Summer is many things. It is early sunrises and late sunsets. It is warm days and a slower carefree pace. It is the chorus of kids who are out of school and out of doors - laughing, playing and running wild. Summer is something we look forward to all year long. This summer is no exception. We could not be more excited to be welcoming kids back to Quarry Hill for summer camp 2021.

We can hardly wait to paddle on the pond and fish off the dock. We are itching to explore the cave, the prairies and the forest. We are counting the days until, together with campers, we seek new discoveries wherever our camp path leads.

Adventure awaits and we are ready!

At Quarry Hill we have always been committed to the overall safety and wellbeing of our campers and our staff. Certainly this summer our commitment is heightened due to COVID. Quarry Hill adheres to Minnesota Dept. of Health Stay Safe MN and the American Camp Association guidance. We encourage you to read our FAQ’s to learn more about our COVID safe practices this summer.

With our increased safety measures in place and our continued commitment to good-natured fun, we look forward to summer camp adventures with your kids. Providing them once again the opportunity to be kids at camp - make new friends, learn new things, and make lasting memories in the great outdoors.

Pam Meyer

Summer Staff:
The Friends of Quarry Hill Nature Center summer team includes our permanent staff and seasonal staff recruited locally. Enthusiasm and experience with children and knowledge of the natural world shine through in their interactions with campers and creative adventures. In addition to staff, high school students join our team as camp leader assistants. High school assistants are students that have applied and been accepted to complete a .5 credit independent study course requiring 60 hours assisting camp leaders.
GOING ON A BUG HUNT - BUG HUNT BONANZA!
AN ACTIVE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE FOR ADVENTURERS AGES 4 TO 7 WITH AN ADULT

Jump, hop, fly and buzz your way up to the Oak Savanna with a Quarry Hill naturalist! We’re rounding up adventurers, ages 4-7, and their adult sidekick for this premier experience. On this 90 minute adventure, naturalists will teach you how to use a bug net (that you get to keep!) and lead you in discovering the amazing world of insects.

The adventure continues at home! With your new Bug Hunt book as your guide you can explore all summer long, earning Bug Patch stickers, as you put your new found skills and bug hunting tools to work.

Each adventurer will go home with their very own Quarry Hill bug hunt tote which includes a copy of the interactive book "Backpack Explorer: Bug Hunt," an insect net, a bug jar, and sweet honey bee treat.

This is an active outdoor experience where all activities are geared toward the abilities and interests of children 4-7 years in age. 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 to accompany.

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Scholarships Available!
Families who qualify for free and reduced lunch can request a scholarship. Scholarships cover 50% of fees. Call 507-328-3950 to request a scholarship.

Four dates to choose from:
Thursdays: June 24, July 22, or August 5
Saturday: July 24
Start times vary. See times on registration page.

Cost: $35, $30/members
(includes one-time 90 minute experience plus Bug Hunt Tote)
Location: Class meets at the west entrance to Quarry Hill Park at 2100 9th St. NE.
Registration:
Quarry Hill member priority March 16 - 29
Open enrollment begins March 30
Refunds/Cancellations:
Bug Hunt Bonanza is a non-refundable program.
Session changes will be allowed if space is available.
GOOD NATURED KIDS

For 3 & 4 yrs old with an adult

Join us with your little explorer and set them on a path to becoming a good-natured kid! Good Natured Kids is all about getting outdoors to explore, learn and connect to the natural world.

- Good Natured Kids meets entirely outdoors.
- Rain date is the following Thu or Fri
- This year’s snack will be "to go" - take & create at home!
- 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 the class.

Seven Fun Themes!
Choose your favorite or register for the series.

All classes meet from 9:30 - 11:00 am

Cost: $15, $12/members
Location: Meets at Nature Center
Registration:
Quarry Hill member priority March 16 - 29
Open enrollment begins March 30

Register by phone: Call 507-328-3950

June 1 or 2: Hello, Little Blue
Learn about little blue as we hike the blue bird trail, peek into a nest, and enjoy a sweet "tweet" treat. We’ll also craft our own little blue bird.

