

## PRAIRIE PARK NATURE CENTER

2730 Harper St.

### NATURE CENTER HOURS

Monday - Closed

Tuesday through Saturday - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday - 1-4 p.m.

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN/TEENS

For all classes come prepared to go outdoors including bug repellent and sunscreen.

#### WILD ADVENTURES FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND PARENTS WEEKLY

Ages: 2-5. Enrollment Max 8. Drop in for stories, activities, and information about animals and the places in which they live. A different topic will be presented each week. Come prepared to go outdoors. Due to space limitations no more than one adult per child please. **Registration is also taken up to a week in advance of each weekly session of a program on a space available basis. Cost for an individual program session is \$4 per session. Please call in advance to reserve a spot. Payment will be at class time or you can enroll for the entire program using the code information below. For more information please call 832-7980.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423202	A	T	10-11AM	9/7-10/26	PPNC	\$32
423202	B	T	10-11AM	11/2-12/21	PPNC	\$32

#### NATURE STORY TIME FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Ages: 1-4. Enrollment Max 8. For children who enjoy both stories and animals, there will be morning story time for preschool age children every Thursday at 10 a.m. Each week will feature a story and a live animal. Children may color a coloring page after the presentation. Pre-registration is helpful, but drop-ins will be accepted. The cost is \$3 per session.

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423203	A	R	10-10:30AM	9/2-10/21	PPNC	\$24
423203	B	R	10-10:30AM	10/28-12/9	PPNC	\$18

#### ARCHERY, BEGINNERS

Ages: 7-16. Enrollment Min 3 / Max 8. Learn the basic Olympic-style archery using Genesis compound bows. **Taught by certified instructors.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423267	A	W	3-4:30PM	9/8	PPNC	\$15

#### ARCHERY CLUB

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CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423268	A	W	3-4:30PM	9/22	PPNC	\$15

#### EXPLORING NATURE FOR HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS

Ages: 6-13. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 20. Two-hour field trip programs for homeschooled students will cover a different topic each time. Class meets benchmarks for K-6 State Science outcomes. Call for topic schedule. **Pre-registration is required at least one day in advance.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423321	A	W	10AM-12PM	9/8	PPNC	\$10
423321	B	W	10AM-12PM	9/22	PPNC	\$10
423321	C	W	10AM-12PM	10/6	PPNC	\$10
423321	D	W	10AM-12PM	10/20	PPNC	\$10
423321	E	W	10AM-12PM	11/3	PPNC	\$10
423321	F	W	10AM-12PM	11/17	PPNC	\$10
423321	G	W	10AM-12PM	12/1	PPNC	\$10
423321	H	W	10AM-12PM	12/15	PPNC	\$10

## CODE DIRECTORY

### LOCATIONS

PPNC ..... Prairie Park Nature Center, 2730 Harper St.

### NO CHILD INSIDE HIKING ADVENTURES

Ages: 7-12. Enrollment Min 3 / Max 8. Don't spend your afterschool hours in front of the television. Get out and get moving with a guided investigative nature hike to a new area each week. We will be frogging at the wetlands, stalking birds with binoculars, identifying tracks and much more.

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423261	A	W	3-4:30PM	9/1	PPNC	\$5
423261	B	W	3-4:30PM	9/15	PPNC	\$5
423261	C	W	3-4:30PM	9/29	PPNC	\$5
423261	D	W	3-4:30PM	10/13	PPNC	\$5
423261	E	W	3-4:30PM	10/27	PPNC	\$5

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL DAYS OFF BREAKFAST WITH THE ANIMALS

Ages: 6-13. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12. Spend a morning at the nature center learning about what animals eat. We begin by serving a human breakfast, then have a live animal program about foods that animals eat. Participants will help staff feed the nature center animals and then enjoy some crafts and activities.

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423319	A	F	9AM-12PM	10/15	PPNC	\$15

### FALL BREAK CAMP

Ages: 6-12. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 15. Take a break from school for two days and get wild with animals, games, hikes and crafts at the nature center. Bring a sack lunch and suitable clothes and shoes for outdoor adventures.

