

2018 Summer Camp Programs at the Vermilion County Conservation District

The Vermilion County Conservation District's Summer programs offer outdoor fun for children ages 3 and older. With almost 4,500 acres between Kennekuk County Park and Forest Glen Preserve, children will gain appreciation and knowledge of wildlife and the great outdoors. Our camp programs give children the opportunity to explore their natural world through hands-on discoveries, hiking excursions, and art experiences.

If you have any questions regarding our camp programs, please call Kennekuk County Park at 217-442-1691. Registration forms are online at www.vccd.org, and at Kennekuk and Forest Glen staff offices.

Toddling Into Nature

Kennekuk Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park

This camp will introduce young children, ages 3-5, to the natural world, exploring through songs, activities, crafts, and more with a parent or guardian. Each class is organized around a theme and emphasizes active learning through sensory experiences, and movement activities. Children create with art materials, enjoy simple stories, and explore the great outdoors. Toddlers may sign up for one camp or all three. Fee is \$5.00 per child per session, due upon registration. Each session is approximately one hour long:

Wonderful Wetlands - June 20 at 10:00am or 2:00pm; June 21 at 10:00am or 2:00pm

We will explore and discover the amazing plants and animals with a short hike to the Kennekuk Marshes.

The Need for Seeds - July 11 at 10:00am or 2:00pm; July 12 at 10:00am or 2:00pm

Kids will explore the different sizes, shapes and smells of seeds and will plant a seed to take home and watch grow!

Wonder Bugs

Grades K-2nd, June 28, 9:00am - 11:30am

Kennekuk Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park

We explore the wonderful wetlands of Kennekuk through books, activities, and a nature hike. Kids will get an up-close hands-on aquatic experience with the plants and animals of the wetlands! Fee for camp is \$10/child; fee includes activity supplies and snack.

Pioneer Kids Camp

Grades 1st-3rd, June 27, 9:30am - 11:30am

Gannett Outdoor Education Center, Forest Glen Preserve

Come out and join us for a Pioneer focused hike in the woods. After arriving at the log cabin each camper will make a candle and everyone will help make an old fashioned sweet treat. Fee is \$10/child, due upon registration, fee includes craft and snack.



Kids Cooking Class



Grades 3rd-5th, July 24, 9:00am - 12:30pm

Gannett Outdoor Education Center, Forest Glen Preserve

This camp is for kids who want to try their hand at cooking. Campers will take a short walk to the homestead garden to cut herbs for pizza. Back in the kitchen they will create their own pizza and help with making hand churned ice cream. At lunch everyone gets to eat their handy work and make an ice cream sundae for dessert. Fee is \$10/child, due upon registration; Fee includes lunch.

Science in Nature

Grades 3rd-5th, June 26, 9:00am - 11:30am

Kennekuk Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park

Campers will participate in hands-on science experiments connected with nature to show the fun side of science. Nature will be our laboratory so be sure to wear old clothes! Fee for camp is \$10/child; Fee includes activity supplies.

Creek Stomping Ecology Camp

Grades 4th-6th, July 19 or July 21, 9:00am - 2:00pm

Gannett Outdoor Education Center, Forest Glen Preserve

Spend the day getting wet while exploring Willow Creek. Follow our Naturalists on an adventure while searching for aquatic life and observing animal tracks along the way. After eating lunch a hayride will be given back to the Gannett Outdoor Education Center. Participants must bring their own lunch, water bottle, and should wear shoes and clothes that can get wet. Fee is \$25/child, due upon registration; fee includes snack.

Photographing Nature

Grades 5th-10th, July 10, 9:00am - 2:00pm

Kennekuk Environmental Education Center, Kennekuk County Park

Kids who love nature and photography cannot miss this exciting new camp at Kennekuk! This introductory nature photography workshop for kids will cover basic digital camera operation, shot composition, lighting, and more. After lunch, we will go out on a photo nature safari hike to put our new skills to the test. The camp will be instructed by a professional photographer along with a VCCD staff employee. Participants must bring their own digital or point-and-shoot camera, no cell phone cameras allowed; as well as a lunch. Fee is \$15/child, due upon registration.

Registration form available on next page, online at www.vccd.org, as well as the Kennekuk County Park and Forest Glen staff offices.

