

Adventure Camp

2026 Weekly Themes & Schedule



Adventure campers meet Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm each day, except for Late-night Adventure **Thursdays** when they stay for a cookout and campfire games until **7:00pm**.

Grades 6th-8th

Awesome Adventures I: (June 22 – 26) **New**

This week blends a variety of fun activities, from beach time



swimming and catching critters, to visiting farm animals, and tackling a map

course challenge. After mastering map and compass skills, your team must find hidden clues at NCNC that lead to secret treasure. Will you strike it rich? On Thursday, we'll pick strawberries for our pancake

supper and finish our adventure-filled week, Friday, paddling through a beautiful 840-acre salt marsh in search of wildlife. There are hidden treasures to discover during our start of the summer sampler. Join the fun!

Survivor Week – Natural and Man-Made Challenges (July 6 – July 10)



See what it takes to survive in the wild and how local wildlife thrive in their habitats. Learn basic survival skills, including shelter- and fire-building, knot tying, animal tracking, first aid, and carving skills, while exploring the great outdoors for wildlife. We'll put your skills to the test during a day of survival challenges. Are you up to it?



Paddle Mania (July 13 – July 17)



Come explore our regional waterways! Search for local creatures and enjoy good times on the water while mastering your paddling skills! Canoes can take us to hidden places inaccessible on foot where wildlife often abounds. We'll have lunch on an island, visit a series of chain lakes, paddle in ponds, and navigate a new scenic river and marsh. There will be swimming and time to explore the shores during this week of fun, water-filled adventure. (Register early, this is our most popular week.)



Identification Olympics III (July 20 – 24)



Learn how to identify everything from dragonflies and birds to trees and turtles as we crisscross our region in search of all creatures great and small! Make your own butterfly/dragonfly nets, master the use of binoculars and other science equipment, and aid NCNC in our land stewardship efforts. During the week, your team's challenge is to use your newfound

knowledge to find more than 200 different species of plants and animals! You have just one week. Can your team beat the camp record of 322 species?? We'll contribute our findings to iNaturalist, eBird, and other community-based science projects.



Rock'n Gem Jam II! - (July 27 – 31)



Go tracking for dinosaurs, sluicing for gems, and mining for minerals in this rock- and fossil-filled week of adventure! We'll prospect for garnets, dig into geodes, delve into dinosaur "eggs", and see just how cool an abandoned iron mine can be. Thursday, we'll tour Dinosaur State Park where we'll see and cast dinosaur tracks and sift for gems in their



sluice. Who will strike it rich? It could be you!

Explore the Outdoors III (August 3-7) **New**



part of a study, take a boat tour of the Thimble islands, and pick peaches or berries at a local farm. There's a ton of fun instore during our end of summer sampler. Join us!

Test your knowledge and learn new skills as we visit the many amazing places that critters call home. From salt marshes to meandering streams, scenic cascades to ancient forests, we'll search for wildlife where they live. You'll meet the Nature Center's collection of teaching animals, catch, band, and release native birds as



A 5-day weekly fee of \$640 features: *

- Maximum of 12 campers per session (counselor-camper ratio of 1:6).
- Off-site field trips exploring local hideaways, trails, and waterways by foot and canoe.
- Thursday late-night fireside/cookout experience in the "wilds" of the Nature Center
- Cookout & Campfire for Thursday Late-night Adventure.
- Two experienced, highly trained staff with certifications in Wilderness First Aid, CPR, Lifeguarding & Small Watercraft Safety.