PRAIRIE PARK NATURE CENTER

2730 Harper Street

NATURE CENTER HOURS
***Mondays** - Closed*
***Tuesday through Saturday:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m.*
***Sundays:** 1 p.m.-4 p.m.*

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN/TEENS

NATURE STORY TIME FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Ages: 1-4. Enrollment Max 6. For children who enjoy both stories and animals, there will be morning story time for preschool age children every Thursday at 10 AM. 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	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223203	A	R	10-10:30AM	3/24-5/19	PPNC	$27

WILD ADVENTURES FOR PRESCHOOLERS

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 $4.00 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	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223202	A	T	10-11AM	3/22-5/17	PPNC	$36

AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

ARCHERY, BEGINNERS

Ages: 7-16. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 8. Learn to use archery equipment in a safe and structured environment with an NASP certified instructor. We provide all equipment for the class. **Taught by certified instructors.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223332	A	W	3-4:30PM	4/13	PPNC	$15

ARCHERY CLUB

Ages: 7-16. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 8. 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	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223333	A	W	3-4PM	4/13	PPNC	$10
223333	B	W	3-4PM	4/27	PPNC	$10

HOMESCHOOL SCIENCE FIELDTRIPS

Ages: 6-13. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 10. Two-hour fieldtrip programs for home-schooled students will combine live animal programs with outdoor field investigations.

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223322	A	W	10AM-12PM	3/23	PPNC	$10
223322	B	W	10AM-12PM	4/13	PPNC	$10
223322	C	M	10AM-12PM	4/25	PPNC	$10
223322	D	M	10AM-12PM	5/10	PPNC	$10

CODE DIRECTORY

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

NO CHILD INSIDE HIKES

Ages: 7-12. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 8. Don't spend your after school 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
223261	A	W	3-4:30PM	4/6	PPNC	$5
223261	B	W	3-4:30PM	4/20	PPNC	$5
223261	C	W	3-4:30PM	5/4	PPNC	$5
223261	D	W	3-4:30PM	5/18	PPNC	$5

WEEKEND PROGRAMS

SATURDAY FREE PROGRAM – 1:30-2PM
SUNDAY AFTERNOON FREE PROGRAM – 1:30-2PM

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.

OUTDOOR DUTCH OVEN COOKING

Ages: 10 and Up. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 8. Savor old-fashioned camp cooking using a Dutch oven. Dutch oven cooking is a favorite for campers who want to make their meal in a fire pit. We will explore some favorite camping recipes for those that wish to master this historical skill. Learn to make biscuits, bread, stews and other delicious dishes. **Children under 16 years-old must be accompanied by a registered adult.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223347	A	SU	2-5PM	3/20	PPNC	$15

GARDENING FOR BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER POLLINATORS

Ages: 8 and Up. Enrollment Min 6 / Max 10. 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. **Must be accompanied by a registered adult.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223328	A	SU	2-3:30PM	4/24	PPNC	$8

HIKES AND TRIPS

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

SOUNDS OF SPRING: THE CALL OF FROGS AND TOADS

Ages: 10 and Up. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 8. 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. **Children under 15 must be accompanied by a registered adult.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223320	**A**	**F**	**7-9PM**	**4/15**	**PPNC**	**$5**

WILDLIFE MOMS

Ages: Family. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 8. Come join us for our Mother's Day special program. Learn some of the secrets of wild mothers from ostriches to owls! Do mammals really abandon their young if you touch them? Myths debunked. **This program is free to the public.**

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES, PLANT AND SEED EXCHANGE
Ages: 18 and Up. 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 23. Have plants you must prune or cull? Seeds you don't want to plant anymore? How about trading your excess with others? Take home new plants for your yard and have an instant new garden. No time to re-pot your plant donations? No problem – bags and newspaper will do. **This program is free to the public.**

ADULT PROGRAMS

BEGINNING BIRDING
Ages: 50 and Up. Enrollment Min 3 / Max 5. Shake off the cabin fever with a tour of local birding hot spots from the Baker Wetlands to Clinton Lake. We will take a three-hour tour to view migrating waterfowl, songbirds, and nesting eagles in the area. Learn the fundamentals of bird identification. **Binoculars and field guides supplied.**

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223346	A	M	9AM-12PM	4/4	PPNC	$20

NATURE'S CREATIONS FOR ADULTS
Ages: 18 and Up. Enrollment Min 3 / Max 8. Make your own seasonal wreath to welcome spring with local wildflowers!

CODE	SEC	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223326	A	R	2:30-3:30PM	5/19	PPNC	$15

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/ SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

Group Visits: To ensure the quality of your visit, visiting groups must schedule dates and times with the 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 lprd website, 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.