

Lake View Nature Center

Community Groups

Do you have a school, homeschool, special recreation, day camp, or senior group looking to have some fun out in nature? We offer many programs that can be tailored to meet the needs of any group you might have!

Program Topics

Nature Showcase

Meet many of the Nature Center's resident animals through this hands-on program. We will meet reptiles, insects, mammals, and more!

Hands-on Herpetology

Discover the world of reptiles and amphibians! Learn all about what makes them unique through live animal encounters, activities, games, stories, and crafts.

Creepy Crawlies

Investigate the tiny world of bugs! Learn all about insects and other small creatures through investigations of our collection. This program also includes a bug hunt (weather permitting) and fun insect games or crafts.

Fishing (Available May-October)

Get ready to catch the big one! Learn to bait a hook, cast, and fish safely in our stocked lake. This program is available for ages 7 and up.

Camping Fun (Available May-October)

Simulate a camping experience at the Nature Center! We will put up a tent, sing songs, tell stories, go on a hike, and have s'mores. A favorite for day camps!

Custom Programs

Looking for a different topic? No problem! We can tailor a program just for you!

Seasonal Programs

Spring into Nature (Available March-May)

Search for signs of spring around our pond! Learn all about animal and plant life cycles, read a fun story, and plant a seed to grow your very own plant.

Pond Investigations (Available May-October)

So many creatures live in our pond! Dive in and discover the unique adaptations animals that live in the water have through hands-on investigations, live animal encounters, and a hike around our lake.

Fantastic Fall (Available September-November)

Learn what animals and plants do to get ready for the winter! We'll investigate some animal pelts and specimens, go on a leaf-collecting hike, and create a fall-inspired craft to take home.

Animal Tracks (Available November-March)

Just because we can't see animals in the winter doesn't mean they aren't there! Learn all about the footprints many animals leave behind. Read a silly story, go on a nature hike, and make your own animal track to take home.



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Pricing Information

- Fees:
 - 1-hour program: \$70 for 10 participants, \$6 per additional participant
 - 1.5-hour program: \$90 for 10 participants, \$8 per additional participant
 - 2-hour program: \$110 for 10 participants, \$9 per additional participant
 - Specialty programs:
 - Fishing: 2-hour program: \$130 for 10 participants, \$11/additional participant
 - Camping: 2-hour program: \$130 for 10 participants, \$11/additional participant
- All groups must pay the base amount for a program at the time of booking to guarantee a reservation.
- Final headcount and additional participants will be paid for one week before the date of reservation.
- Cancellations must be made one week prior to the reservation date to receive a refund.

Community Group Information

- Groups must be booked a minimum of two weeks in advance.
- Final headcount must be provided one week in advance.
- Groups must provide a minimum of one chaperone for every 10 children.
- All chaperones are free.
- Fishing groups must provide a minimum of one chaperone for every five children.
- All participants involved in a fishing group must be at least seven years of age.

**Ready to plan
your event?**

Scan here to get started!



To request a program, please fill out a [Nature Center Request Form](#). If you have any questions, please contact Nature Center Manager Kate Johns at kate@obtpd.org or 630-941-8747.