

Weekly Theme Descriptions for Nature Kids Camp, Summer 2018 Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Ctr.

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6/11-6/15 Along the Garden Path

This will be the third year Irons Oaks maintains a vegetable garden at Tolentine Park's community garden. Our first week of camp features activities that acclimate campers to both woodland and garden settings as we kick off our new season of summer nature camp.

6/18-6/22 Get Outdoors!

From digging in the dirt to following a woodland maze, campers will discover the perks that only a true outdoor experience can offer.

6/25-6/29 Where the Wild Things Are

Some "wild things" live right outside our back doors. This week campers will learn about the lives of animals who live nearby but that are not domesticated. Foxes, raccoons, deer, coyotes, hawks, frogs and toads, turtles, snakes, salamanders, chipmunk—any of these creatures might take the stage this week.

7/2-7/6 Trekkers Week

Irons Oaks goes trekking on our holiday split-week. Registration can be made on a daily (rather than weekly) basis as campers explore forest preserve nature centers, fish in nearby lakes and visit a nearby CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farm. Call Irons Oaks for more information about daily trips.

7/9-7/13 Tall Tales

Historically, the inexplicable facts of nature were often described with tall tales. This week, campers will hear some of the tall tales that were shared in the days before science could explain the workings of nature. They will even get a chance to write some tall tales themselves.

7/16-7/20 I Wonder...

While science has explained much of nature's workings, mysteries still abound. Campers will have a chance to look at some of the more mysterious things of nature as well as explore other topics about nature that spark their curiosity.

7/23-7/27 Outdoor Explorers

Are you a real outdoor explorer? What skills do you need to claim that title of outdoor explorer? This week campers delve into things like orienteering, map reading, camping and nature journaling all as tools that can be used to become better outdoor explorers.

7/30-8/3 Water Wonderland

Every day will tour a different water wonderland this week. In its various forms, water is all around us and will take us through a variety of landscapes on our water journeys this week.

8/6-8/10 Fun with Nature

Camp season will conclude with a week that is all about nature fun! We will learn a bit about the biodiversity of life and how much fun that biodiversity makes the world we walk through every day.