

Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

August 2020 Program Calendar

Register online at apm.activecommunities.com/cityoffortworth

Use the activity number listed to search for and register for specific programs online. **General admission is not included in course.**

Sat, Aug 1 - Campfire Skills (Day) 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: [28844](#)

Come celebrate National Campfire Day with us. Our afternoon program will be all about learning different fire-building techniques, tool use, and about safety precautions.

Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Sat, Aug 1 - Campfire Skills (Night) 7 - 9 p.m. Activity #: [28845](#)

The celebration continues into the night. We will build our own campfire, share campfire stories, and make S'mores. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sun, Aug 2 - Build a Bug 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Activity #: [28846](#)

Like a Build a Bear, Build a Bug is much smaller and less cuddly. Let's learn how to make our own aquatic insects in a beginner's fly tying and entomology class.

Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.

Mon, Aug 3 - Full Moon Paddle 8 - 10:30 p.m. Activity #: [28820](#)

The sounds along the river at night are many. You can hear the splashes from frogs jumping in the water and the hoots from owls in the trees. Join us and listen for them all.

All equipment is provided. Please arrive by 7:45 p.m. Meet at Back Gate, [8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135](#). **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Sat, Aug 8 - Canoe Tour 9 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: [28823](#)

Alligators can be found at the Nature Center. Paddle with us and learn about this reptile and other reptiles along the water's edge. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.*

Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

Sat, Aug 8 - Let's Make Tracks 2 - 3 p.m. Activity #: [28847](#)

Can you tell a bobcat from a coyote track? Get a quick course in track identification and practice making your own plaster cast of a track. **Pre-registration required.**

\$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Sun, Aug 9 - Prairie Playgrounds 1:30 - 3 p.m. Activity #: [28848](#)

The prairie flowers and grasses serve as a small playground for insects climbing and hopping; while offering food and shelter. Once you start looking, you will discover an abundance of bugs. Join us as we search for six-legged organisms. **Pre-registration required.**

\$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Mon, Aug 10 - Early Birds 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Activity #: [29242](#)

We are getting close to summer birds migrating to the tropics. Join us on this walk and help us count as many bird species as possible. *Outdoor activity, come prepared.*

Hikes not designed for organized groups. **Pre-registration required.**

\$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Sat, Aug 15 - What's the Buzz 1 - 2 p.m. Activity #: [28849](#)

Today is National Honey Bee Day. Let's recognize and show our appreciation for the hard working Honey Bee. From producing honey and pollinating plants, they deserve their own day. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sun, Aug 16 - Greer Island Canoe Fest 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Activity #: [28826](#)

Reptiles can be found in and near the river. Paddle and see some close up. **NO REGISTRATION NEEDED, FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED.** Meet at Greer Island. Cash only please.

\$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.



Weekend Nature Hikes

9 - 11 a.m.

Despite the heat, wildflowers are still in bloom. In fact, some species bloom this time of year to help migrating birds and butterflies.

Outdoor activity, come prepared. Hikes not designed for organized groups.

Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 15
29231	29232	29233	29234	29235
Aug 16	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 29	Aug 30
29236	29237	29238	29239	29240



Wednesday Walks

9 - 11 a.m.

The Caprock & Prairie trail are very accessible from the Visitors' Center. Hike with us and learn how we manage these trails. *Outdoor activity, come prepared. Hikes not designed for organized groups.*

Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 26
28793	28794	28795	28796



UPCOMING PROGRAM

Project WILD Training [29217](#)

September 12, 2020

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fri, Aug 21 - Preschool Discovery Club 10:30 - 11:30 p.m. Activity #: [28813](#)

Have you ever seen and heard a frog or toad hopping around your home? Bring your 3-5 year olds to learn how frogs and toads are similar and different. We will play a game, make a craft, and spend time outdoors. **Pre-registration required. \$8 PER CHILD (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Sat, Aug 22 - Secret Life of Skunks 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: [28850](#)

Discover the fascinating world of skunks as we discuss their behavior in the wild, complete a craft to take home, and meet a real live skunk. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sun, Aug 23 - Kayak Tour 9 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: [28829](#)

The river is important for humans and wildlife. Paddle with us and learn about ways the Trinity meets our needs and wildlife. *Kayakers must be at least 14 years old. Minors must be accompanied by their guardian; otherwise at least 18 years old. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Sun, Aug 23 - Aquatic Gardens 1:30 - 3 p.m. Activity #: [28851](#)

Discover the beauty and role of aquatic plants native to our wetlands. Join us as we visit the banks of the river viewing water-loving plants and learn about their adaptations which allow them to thrive in wet and marshy environments. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thurs, Aug 27 - Nature Center After Hours 7:30 - 9 p.m. Activity #: [28856](#)

Come search for spider webs and the glow from a spider's eyes. From web weavers to ambush hunters, view firsthand these small arachnids in their natural habitat. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Fri, Aug 28 - Preschool Discovery Club 10:30 - 11:30 p.m. Activity #: [28814](#)

Some animals are wild and some animals are not. Bring your 3-5 year olds to learn how to distinguish between wild animals and pets. We will play a game, make a craft, and spend time outdoors. **Pre-registration required. \$8 PER CHILD (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Sat, Aug 29 - Wetland Walk 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: [28852](#)

Join a naturalist for a walk around the wetlands. You will learn how crucial this protected habitat is for plants and animals. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sun, Aug 30 - Water's Journey 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: [28853](#)

Have you ever wondered where the water you drink comes from? Join us as we learn about groundwater, aquifers, watersheds, and more. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

A Moment in Nature Center History...

