

At our new Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center!

All sessions are facilitated by camp instructors trained and passionate about the environment. Your ECO-Ranger Camper will go on two adventure trips each week while connecting with nature on a whole new level!

ECO-Jr. Rangers Camp *Grades K-2*

Let's take a hike through a prairie, wetland or even a tropical rainforest. For campers interested in nature, the environment, art, animals, plants, and insects, this is the camp for you! ECO-Jr. Rangers will get your camper excited about the world around them as they explore nature through handson activities, education, and field trips to local natural areas—from the Conservatory to nature museums to forest preserves. Be sure to pack a water bottle and a peanut-free snack with your camper each day.

ECO-Rangers Camp

Grades 3-5

Has your camper graduated from being a Jr. Ranger? Do you have an older camper interested in the natural world or one who likes to spend hours outdoors? Then ECO-Ranger Camp was made for you. Take your explorers environmental education to the next level by joining us this summer as we learn more about plants, animals, and insects, through trips, discussions, and hands-on happenings. Topics may include, but are not limited to: plant identification, community awareness, producer/consumer relationships, and global warming. Be sure to pack a water bottle and a peanut-free snack with your camper each day.

ONE-WEEK CAMPS Get outside and explore this Summer!

Program	Grades	Dates	Time	Location	Activity #	Res/NR
ECO-Jr. Rangers Camp	K-2	Jul 18 - Jul 22	8:00-11:30am	Austin Gardens	235000-02	\$145/218
ECO-Jr. Rangers Camp	K-2	Jul 25 - Jul 29	8:00-11:30am	Austin Gardens	235000-03	\$145/218
ECO-Jr. Rangers Camp	K-2	Aug 15 - Aug 19	8:00-11:30am	Austin Gardens	235000-05	\$145/218
ECO-Rangers Camp	3-5	Jul 11 - Jul 15	1:00-4:30pm	Austin Gardens	235002-01	\$145/218
ECO-Rangers Camp	3-5	Jul 18 - Jul 22	1:00-4:30pm	Austin Gardens	235002-02	\$145/218
ECO-Rangers Camp	3-5	Jul 25 - Jul 29	1:00-4:30pm	Austin Gardens	235002-03	\$145/218
ECO-Rangers Camp	3-5	Aug 8 - Aug 12	1:00-4:30pm	Austin Gardens	235002-04	\$145/218
ECO-Rangers Camp	3-5	Aug 15 - Aug 19	1:00-4:30pm	Austin Gardens	235002-05	\$145/218

Register for the grade your child will be entering in Fall 2016.





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Camping 101 - FREE

Have no fear of camping gear! Join us for a free class to learn all about what to bring with you on your next camping trip. Practice setting up a tent, and learn the ins and outs of camping gear. All ages welcome.

Location: Austin Gardens Date: Saturday, June 25 Time: 11am-12:30pm

Registration required – use activity #364461-01



Park to Park Bike Ride - FREE

Bring your bike and explore our parks! Meet at Austin Gardens and we will take a fun family friendly ride through Oak Park stopping at a few of our parks along the way. Finish the ride back at Austin Gardens and get a tour of our brand new facility! All ages.

Location: Austin Gardens Date: Sunday, July 24

Time: 9:45-noon

Drop-in or pre-register – use activity #364460

Camping 102 - FREE

Cooking while camping doesn't just have to mean roasting hotdogs over a fire, join us for this free workshop to learn the basics of cooking over a camp fire. Discover some new recipes and sample a fireside feast!

Location: Austin Gardens
Date: Saturday, July 23
Time: 11am-12:30pm

Registration required – use activity #364461-02



Family Kayak Outing - \$60 residents/\$90 non-residents

Join us for an afternoon paddle on Busse Lake. We will enjoy a kayak trip filled with waterbirds and turtles. Guides will help you notice hidden natural features and explain the surprising, paradoxical ecology of this heavily engineered natural area.

Location: Busse Lake Date: Saturday, July 30

Time: 1-4 pm

Registration required – use activity #364701

REGISTER ONLINE www.pdop.org



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Scenic Horseback Ride

We will travel up to Kettle Moraine for a fun day of horseback riding. This 3 hour ride will take you through the back roads of Wisconsin into forests and beautiful nature areas. Bring a lunch, snacks and water will be provided. Transportation included. Ages 18 and up.

Location: Eagle, Wisconsin

Date: Sunday, June 26

Time: Depart at 8am from Austin Gardens, return at 4pm Cost: \$100/person (resident); \$150/person (non-resident)

Register using activity #364800



Sunset Float

Bring a picnic to start this perfect evening date night on the banks of Busse Lake. After dinner, we will enjoy a tranquil sunset kayak trip filled with waterbirds and turtles. Guides will help you notice hidden natural features and explain the surprising, paradoxical ecology of this heavily engineered natural area. Transportation included. Ages 18 and up.

Location: Busse Woods

Date: Saturday, July 23

Time: Depart at 4pm from Austin Gardens, return at 9pm

Cost: \$60/person for a two-person kayak

Register using activity #364801



Devil's Lake Rock Climbing

Have you always wanted to try rock climbing? Join us as we travel up to Devils Lake for a guided rock climbing trip. Tenured climbing instructors will instruct you on the fundamentals like belaying tying in and lowering then you'll experience a variety of climbing routes. Bring a lunch. Water and snacks will be provided. Transportation included. Ages 18 and up.

Location: Devil's Lake Baraboo, Wisconsin

Date: Saturday, August 27

Time: Depart at 5am from Austin Gardens,

return at 5pm

Cost: \$132/person

Register using activity #364802

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