



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Nestlings



Enjoy a nature hike and story. For ages 2 1/2 - 4 and their adult companion.

- **Section # 210324**
A: Wed, May 18 - Feathers and Song
B: Wed, June 22 - Discovering Fossils

C: Wed, July 13 - Bugs, Bugs, Bugs

D: Wed, Aug 24 - Fish are Fish
10 am - 11 am

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per child/per class

Nature Nuts

Enjoy a nature hike and story. For ages 4 1/2 - 6 and their adult companion.

- **Section # 210327**
A: Wed, May 18 - Feathers and Song
B: Wed, June 22 - Discovering Fossils
C: Wed, July 13 - Bugs, Bugs, Bugs
D: Wed, Aug 24 - Water Wonders
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per child/per class

Toads 'n Tadpoles Night Out

Each month the group will play games, take a night hike and enjoy a snack. Tadpoles (ages 5-7) Section A and Toads (ages 8-12) Section B.

■ **Section # 210319 A # 210319 B**
Friday, May 20, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

■ **Section # 210320 A # 210320 B**
Friday, June 10, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

■ **Section # 210321 A # 210321 B**
Friday, July 8, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

■ **Section # 210322 A # 210322 B**
Friday, August 26, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$10 (R), \$15 (NR) per child/per class

Kids Fishing Derby



Participants ages 6 – 14 are invited to bring along their bait and tackle for some fishing fun! Prizes will be awarded for the most fish over 4" and largest fish

(bass or blue gill) caught in various age categories.

- **Section # 220301**
Saturday, June 4, 9 am - 1 pm,
onsite registration begins at 8 am
Spring Lakes Park, 2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook
Free

Preschool Nature Play



This unique preschool program incorporates a preschool curriculum but in a nature setting. Children will learn to interact with other children, work

on their developmental skills, numbers, letters, colors, math and spelling all while experiencing the outdoors. Climbing logs, catching butterflies, searching for insects are just some of the ways this class will stay active. Exercise and nutrition will be part of each program through a snack and active educational games. Songs, nature crafts and stories will tie into the topic for the day. Let your child's wonder of nature be filled while learning and playing with friends. Sessions are six weeks in length. For ages 4-6, must be potty trained.

- **Section # 310304**
Mondays, September 12 - October 17
9:30 am - 11:30 am
Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$60 (R), \$70 (NR) per child

North Country Trail Annual Conference August 11 - 14



The North Country Trail Annual Conference is coming to Dayton; the largest town on this 4,500 mile trail! Join the hiking community who will be coming from New York to North Dakota and throughout the 7 states of this National Scenic Trail. You're invited to participate in this program; from exciting speakers, to hikes and kids programs, the lineup has something for everyone.

937-277-4374
www.northcountrytrail.org

Andrew Skurka

Skurka shares his Alaskan journey's most important and powerful stories, supplemented with stunning photos and entertaining video. He also reflects on the broader significance of this experience and of his other adventures, with particular attention to setting goals, seizing opportunities, stepping outside comfort zones, and finding humility and happiness in life.



August 11, 7 pm
Memorial Hall
125 E. First St., Dayton
Open to the Public

*\$5 donation benefits
North Country Trail*



YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS



Five Alive



Can you use your tongue to smell like a snake does? Or are you like a butterfly and feel with your

antennae? Campers will explore nature by using their senses and learn about how animals use theirs. Our sense of taste will be explored by the snack campers need to bring daily. Two sessions available: 9:30 am - 11:30 am (A) or 1 pm - 3 pm (B). For ages 5-6.

■ **Section # 210202 A # 210202 B**
Mon - Fri, June 27 - July 1

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
\$40 (R), \$45 (NR) per child, per session

Wet-n-Wild

Prepare to be wet as we explore the creek, hunt for critters and learn more about how plants use water. Bring a snack daily. Two sessions available: 9:30 am - 11:30 am (A) or 1 pm - 3 pm (B). For ages 5-6.

■ **Section # 220201 A #220201 B**
Mon-Fri, August 1 - 5

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
\$40 (R), \$45 (NR) per child, per session

Outdoor Survival Skills

Campers will learn survival skills including campfire building, cooking, use of pocket knife, plants along with knot and lashing techniques. Each camper will receive their own pocket knife. For ages 9+.

■ **Section # 220202**
Mon-Fri, June 20 - 24, 9:30 am - 3 pm

Narrows Reserve, Sperling Lane entrance, Beaver creek
\$80 (R), \$90 (NR) per person

Advanced Outdoor Skills



Campers will build and sleep in a lean-to, learn how to use a map and compass, tracking skills

and more. Dinner, snack and breakfast will be provided. *Must complete Outdoor Survival Skills prior to taking this camp.*

■ **Section # 220203**
Mon-Wed, June 20 - 22, 9 am - 2:30 pm,
Th, June 23, 9 am - Fri, June 24, noon
Narrows Reserve, Sperling Lane entrance,
Beaver creek
\$90 (R), \$100 (NR)

All About Animals

Do toads have warts? How many teeth does a deer have? How can an opossum hang by its tail? We will not only explore under rocks, in rotten logs, but in the woods and ravine for animals large and small. For ages 7-12.

