

PRAIRIE PARK NATURE CENTER

2730 Harper St.

Nature Center Hours

Mondays: Closed

Tuesday through Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sundays: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN/TEENS

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

NATURE STORY TIME FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Ages: 1-4. Max 15. 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 afterwards. Pre-registration is helpful, but drop-ins will be accepted. The cost is \$3 per session.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123203 A	STORYHR	R	10-10:30AM	1/8-3/5	PPNC	\$27
223203 A	STORYHR	R	10-10:30AM	4/2-5/21	PPNC	\$24

WILD ADVENTURES FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND PARENTS WEEKLY

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. *Ages: 2-5. Max 15.* 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 (785) 832-7980.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123202 A	WILDADVT	T	10-11AM	1/13-3/3	PPNC	\$32
223202 A	WILDADVT	T	10-11AM	3/31-5/19	PPNC	\$32

GROSSOLOGY

Ages: 7-12. Enrollment: Min. 6/Max. 15. If you think gross things are the coolest, this is the class for you! Join us for hands-on activities, games and live animals as we learn just how important gross animals are.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123231 A	GROSS	F	1-3PM	2/6	PPNC	\$10
223231 B	GROSS	S	1-3PM	3/28	PPNC	\$10

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

NATURE NUTS: AFTERSCHOOL EXPLORATIONS AND CRAFTS

Ages: 7-12. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12. Come learn, explore and create after school. Kids will get inspired to create fun crafts to take home after exploring different topics on plants, animals and nature each class.

Come prepared to go outdoors. Enrollment required.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123265 A	NATEXPOR	W	3-4:30PM	1/7	PPNC	\$5
123265 B	NATEXPOR	W	3-4:30PM	1/21	PPNC	\$5
123265 C	NATEXPOR	W	3-4:30PM	2/4	PPNC	\$5
123265 D	NATEXPOR	W	3-4:30PM	2/18	PPNC	\$5
223265 A	NATEXPOR	W	3-4:30PM	4/1	PPNC	\$5
223265 B	NATEXPOR	W	3-4:30PM	4/15	PPNC	\$5
223265 C	NATEXPOR	W	3-4:30PM	4/29	PPNC	\$5
223265 D	NATEXPOR	W	3-4:30PM	5/13	PPNC	\$5

AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

BEGINNERS' ARCHERY

Ages: 7-16. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 10. Learn to use archery equipment in a safe and structured environment with an NASP-certified instructor. We provide all equipment for the class.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223332 A	BEGARCH	W	3-4:30PM	4/8	PPNC	\$10
223332 B	BEGARCH	W	3-4:30PM	4/22	PPNC	\$10

ARCHERY CLUB

Ages: 7-16. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12. Olympic style archery using Genesis compound bows. Build you archery skills, learn scoring, and work on accuracy. *Prerequisite: Beginning Archery. Taught by certified instructors.*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223333 A	ARCHCLUB	W	3-4PM	4/15	PPNC	\$8
223333 B	ARCHCLUB	W	3-4PM	4/29	PPNC	\$8

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL DAYS OFF

WILD THINGS CAMP

Ages: 6-10. Enrollment Min 10 / Max 25. Take a break from school for 2 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 CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123333 A	WNTRADV	RF	8AM-4PM	2/26-2/27	PPNC	\$50

ADULT PROGRAMS

CREATE YOUR OWN NATURE JOURNAL

Ages: 18 and Up. Max 5 / Min 15. Create a book designed for your outdoor adventures. Join Instructor Gayle Sigurdson in creating and binding your own nature journal. Using beautiful paper and creative juices, this two-hour class will help you produce a journal you can be proud to take outside. **All materials are included.**

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223340 A	CRENATJO	T	7-8:30PM	3/24	PPNC	\$15

NATURE JOURNALING

Ages: 18 and Up. Max 15 / Min 5. Love the outdoors and love to write. Put your thoughts, sketches and reflections on paper in this class led by celebrated Lawrence Author Kelly Barth and Artist Dena Freisen will lead a class meeting on nature illustration.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223324 A	NATJOUR	T	7-8PM	3/31-4/21	PPNC	\$45

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NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY FOR ADULTS PHOTOGRAPHING WILDLIFE

Ages: 18 and Up. Enrollment min 5 / Max 20. Bring your digital camera and learn about the art of taking photos of wildlife. We will have a variety of interesting subjects from amphibians to snakes, birds to insects. A blind will be set up at the bird watching station to catch birds in the wild.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123225 A	PHOTOWILD	R	1-2:30PM	3/5	PPNC	\$15