In August 1999, power line sparks ignited grass fires and burned about 50 acres. A total of 60 firefighters fought the blaze for up to 3 hours.



Evergreen Program

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(Yoga, 9 - 10:30 a.m.)

Geared for seniors, 55+, to increase time outdoors and improve mobility with yoga, art, guided hikes, and learning about green living.

Pre-registration required. \$6 (includes admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 25
28805	28806	28807	28808

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Admission

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Wed, Sep 2 - Full Moon Paddle 7:30 - 10 p.m. Activity #: [29197](#)

When you think of the full moon, you probably do not think of fruit. For this month, think about it as we paddle under the Fruit Moon. *All equipment is provided. Please arrive by 7:15 p.m. Meet at Back Gate, [8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135](#).* Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

Sat, Sep 5 - Kayak Tour 9 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: [29198](#)

As the temperatures change, so does the landscape. Come see the changes among the flowering plants along the river. Kayakers must be at least 14 years old. Minors must be accompanied by their guardian; otherwise at least 18 years old. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

Sat, Sep 5 - National Hummingbird Day 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: [29215](#)

As the temperatures change, so does the landscape. Come see the changes among the flowering plants along the river. Kayakers must be at least 14 years old. Minors must be accompanied by their guardian; otherwise at least 18 years old. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

Sun, Sep 6 - Fish Print Art 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: [29216](#)

Stop in and learn about the incredible diversity of freshwater fish in the Trinity River. Learn about their adaptations by creating a Gytaku art to take home. Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Mon, Sep 7 - Early Birds 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Activity #: [29192](#)

Join us for this walk as we look for migrants passing through that we may not often see. Outdoor activity, come prepared. Hikes not designed for organized groups. Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Sat, Sep 12 - Project Wild Training Class 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Activity #: [29217](#)

Learn how to teach children about ecology and wildlife using fun, hands-on educational activities. During the 6 hr workshop, participants will sample activities from their own Project WILD Activity Guide. Activities are designed for K-12 and correlated to teaching standards (TEKS). TEA-recognized CPE and TEEAC credit. Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Sun, Sep 13 - iNat Bioblitz 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: [29218](#)

Join us as we use the iNaturalist Flora and Fauna identification app to see how many plants and animals we can identify within the hour. Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Tue-Fri, Sep 15-18 - Fall Docent Training 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Activity #: [29219](#)

Attend our docent training and become a trained natural history interpreter. You will discover ways to share your appreciation for nature with our community. Pre-registration required by calling Kenneth Nalley at (817) 392-7411. FREE (includes admission).

Fri, Sep 18 - Preschool Discovery Club, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: [29200](#)

Suddenly you hear a soft humming sound. You see a small bird hovering over a flower and quickly moving to another. It's a hummingbird. Bring your 3-5 year olds to learn about these amazing small birds. We will play a game, make a craft, and spend time outdoors. Pre-registration required. \$8 PER CHILD (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.

Sat, Sep 19 - Turtles, Thinking Inside Their "Box" 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: [29220](#)

These land turtles can only think inside the box. Come learn more about ornate and three-toed box turtles and all of their adaptations. Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.



Weekend Nature Hikes

10 a.m. - Noon

It is time for migrants of all kinds to pass through. Join us as we search for all forms of migrants. *Outdoor activity, come prepared. Hikes not designed for organized groups.* Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Sep 5	Sep 6	Sep 12	Sep 13
29207	29208	29209	29210
Sep 19	Sep 20	Sep 26	Sep 27
29211	29212	29213	29214



Wednesday Walks

10 a.m. - Noon

Greer Island has a new look. Join us as we show off the improvements. *Outdoor activity, come prepared. Hikes not designed for organized groups.* Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Sep 2	Sep 9	Sep 16	Sep 23	Sep 30
29202	29203	29204	29205	29206

UPCOMING EVENT



SAVE THE DATE
Trails & Treats
October 24, 2020

Sun, Sep 20 - Greer Island Canoe Fest Noon - 4 p.m. Activity #: [29190](#)
Enjoy the views of the marsh from a canoe. NO REGISTRATION NEEDED, FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED. Cash only please. **\$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Thur, Sep 24 - Nature Center After Hours 7 - 8:30 p.m. Activity #: [29199](#)
All across the Refuge we use game cameras in an effort to document the diversity of species. Join us for an evening to learn about our game camera project, what we have found, and then go on a short walk to look for wildlife. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Fri, Sep 25 - Preschool Discovery Club 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: [29201](#)
What has a large head, curved horns, and has a dark brown coat? That's right, a bison. Bring your 3-5 year olds to learn about these majestic mammals here at the Nature Center. We will play a game, make a craft, and spend time outdoors. **Pre-registration required. \$8 PER CHILD (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Sat, Sep 26 - Tails and Trails 1:30 - 3 p.m. Activity #: [29222](#)
Bring your leashed pooch and waste bags for some outdoor exploration as we hike the Crosstimbers Trail. We'll enjoy the outdoors and learn all about the best ways to hike with dogs so that you and Fido can both enjoy nature in the safest and most enjoyable ways possible. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sun, Sep 27 - Canoe Tour 9 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: [29191](#)
Along the water's edge, turtles are sun bathing and warming up. Paddle with us to see them and other wildlife. All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch. **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Sun, Sep 27 - Vulture Culture 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: [29221](#)
Are vultures gross, misunderstood, or somewhere in between? Join a naturalist for this program and look for these birds that are crazy for carrion. You will learn how they play a crucial role in our ecosystem. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

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