■ **Section # 220310**
Mon-Fri, June 27 - July 1, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
\$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Bike Camp

Greene County Parks Trail Sentinels will lead a ride to a different destination each day. At the end of camp, a mini bike rodeo will test your bicycle skills and bicycle maintenance you have learned throughout the week. For ages 9-13.

■ **Section # 520210**
Mon - Thur, June 27 - 30, 9 am - 1 pm

Xenia Station, 150 Miami Ave., Xenia
\$35 (R), \$45 (NR)

Ancient Archeologists Artifacts

Try your hand at an archeological dig, draw a map of buried treasure, unearth how the native Americans lived, campers will search the gorge for stories left from long ago. Transportation is available for an additional \$15. We will leave the Narrows promptly at 9 am and return by 3 pm. For ages 7-12.

■ **Section # 220200**
Tues-Fri, July 5 - 8, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Indian Mound Reserve, log cabin parking lot, 2750 SR 42 E., Cedarville
\$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Art in Nature



Art projects will be inspired by nature. Participants will go for short nature hikes, meet animals, and try many different art techniques.

All of the campers art work will be part of an art show at 2:30 pm on Friday. For ages 9 - 15.

■ **Section # 220224**
Tues-Fri, July 5 - 8, 9 am - 2:30 pm
Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
\$80 (R), \$90 (NR)

Photo Camp

Close ups, wildlife, black and white, exposures, and lighting will all be part of camp. Some of the students' best pictures will be part of the nature centers' photo display beginning in late August. A digital camera is necessary for this hands-on nature photography class. For ages 9+.

■ **Section # 220213**
Mon-Fri, July 18 - 22, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
\$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Summer Camps have a maximum instructor/child ration of 1:12, except campers for ages 5-6, which have a ration of 1:8. Campers should bring a lunch and drink if enrolled in full day camps and a snack for half day campers. Campers should also wear appropriate clothing, bring rain gear, bug repellent (lotion), and sunscreen. Open-toed shoes are not permitted. These camps are held rain or shine.



YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS



I Spy - Feathers, Fossils, Fungi & Fun

Did you see that? Can you find the spider hiding in its web? Campers will play a giant game of I Spy with some of nature's fantastic treasures. Are you up for the challenge? *For ages 7-12.*

■ **Section # 220205**

Mon-Fri, July 18 - 22, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek \$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Nature's Playground



This was one of our most popular camps last year. This week is full of things that campers' parents and grandparents use to do as a child

such as building mud and twig forts, off trail games of capture the flag and climbing trees. *For ages 7-12.*

■ **Section # 220232**

Mon-Fri, July 25 - 29, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek \$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Predator Prowl

How many different ways can a spider catch her prey? How do coyotes find their food? Stalking, tracking and learning about prey will all be a part of this fun week in the woods. *For ages 7-12.*

■ **Section # 220206**

Mon-Fri, August 1 - 5, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek \$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Ultimate Challenge Camp

Campers will be challenged to work together as a team, blaze new trails, build a fort and more in the fashion of Survivor or the Amazing Race. Are you up to the challenge? *For ages 12-15.*

■ **Section # 220207**

Mon-Fri, August 8 - 12, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek \$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

All My Friends Are Insects

Insects get a bad wrap because they are creepy and crawly, they have thousands of eyes, some of them even smell funny. But this week we will explore life as an insect, see how many different kinds there are and some of the cool adaptations they have and that we wish we really could do. Can you hear through your feet? Can you change colors to hide from everyone? *For ages 7-12.*

■ **Section # 220210**

Mon-Fri, August 8-12, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek \$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Wet 'n Wild



Explore how water oozes, squirts, squishes and makes its way around the world. *For ages 7-12.*

■ **Section # 220211**

Mon-Fri, August 15-19, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek \$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Nature on the Go



Greene County Parks Naturalists are bringing nature exploration to your community. Children can spend the summer creekin', fishing, exploring for critters, hiking, crafts and more. Camps are held from 9 am - 3 pm. *For ages 7 and up.* \$35 (R), \$45 (NR) per child, per week

Wetland Wonders

■ **Section # 220228**

- A: June 20 - 24 Spring Lakes Park, 2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook
- B: June 27-July 1 Cemex Reserve, 1100 Sanctuary Dr., Fairborn
- C: July 5 - 8 Massie Creek Park, 3422 Barber Rd., Cedarville
- D: July 18 - 22 Russ Nature Reserve, 2380 Kemp Rd., Beaver Creek
- E: July 25 - 29 Community Park East, 691 E. Dayton-YS Rd., Fairborn
- F: August 1 - 5 Glen Helen, 405 Cory St., Yellow Springs
- G: August 8 - 12 James Ranch Park, 177 Fairground Rd., Xenia
- H: August 15 - 19 Phillips Park, 1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beaver Creek

Forest Explorers

■ **Section # 220229**

- Phillips Park, 1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beaver Creek
- Russ Nature Reserve, 2380 Kemp Rd., Beaver Creek
- Frank Seaman Park, 4730 Cottonville Rd., Jamestown
- James Ranch Park, 177 Fairground Rd., Xenia
- Rotary Park, 2260 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beaver Creek
- Spring Lakes Park, 2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook
- Wright State University, 3640 ColGlenn Hwy, Fairborn
- Crooked Creek Nature Sanctuary, 2565 Spahr Rd., Sugar Creek Twp