MEET AND EAT ADULT LECTURE SERIES

50+ *Ages: 50 and Up. Enrollment Min 4 / Max 35.* Enjoy food for thought and body once a month at a special luncheon get together. The program will include a presentation on a current environmental topic, followed by a box lunch and discussion. *An optional short outdoor guided hike will follow. \$10 fee includes lunch. Participants may drop in for just the program or bring a bag lunch for \$3. Please notify in advance if a special diet is desired. Guest lecturers and topics to be announced.*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123400 A	MEETEAT	W	11:30-1PM	01/21	PPNC	\$10
123400 B	MEETEAT	W	11:30-1PM	02/18	PPNC	\$10
123400 C	MEETEAT	W	11:30-1PM	03/11	PPNC	\$10

NATURES CREATIONS FOR 50+

50+ *Ages: 50 and Up. Enrollment Max 20 / Min 5.* We supply the materials, you supply the creativity. Choose between a decorative spring wreath or a quaintly painted bird house. Your creation will be a welcome spring addition to your house or yard.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123326 A	NATCRES	R	1PM	2/12	PPNC	\$15
223326 A	NATCRES	R	1PM	4/2	PPNC	\$15

GEOCACHING FOR ADULTS

50+ *Ages: 50 and Up. Enrollment Min 4 / Max 10.* Come out to the nature center to learn about geocaching, high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. Locate the 3 hidden containers, called geocaches, while enjoying the outdoors and learning how to use GPS handhelds.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223338 A	GEOCA	T	2-3:30PM	4/7	PPNC	\$5

INTRODUCTION TO ARCHERY FOR 50+ ADULTS

50+ *Ages: 50 and Up. Enrollment Max 12 / Min 5.* Archery is good for physical and mental focus, but open to all levels of skill. Enjoy learning the sport of target archery in a safe and structured environment with an NASP certified instructor. We provide all equipment for class.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223331 A	LLARCH	R	3-4:30 PM	4/9-4/30	PPNC	\$40

WEEKEND PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES

SATURDAY MORNING FREE PROGRAM (10 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M.)

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FREE PROGRAM (1:30 P.M. TO 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. *Children under 14 must be registered with a paying adult for all family programs. No unattended children will be allowed.*



LET'S FEED THE BIRDS

Ages: 5 to Adult. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 25. Under 15 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Want to attract more birds in your backyard? Our class will teach the basics on how to choose different types of seeds, feeders and alternative food sources that will help attract a variety of birds to your yard throughout the year. Make a simple bird feeder, learn tips on basic bird identification and much more!

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123323 A	BIRDFEED	S	9-10:30AM	1/10	PPNC	\$7

NATURAL SYMBOLS OF KANSAS

Ages: 5 and Up. Celebrate the anniversary of Kansas statehood with a program about the natural symbols of Kansas. The historical significance of the bison, cottonwood, honeybee and other natural symbols will be discussed. A special appearance by Kansa, the nature center's bald eagle, is included. *No pre-enrollment is necessary.*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123210 A	NATKS	SU	1:30-2PM	1/25	PPNC	NONE

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY PHOTOGRAPHING WILDLIFE

Ages: 18 and Up. Enrollment min 5 / max 20. Bring your digital camera and learn about the art of taking photos of wildlife. We will have a variety of interesting subjects from amphibians to snakes, birds to insects. A blind will be set up at the bird watching station to catch birds in the wild.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123225 A	PHOTOWILD	SU	2:30-4 PM	2/15	PPNC	\$15

NATURES CREATIONS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Ages: 6 and Up. Enrollment Max 20 / Min 5. We supply the materials; you supply the creativity. Choose between a decorative spring wreath or quaintly painted bird house. Your creation will be a welcome spring addition to your house or yard. **Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.**

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123325 A	NATCRES	SU	2PM	03/1	PPNC	\$15
223325 A	NATCRES	SU	2 PM	04/26	PPNC	\$15

VENOM ADVENTURES

Ages: 5 and Up. Spiders, snakes and bugs . . . oh, my! Learn which are the real hazards of the outdoors and which are just imaginary dangers. Learn to identify plants you want to avoid from poison ivy to nettles. You'll learn how to steer clear of less than desirable wildlife. Get up close and personal to live snakes, toads and spiders. *No pre-enrollment is necessary.*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223330 A	VENADV	SU	1:30-2:30PM	4/12	PPNC	NONE

THE BUG GOURMET

Ages: 12 to Adult. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12. Under 15 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Thousands of birds can't be wrong, bugs make good eating. This class will feature hands on cooking for the bravest gourmets. Make a savory cricket snack, add them to cookies, stir-fry, or chocolate coat them for a day of daring eating

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223336 A	BUGGO	SU	2-3:30PM	4/5	PPNC	\$10

COME FLY A KITE

Ages: 7 and Up. Children under 15 years-old must be registered with an adult. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 20. Celebrate spring, Earth Day and the spring equinox all rolled into one with some kite-flying fun. Come build your own kite, or bring one you have already. We will build kites and take them out to the newly mowed prairie to enjoy some spring kite flying. **All materials provided.**

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223336	A	KITES	SU	2-4PM	4/19	PPNC \$8

GARDENING FOR BUTTERFLIES

Ages: 8 to Adult. Enrollment Min 6 / Max 20. Attract these little flying jewels to your garden with just the right plants for caterpillars and adults. Make a butterfly sanctuary in your own yard or planter. Each participant will get a list of suitable larvae and nectaring plants, as well as take home six garden starter plants for native butterflies

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223328	A	BUTTERGA	SU	2-3:30PM	5/3	PPNC \$8

HIKES AND TRIPS

Be prepared to go outside, including appropriate outdoor and footwear.

