4	NP13	Not offered
Aug 7-11	NP15	Not offered
Aug 14-18	NP17	Not offered

ENTERING GRADES 7 & ABOVE

Amazing Race

Fee \$98, \$88 members

On your mark, get set, GO! The first four days of camp we will be learning and practicing new skills, such as navigating with a GPS, rock climbing, kayaking, fire starting and more. Then on Friday, participants will put those skills to the test as they work as a team and try to finish Quarry Hill's very own amazing race course!

Offered:	AM	PM
June 26-30	Not offered	AR6
July 10-14	Not offered	AR8
July 24-28	Not offered	AR12
July 31-Aug 4	AR13	Not offered
Aug 14-18	Not offered	AR18

Bus Transportation will be available for campers Kindergarten +:

From Stewartville: June 26—30 AM session
From Stewartville: August 7—11 AM session

ENTERING GRADES 7 & ABOVE

Adventure Biker

Fee \$168, \$158 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 5 minutes, with daily distances of 10+ miles.

Offered:	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
June 12-16	AB1
June 26-30	AB5
July 10-14	AB7
July 24-28	AB11
Aug 7-11	AB15

Falconry and Raptors

Fee \$108, \$98 members

Visit a local eagle's nest by canoe, go road trapping to try to catch and band kestrels and red-tailed hawks, learn to tie the falconer's knot, work with Quarry Hill's live raptors, and more! We'll spend the week learning about the birds of prey of our region and the basics of the ancient sport of falconry.

Offered:	AM	PM
June 12-16	Not offered	FR2
June 19-23	FR3	Not offered
Aug 7-11	FR15	Not offered

Crazy Crayfish

Fee \$98, \$88 members

Crayfish, crayfish, and more crayfish! If you like to get wet, don't mind being pinched, and love to catch critters, this is your camp! We will be catching, learning how to handle, marking, & studying crayfish at some of the local hot spots. Campers should be prepared to walk in water, use a dip net, and handle crayfish.

Offered	AM	PM
July 17-21	Not offered	CF10
July 31-Aug 4	Not offered	CF14

Kayak Paddle Trip

Fee \$58, \$48 members

Discover SE Minnesota's wild side from inside a kayak. Spend the day looking for bald eagles, turtles, great-blue herons and more as we paddle our kayaks down the river. Lunch (and maybe a little swimming) will be at the sand bar of our choice. Campers should bring a water bottle and lunch. In case of high water, area lakes will be explored instead.

Offered: July 6, 9:00—3:00

ENTERING GRADES 7 & ABOVE

Teen Nature Photography

Fee \$108, \$98 members

Learn the basics of good photography technique using Quarry Hill digital cameras. We'll hunt for special photos while hiking through the park. We'll also hope for some special wildlife views from photo blinds as well as night shots from a pair of trail cameras. Campers will edit their photos with laptop computers and software provided by Quarry Hill and receive a 4G USB flash drive for photo storage.

Offered:	AM	PM
June 19-23	Not offered	TNP4
June 26-30	TNP5	Not offered
July 17-21	TNP9	Not offered
July 24-28	TNP11	Not offered
July 31-Aug 4	Not offered	TNP14

Woodworking for Wildlife

Fee \$118, \$108 members

Help local wildlife by building a variety of structures and feeders to take home to your backyard. Assemble pre-cut kits using hand tools. Throughout the week, we'll go in search of birds, bugs and small mammals most likely to use and benefit from your work. Projects may include: wren/chickadee and bluebird nest boxes, a bumble bee bungalow, a toad abode, mason bee apartment, and both a finch and a hanging platform birdfeeder.

Offered:	AM	PM
July 10-14	WW7	Not offered

Wild Caving

Fee \$58, \$48 members

Are you ready to get muddy? Good! You provide a sense of adventure; we'll provide the helmet and headlamp as we head underground. Stalactites and cave bacon await us in the wild cave as we walk and even belly crawl our way through it. We will start at Quarry Hill where we will learn about caves and southeast Minnesota geology, and then we'll travel by Quarry Hill Critter coach to the wild cave. Campers will receive a packing list before the first day of class.

Offered: July 5, 9:00—1:30

Cancellation and Session Change Policies are listed on Quarry Hill's website at www.qhnc.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS are available to qualified campers. Contact Quarry Hill for more information.