

Nature Explorers Camp 2026 Registration Form

CAMPER'S LAST NAME FIRST NAME SEX (M or F) AGE

ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME PHONE (Home)

EMAIL ADDRESS PHONE (Work or Cell)

2026 CAMP WEEKS - CHECK ONE OR MORE

- _____ June 22-26 **Trailblazers Camp**
(ages 9 - 11)
- _____ July 6-10 **Cold-Blooded Critters Camp**
(ages 7 - 9)
- _____ July 20-24 **Insect Investigators Camp**
(ages 7 - 9)

Camp attendance is \$150 per camper per week. Please make checks payable to the **DeKalb County Forest Preserve**. Add "NREC" in the memo space.

Complete this registration form, detach, and mail with payment to:

University of Illinois Extension
1350 West Prairie Drive
Sycamore, IL 60178

Registration and payment can be dropped off in-person
M-F 8 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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NATURE EXPLORERS CAMP 2026

Formerly "Camp Russell"

Nature Explorers Camp is a day camp experience for youth ages 7 to 11. Offered through University of Illinois Extension in partnership with DeKalb County Forest Preserve. This camp is led by 4-H Youth Development professionals and is open to any youth seeking outdoor adventure!

Nature Explorers Camp meets at the Natural Resource Education Center located in Russell Woods Forest Preserve; one mile west of Genoa, IL on State Route 72.



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Registration (see back) and payment are due as soon as possible to reserve your space. Upon receipt of payment, you will be mailed a registration packet containing additional camp information.

Questions? Please contact:

Katie Williamson

Extension Program Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development
krw7@illinois.edu

Trailblazers Camp

Mon. June 22 - Fri. June 26
Ages 9-11

Cold-Blooded Critters Camp

Mon. July 6 - Fri. July 10
Ages 7-9

Insect Investigators Camp

Mon. July 20 - Fri. July 24
Ages 7-9



Nature Explorers Camp 2026

Register your child now for summer day camp! Choose from three week-long programs, each with a different theme. Camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Children will have fun learning about nature through hands-on activities, games, and nature awareness. Camps fill quickly and space is **limited to 20 per camp** so register now!

TRAILBLAZERS CAMP



June 22 - June 26: Ages 9-11

Anyone who loves exploring the outdoors and discovering how nature works will feel right at home at this camp! Campers will step into the role of real adventurers, participating in hands-on exploration, solving challenges, and uncovering the secrets of the forest. From plants and animals to rocks and hidden ecosystems, each day is filled with exciting discoveries, active learning, and plenty of fun in the great outdoors.

COLD-BLOODED CRITTERS CAMP

July 6 - July 10: Ages 7-9

(Must have completed 1st grade)

Campers will have fun learning about our local reptiles and amphibians. We will get up close and personal with our resident cold-blooded creatures and learn "cool" new facts about them too! We will learn how they survive and we may get to see them in their native home. You might decide to become a herpetologist by the end of the week!



INSECT INVESTIGATORS CAMP

July 20 - July 24: Ages 7-9

(Must have completed 1st grade)

Bug lovers unite! Be an entomologist for a week. What's the difference between bugs and insects? Come to camp and find out as we collect and study all kinds of creepy crawlers from the forest. We will make a live trap to see who crawls around at night. Camp is filled with games and hands-on activities.