WATCHING WINTER EAGLES

Ages: 18 and Up. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 12. Take a winter afternoon field trip to observe wintering bald eagles along the Kaw River, at Clinton Lake and Perry Lake. Visit one of the Clinton Lake nest sites. Bring binoculars and cameras to capture images of these magnificent symbols as they congregate around the open waterways. Dress for the weather and possible short hikes.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123220	A	EAGWATCH	R	9AM-12PM	1/8	PPNC \$15

SOUNDS OF SPRING: THE CALL OF FROGS AND TOADS

Ages: 10 and Up. Children under 15 must be registered with an adult. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 14. Take a hike with the author of *Calls of Kansas Frogs and Toads*, Keith Coleman, to listen for the sounds of spring amphibians. Learn to identify the calls of toads, tree frogs, leopard frogs and others.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223320	A	FROGTOAD	F	7-9PM	4/17	PPNC \$5

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

For more information, please contact the nature center at (785) 832-7980. You can also find information on the web at www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/ppnc.

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 SCHOOL 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.

HOME-SCHOOL SCIENCE FIELD TRIPS

Ages: 6-13. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 20. Two-hour field trip programs for homeschooled students will combine live animal programs with outdoor field investigations. *Jan. 16 — Eagles in Kansas; Jan. 30 — Kansas Natural Symbols; Feb. 13 — How Animals Survive the Winter; Feb. 27 — Weather Wonders; April 10 — Great Migrations; April 24 — Sounds of Spring; May 8 — The Nature of Color; May 22 — Species on the Brink.*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123230	A	HOME	W	10 AM-12PM	1/14	PPNC \$10
123230	B	HOME	W	10 AM-12PM	1/28	PPNC \$10
123230	C	HOME	W	10 AM-12PM	2/11	PPNC \$10
123230	D	HOME	W	10 AM-12PM	2/25	PPNC \$10
223322	A	HOME	W	10AM-12PM	4/8	PPNC \$10
223322	B	HOME	W	10AM-12PM	4/22	PPNC \$10
223322	C	HOME	W	10AM-12PM	5/6	PPNC \$10
223322	D	HOME	W	10AM-12PM	5/20	PPNC \$10

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.

CUB SCOUT MERIT BADGE

Ages: All ages of cub scouts. Children must be registered with adult. Due to space limitations no more than one adult per child please. Enrollment required. Program cost for scouts only. Join us at Prairie Park Nature Center to discover wildlife and nature while completing requirements for Tiger Cub, Wolf Cub and Bear Cub Merit Badges.

Tiger Badge, 1 P.M. — Scouts will meet live animals and get crafty with leaf rubbing and bird feeders. Come learn about “Leave No Trace” principals and recycling, then go on a hike to plant seeds and clean up trash in the park.

Wolf Badge, 2 P.M. — Scouts will work on “Your Living World.” Come learn about pollution, recycling, ways to save energy and ways that people have worked to protect our world. Scouts will also hunt for litter in the park.

Bear Badge, 3 P.M. — Come meet a Park Naturalist to learn about what Conservation Officers do to help conserve wildlife and our local wild areas. Meet live animals and learn about endangered and extinct species. Build a bird feeder to take home and go for a trash clean up hike.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123335	A	CUBSCOUT	S	1-2PM	1/10	PPNC \$5
123335	B	CUBSCOUT	S	2-3PM	1/10	PPNC \$5
123335	C	CUBSCOUT	S	3-4PM	1/10	PPNC \$5

BIRTHDAY PARTY PROGRAMS

\$110 fee for classroom rental for two hours with a 40-minute live animal program and a craft, game or hike. Maximum of 15 children, 10 adults. (\$5 for each additional person).

SPECIAL EVENTS

EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., South Park
Join us at South Park to celebrate Earth Day with a few of our animal friends.

LAWRENCE EAGLE DAYS

Saturday, Jan. 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Free State High School.
Come out to learn all about wintering bald eagles in Kansas at this community event. Prairie Park Nature Center will offer 2 special programs featuring the nature center’s education eagles and raptors. This is a free program to the community and is sponsored by Jayhawk Audubon Society.