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423244	A	RF	8:30AM-4PM	10/21-10/22	PPNC	\$60

### WEEKEND PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES

Children under 14 years-old must be registered with a paying adult for all family programs. No unattended children will be allowed.

AUG. 23 – TALONS OF STEEL – BIRDS OF PREY 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
SEPT. 26 – SAVING THE BLACK-FOOTED FERRET 2-3 p.m.  
NOV. 1 – FLYING TIGERS – THE OWLS OF KANSAS 1:30-2 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNING FREE PROGRAM (10-10:30 a.m.)  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON FREE PROGRAM (1:30-2 p.m.)

A 30-minute free program on nature topics will be presented each day. Programs may include a short video, slide show and of course going outdoors to enjoy birds, wildflowers, bugs or a stroll through the park. **All ages are welcome.**

### WEEKEND NATURALIST: WINDWALKER HIKES

Ages: 7 and Up. Enrollment Min 3 / Max 8. Join us for a series of nature hikes covering different topics such as habitats, local wildlife and edible plants. Class will meet at the nature center and explore the outdoor trails. Come dressed for the weather. **Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a registered adult.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423360	A	S	1-2PM	9/11	PPNC	\$5
423360	B	S	1-2PM	10/9	PPNC	\$5
423360	C	S	1-2PM	10/23	PPNC	\$5
423360	D	S	1-2PM	11/6	PPNC	\$5

## NATURE'S ARTS AND CRAFTS SERIES

### EASY NATURE ACRYLIC PAINTING

*Ages: 13 and Up. Enrollment Min 4 / Max 15.* We will use acrylic paints as a medium to easy step-by-step nature painting. Using pictures, create your own nature painting in a few easy steps. The class will follow a demonstration and instruction on painting techniques, brushwork, color blending and more. **Paints, brushes and acrylic board are supplied.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423339	A	S	2-4:30PM	11/6	PPNC	\$25

### MELT AND POUR SOAPMAKING

*Ages: 8 and Up. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 8.* Encourage cleaner hands with this class on easy soap making using soap bases that melt and pour into molds. Experiment with colors and scents to create your own beautifully crafted soaps. **All materials are provided. Children under 14 must be accompanied by a registered adult.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423351	A	T	2-4PM	11/9	PPNC	\$10

### REED BASKETRY

*Ages: 8 and Up. Enrollment Min 3 / Max 8.* Learn to make a reed basket using natural reed materials. **Children under 13 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Instructor: Bluebird Taylor**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423249	A	R	1-3PM	9/30	PPNC	\$18

### NATURAL DYES

*Ages: 10 and Up. Enrollment Min 3 / Max 8.* Learn to extract nature's colors to make dyes of many colors for yarns, paper or baskets. **Children under 13 must be accompanied by a registered adult.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423130	A	R	1-3PM	9/23	PPNC	\$15

### GYOTAKU FISH PRINTING

*Ages: 7 and Up. Enrollment Min 4 / Max 10.* Learn about the ancient Japanese art of fish printing using latex fish models. Create your own unique artwork. We provide the fish, paper and paint; you bring your imagination. **Children under 13 must be accompanied by a registered adult.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423243	A	F	2-3PM	10/15	PPNC	\$10

### MINIGARDENS

*Ages: 4 and Up. Enrollment Min 4 / Max 8.* Dreaming of fairies and dragons? Put together a minigarden of your favorite theme to take home with you. Gardens include container, soil, plants and decorations; you supply the creativity. **Children under 13 years-old must be accompanied by an adult. One garden per registered participant.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423327	A	SU	2-4PM	9/19	PPNC	\$20

### MAKING WAX FOOD WRAPS

*Ages: 10 and Up. Enrollment Min 4 / Max 10.* Go green by making your own reusable food wraps. Just say no to single use plastic wrap and have some fun creating cute sandwich and container food wraps that can be used over and over. Each participant will have the opportunity to create 4 sizes of wax food wraps from a choice of printed cotton fabric. Choice of beeswax or soy wax.

