



# PEORIA PARK DISTRICT BEYOND SCHOOL

## WINTER/SPRING 2021

### ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

January 5 – January 26, 2021 10:00–11:00 AM Virtual Activity Ages 7-11

Join our naturalist by Zoom as we explore different ways native animals survive and even thrive in our local ecosystems! In addition, children will be provided with a fun activity to complete in between Zoom sessions. Class materials will be able to be picked up at Forest Park Nature Center, so your young nature lover will have everything they need for this interactive class!

### THE HUMAN BODY

January 6 – January 20, 2021 1:00-3:00PM Virtual Activity Ages 7-10

In these sessions, your child will learn all about the human body and what makes it special! Activities include making models of different organs, doing experiments about the spread of germs, and learning about how humans can invent things to make our bodies function better!

### NATURE-INSPIRED ART

February 3 – February 24, 2021 10:00-11:30AM Location: Forest Park Nature Center Ages 4-9

Each week, we'll create a different work of art using natural materials and taking inspiration from the natural world!

### TRANSPORTATION: LAND, SEA, AND SKY

February 3 – February 17, 2021 1:00-3:00PM Location: Noble Center Classroom Ages 7-10

In these sessions, your child will learn all about different modes of transportation across land, the seas, and through the skies! Activities include creating our own cars, boats, and flying devices, as well as learning about how people have been able to build and create vehicles to take them pretty much anywhere!

### THE INS AND OUTS OF ILLINOIS ECOSYSTEMS

March 2 – March 23, 2021 10:00-11:30AM Location: Tawny Oaks Field Station Ages 7-10

Get ready to immerse yourself in the diverse, dynamic ecosystems found in the Peoria area. We'll explore how ecosystems work and spend time exploring the tallgrass prairie, oak history savanna, and other unique habitat types found at Tawny Oaks.

### PAINTING

March 3 – March 24, 2021 10:00-11:30AM Location: Noble Center Classroom Ages 5-8

In these sessions, your child will expand their knowledge of painting and color! We will explore different ways of looking at color in real life and how artists use it, experiment with science in watercolor, and even use some unusual and unique tools like forks and other household items for painting!

### CIRCUITRY

March 3 – March 17, 2021 1:00-3:00PM Location: Noble Center Classroom Ages 7-10

In these sessions, your child will learn all about circuitry! Activities include learning all about electricity, creating circuits to light up different projects, and using a smart grid to learn about how towns and cities get their power.

## **IDENTIFYING AND CONSERVING ILLINOIS BIRDS**

**April 6 – April 27, 2021 10:00–11:00 AM Location: Forest Park Nature Center Ages 11-13**

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Discover native birds with other young nature enthusiasts! We'll identify Illinois birds, study their behavior, and take data on local bird populations. We'll have our first meeting at Forest Park Nature Center, then travel to other Peoria Park District natural areas for the other three dates!

## **EARTH DAY**

**April 7 – April 21, 2021 1:00-3:00 PM Location: Noble Center Classroom Ages 7-10**

We've decided to celebrate Earth Day all month long! In these sessions, your child will learn not only about habitats and biodiversity locally, but also globally, and learn different ways that they can help the Earth! We will be taking two field trips in this session, one to Forest Park Nature Center and the other to the Peoria Zoo in order to give your child an amazing learning experience!

## **PRINTMAKING**

**April 7 – April 28, 2021 10:00-11:30 AM Location: Noble Center Classroom Ages 5-8**

In these sessions, your child will learn what prints are and get the opportunity to try out a few different printmaking techniques that can be done at home – without a printing press! We will create collagraphs from recycled materials, relief prints from drawings in Styrofoam, and even experiment with printmaking in shaving cream!

## **YOUNG NATURALISTS**

**May 4 – May 25, 2021 10:00-11:30 AM Location: Forest Park Nature Center Ages 4-6**

Get curious about our natural world through hikes, songs, stories, and other activities specifically designed for your young naturalist! Parents are asked to stay and participate in this class.

## **DISCOVERING THE TALLGRASS PRAIRIE**

**May 4 – May 25, 2021 2:00-3:30 PM Location: Tawny Oaks Field Station Ages 7-10**

Illinois is called 'The Prairie State' for a good reason. Learn about the uniqueness of the prairie habitat at Tawny Oaks Field Station. We'll spend plenty of time in the tallgrass prairie as we uncover its rich past, present, and future.

## **COLLAGE**

**May 5 – May 26, 2021 10:00-11:30AM Location: Noble Center Classroom Ages 5-8**

In these sessions your child will get to experiment with collage! From magazine scraps, to painted paper and even recycled plastic or cardboard – collage is a great way to combine the elements of art and sustainability. We will be exploring different ways to use 2D and 3D collage in activities that include cutting up old magazines and paintings to make new works of art and creating wonky creatures from recycled materials!

## **PLANTS**

**May 5 – May 19, 2021 1:00-3:00 PM Location: Noble Center Classroom Ages 7-10**

In these sessions, your child will learn all about plants! Activities include planting their own seeds and watching them grow, learning about farming and domestication and the importance of pollinators, and even taking a trip to Luthy Botanical Gardens to see and learn about how people use plants not just for food but for beauty!