June 15 or 16: Backyard Camper
Snores, lores and s’mores - that’s what makes a great camp out! We’ll go on a scavenger hunt, gather wood for a fire, set up camp & fuel up with a traditional s’more!

June 29 or 30: Mighty Spidey
Connect with your inner Mighty Spidey sense! Find out what makes spiders so mighty – 8 legs, 8 eyes, the ability to spin webs and more. Roll out your own webby craft and "wrap up" the morning with a spiderlicious snack!

July 13 or 14: Busy Buzzy Bee
Get the buzz on honey bees! Learn all about how hive jives and perfect your waggle dance as we play pollinator. A sticky treat and an up-close encounter with our meadow observation hive will top this sweet class.

July 27 or 28: Toadstool Town
There is fungus among us. Join us as we explore the citizens of Toadstool Town! Create your own toadstool to take home, play mushroom games and sample some deliciously creative toadstools.

August 10 or 11: Gimme Shell-ter
Some animals need special “Shell-ters” to keep them safe. Join us as we encounter turtles, snails and crayfish to learn why they are all at home in a shell. A shell-tacular snack and craft will round out our morning.

August 24 or 25: The Bugliest Bugs
In field and forest, we’ll go on a bug hunting adventure! Test your net skills, play buggy games, devour a buggy snack. We’ll learn all about what makes even the ‘bugliest’ bugs cool.

Quarry Hill program cancellation and refund policies apply to Good Natured Kids classes.

Policies can be found here.
SUMMER NATURE DAY CAMP
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

How to Register:
Registration is accepted online only. Camp Registration is not accepted by phone or mail. If you require assistance with online registration, please call 507-328-3950 Mon - Fri from 9 am - 5 pm. Camps require full payment at the time of registration. A one-time fee of $2.50 per camper will be added to the total camp fee.

When to Register:
Member Priority Registration: March 16-29
Open Enrollment begins March 30.
All campers registered before May 20 are guaranteed a camp t-shirt and will receive it on the first day of camp. Campers registered after May 20 will receive t-shirts while supplies last.

Wait List:
Campers can register for a wait list at no charge. Campers registered for the wait list will be contacted via email and phone in the order their registrations were received. Please provide an email address you frequently check so you can be reached if an opening becomes available. Campers are encouraged to register for wait lists in any sessions they are able to attend.

Scholarships:
Friends of Quarry Hill Nature Center is committed to serving campers from all economic backgrounds. Scholarships are available for camp. Scholarship terms: Families who qualify for the free/reduced school lunch program are eligible. 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. (507) 328-3950.

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 or a Covid exposure are encouraged to re-schedule in a session with availability. If unable to reschedule, camp fees (less a $10 processing fee/per camper) will be refunded.
- If Quarry Hill cancels a camp in session due to Covid exposure, a prorated refund or option to donate remaining camp fees will be offered to campers.

Session Changes:
Campers requesting a session change must call the Nature Center Office. Requests made 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.
Can 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.

**ENTERING GRADES 1 & 2**

**Senses and Defenses**

**Camp Fee:** $94/$84 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.

**ENTRANCE GRADES 3 & 4**

**Catching Critters**

**Camp Fee:** $94/$84 Members

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

**Archeology Adventures**

**Camp Fee:** $94/$84 Members
ENTERING GRADES 5 & 6

HANGIN' WITH THE BIRDS
CAMP FEE: $94/$84 MEMBERS

Calling all wildlife enthusiasts! Get an up-close experience hangin’ with wild birds! Campers will learn how to safely capture, handle, band and release the birds they catch. The data gathered from those birds is submitted to the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory which directly helps scientists with bird conservation! Campers test their ‘bird brains’ throughout the week with a variety of bird games and activities while also going rock climbing, canoeing, and fishing.

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NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
CAMP 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, and 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.

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NATURE BIKER
CAMP FEE: $114/$104 MEMBERS

Exercise, fresh air, adventure! Ride on city bike trails to explore the plant, animal life and health of our local waterways and 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.

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TEEN NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
CAMP 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.

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ADVENTURE BIKER - ALL DAY CAMP!
CAMP 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.

