

Summer Family Adventures

Looking to make long-lasting memories this summer with your family? Explore your local forest preserves with your own private Environmental Educator! These fun adventures will get your family moving, outside, and continuing to learn all summer long!

Adventure Topics	Description
Birding for Beginners Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am, 10-12 pm Afternoon: 1-2 pm, 1-3 pm	Put your binoculars into focus and your listening ears on as we explore a local preserve! Be prepared to see and hear native birds and migrating guests while out on the trail.
Creek Stomp Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am, 10-12 pm Afternoon: 1-2 pm, 1-3 pm	Join us for one of the highlights of the summer! Splash, explore, catch creatures, cool off and more in a forest preserve creek! Activities are endless in this unique habitat.
Fabulous Five Senses Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am, 10-12 pm Afternoon: 1-2 pm, 1-3 pm	Get the most out of your hiking experience; by using all of your senses. Come out, hike with us and enjoy the sights, smells, sounds, touches, and tastes that our natural world has to offer. Enjoy a richer and more fulfilling connection to nature.
Family Horse Adventures Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am Afternoon: 1-2 pm	Come and experience the wonderful world of horses! In this 1 hour class you will learn about safety, breeds and colors. Then, enjoy the hands-on activities of grooming and leading a horse.
Hiking by the Light of the Moon (select dates available) Times Available: Evening: 7-9 pm	A nighttime adventure to remember! Come hike under the magical glow of the full moon. We will listen for nighttime noises, try out our night vision, and learn about the seasonal changes that are tied to the moon.
Nature at Night Times Available: Evening: 6:30-8:30 pm	Ever wonder what hiking in the woods would be like at night? Come on a Night Hike with us and explore what animals and insects come out to explore and find food during the evening.
NEATure in Kendall County Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am, 10-12 pm Afternoon: 1-2 pm, 1-3 pm	Explore the trails in Kendall County and learn about the ecosystems that are right in your backyard. Explore the forest preserve while learning about all of the plants, animals, and fungi that call Kendall County home. Keep your fingers crossed for a wildlife sighting and bring your nature questions!
Pollinator Party Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am, 10-12 pm Afternoon: 1-2 pm, 1-3 pm	This party includes more guests than just bees and butterflies. Join us for a hike and explore what other insects, birds, and mammals help to pollinate our wildflowers in the prairie.
Wonderful Wetlands Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am, 10-12 pm Afternoon: 1-2 pm, 1-3 pm	When you walk past a pond you might see a turtle basking on a log but have you thought about what's under the surface? Use nets to dip and explore what else is hiding in the pond! Will it be frogs, toads, invertebrates? Come find out!

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Program Fees:

1 hour program (great for younger children and/or families on a time crunch)	1-5 participants \$35.00	6-9 participants \$55.00
Family Horse Adventure (Ellis House and Equestrian Center)	1-5 Participants \$50.00 (add a pony ride for \$5 per person)	
2 hour program	1-5 participants \$55.00	6-9 participants \$75.00
Full Moon Adventures (2 hour program) *Select Dates Available*	1-5 participants \$80.00	6-9 participants \$100.00

How to Register:

1. Choose which theme you'd like to experience with your family. You can sign up for them all if you'd like!
2. Contact Emily, at edombrowski@co.kendall.il.us or call 630-553-2292 to sign up for nature programming. For the family horse adventure contact Kris Mondrella at Kmondrella@co.kendall.il.us or call 815-475-4035.
3. You will receive an email with all registration information after reserving your date and time.