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423248	A	T	2-3PM	11/16	PPNC	\$10

### NATURE CRAFTS: SEASONAL WREATHS

Celebrate the season with a fall or winter themed grapevine wreath using dried wildflowers and other plant materials. September class will feature fall wreaths and the November class will feature winter wreaths.

**Children under 15 years-old must be accompanied by an adult.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423115	A	W	1-3PM	9/29	PPNC	\$18
423115	B	R	1-3PM	11/18	PPNC	\$18

### ACRYLIC POUR PAINTING

Try out a nature inspired acrylic pour painting adventure. See what masterpieces you can create using this interesting technique.

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423334	A	R	1-3PM	11/4	PPNC	\$15

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SAVING THE BLACK-FOOTED FERRET

**2-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Prairie Park Nature Center**

*Ages: All.* This special program commemorates the rediscovery of the endangered black-footed ferret and highlights recovery efforts nationally and here in Kansas. Meet our live black-footed ferret and hear the story of this iconic animal's recovery from the brink of extinction. Also meet the very special domestic ferret that has taken part in the cloning of black-footed ferrets that will hopefully lead to greater success in the recovery of this very special species. **Program is free.**

### SAVING THE MAGNIFICENT MONARCH – SUPPORT MONARCH CONSERVATION

**1-4 p.m. Sept. 18, 19, 25, at Prairie Park Nature Center**

*Ages: All. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.* Get involved in monarch butterfly conservation at the Nature Center. Learn about monarch migration, conservation troubles and how you can help. Catch, tag and release monarchs back into the wild. Butterfly nets will be available at the Nature Center. Before you go home, don't forget to buy some monarch friendly plant seeds to help grow your own monarch sanctuary. All seed sales go to monarch conservation efforts. **Preregistration is not required.**

### TURKEY TIME

**10-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at Prairie Park Nature Center**

*Ages: All.* Join Naturalist Dara and her favorite live turkey friends to learn more about wild turkeys in Kansas. This will be an outside event in the amphitheater. **Program is free. No dogs are allowed in the area during this program.**

### GEMINID METEOR SHOWER VIEWING

*Ages: 8 and Up. Enrollment Min 6 / Max 8.* Come join us for the greatest show seen from Earth. The Geminids is one of the best meteor showers of the year. Join us for an informal talk about the night skies before we go out to view the shower. **Please dress for the weather. Registration is required.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423336	A	M	9:30-11PM	12/13	PPNC	\$5

### WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

*Ages: 10 and Up. Enrollment Min 6 / Max 30.* Bring the family out to celebrate the Winter Solstice as we learn about the Solstice, make Solstice ornaments, and burn a Yule log. We will also go out for a short owling experience. **Registration is required. Participants under 15 must be accompanied by a registered adult.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
423338	A	S	6:30-8PM	12/18	PPNC	\$5

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/ SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

Group Visits: To ensure the quality of your visit, visiting groups must schedule dates and times with Prairie Park Nature Center by calling (785) 832-7980. For more information, please contact the Nature Center at (785) 832-7980. You can also find information on the Lawrence Parks & Recreation website, [www.lprd.org](http://www.lprd.org).

### PRESCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Prairie Park Nature Center is now offering specialized programs for preschools. Preschool students will enjoy live animals, stories, songs, art, rhymes and other appropriate early childhood activities.

### PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Prairie Park Nature Center offers a wide variety of one-hour programs and two-hour field trips designed for school and organized groups.

### SCOUTING

For Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Prairie Park Nature Center offers a wide range of programs to help scouts complete necessary requirements for merit badge attainment.

**\*NEW\* 50 minute to one hour programs are now available by ZOOM to the classroom by appointment. Cost is \$35 dollars for a select group of indoor talks on a variety of subjects. Contact the Nature Center for more information at 785-832-7980.**