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STREAM SCENE INVESTIGATOR
CAMP FEE: $114/$104 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. (Sandals with a strap or water shoes for this camp!) Campers will travel to local streams on the Quarry Hill Critter Coach, a 22 passenger mini-bus. Masking, spacing and single seat occupancy will be adhered to.

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AMAZING RACE
CAMP FEE: $104/$94 MEMBERS
On your mark, get set, GO! Campers will learn and practice navigating with a GPS, rock climbing, kayaking, fire starting and more. On Friday, campers will put their new skills to the test as they work as a team and try to finish Quarry Hill’s very own amazing race course!

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ENTERING GRADES 8+
KAYAK PADDLE DAY TRIP
CAMP FEE: $62/$52 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 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. Campers will travel to the kayaking launch on the Quarry Hill Critter Coach, a 22 passenger mini-bus. Kids will travel off site by coach bus to local streams. Masking, spacing and single seat occupancy will be adhered to.

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ENTERING GRADES 7 - 9
**SUMMER NATURE DAY CAMP FAQ'S**

**Will campers go inside the Exploration Hall?**
Yes! The animals and the interactive elements of our Exploration Hall are an integral part of the Quarry Hill camp experience. During camp hours, the Exploration Hall will be closed to the public so that campers can safely spend time exploring, discovering and learning.

**What do I need to know before registering my special needs camper?**
We are happy to make reasonable accommodations for special needs. Parents and guardians with questions regarding the ability of camp staff to meet a child’s needs should contact the camp director before registering for camp.

Campers who require an aide in their school setting must be accompanied by an aide at camp. It is the responsibility of the camper’s family to provide this aide. Campers requiring supervision or aide beyond the Quarry Hill camp to staff ratio may need to provide a personal aide at their own expense. Any aide that accompanies a camper must remain the same throughout the camp session in accordance with Covid safety guidelines.

Due to group size restrictions, the Quarry Hill office needs to be made aware of any camper that will be accompanied by an aide prior to registration to ensure the group enrollment is within guidelines.

**Can I request to be in the same camp group as my friend?**
Campers may request one other camper as a ‘buddy’. Both campers must request each other to ensure placement in the same camp group.

**How big will my campers group size be?**
Low camp to staff ratio is part of the Quarry Hill camp experience. Groups consist of 12 or less campers and are led by a staff member and a high school student assistant.

**What if it rains?**
If there is no threat of severe weather, we will continue outdoor activities.

In the event of inclement weather that prevents outdoor activity, camps will move indoors for alternate activities.

**I still have questions, what do I do?**
We are available to answer your questions! Call us at the Nature Center office M - F from 9 am - 5 pm: 507-328-3950 or email us at quarryhill@qhnc.org.

**Will campers need to wear masks?**
Current guidelines require masks during youth programming for children over age 5. Campers and staff will wear facemasks at all times indoors and outdoors when 6 ft distancing is not possible. Camp will be designed so that campers have opportunities for mask breaks and activities will be designed so that some distancing can occur. For example, campers actively biking will not be required to mask.

As guidance changes, we will adjust our requirements and communicate with camp families.

**What are your camp safety protocols?**
Safety is a priority at camp. All staff have first aid training and are trained in safety protocol for camp activities.

Friend’s of Quarry Hill Nature Center will adhere to the Stay Safe MN, MDH and American Camp Association guidance and have adopted the following practices to reduce the spread of Covid-19:

- Small group size and low camper to staff ratio. Staff and volunteers will stay with the same campers for the duration of the session.
- Individual camp groups will coordinate to use separate space and conduct separate activities.
- Separate outdoor drop off and pick up locations.
- Daily health screening will occur.
- Whenever possible, activities will be held outdoors. Separate indoor spaces are designated for each group.
- The Nature Center will be accessible to registered campers and staff only.
- Good hand hygiene will be adhered to.
- Strict cleaning & sanitizing protocol for facilities, equipment and supplies will be adhered to.
- Masks will be required indoors and during any outdoor activities where distancing of 6 ft or more cannot be maintained.
- Protocol for individual camp activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, cave exploration and any camps that require specialized equipment have been developed.
- Prior to camp, families will receive an email with details for their camp session and any updated guidelines.