



# NATURE DISCOVERY CAMP



At the Thomas Township Nature Center - 6660 Gratiot Rd. - (989) 245-0801

## What is Nature Discovery Camp?

Our weeklong camps are built on the belief that children thrive when surrounded by nature. Through hands-on outdoor experiences, campers deepen their understanding and connection to the natural world while nurturing both their minds and hearts. Each camp has a unique focus, allowing children to explore different aspects of nature, but the goal is always the same: to provide a high-quality, nature-based experience that builds self-confidence and inspires a lasting appreciation for the outdoors.

## What else to Know!

**Age?** Campers from age 7-12 are welcome!

**Dates and themes?** See back of this page!

**Time?** Camp is from 9:00-4:00 Monday-Friday. Drop off time is no earlier than 7:30 and no later than 4:00

**Before & After care?** Campers can be dropped off as early as 7:30 am and picked up by 5:30 pm for an extra \$30 per week

**What should campers bring?** Campers should bring a backpack that contains: healthy lunch, a couple healthy snacks, a water bottle, bug spray, sunscreen, and a towel for sitting. No toys, electronics, or devices from home will be used during camp

**What should campers wear?** Closed toed shoes, comfortable clothes, layers! Hats and shades might help!

## Sounds great! How do I register my camper?

To register, fill out the registration locate at the Thomas Twp. Parks Office. For registration questions or information, Call (989) 781-0151 or email [park2@thomastwp.org](mailto:park2@thomastwp.org).

Resident per Week:

1st Child: \$140

2<sup>nd</sup> Child: \$110

- Optional Before/After Care: \$35 per week

Non-Resident per Week:

1st Child: \$145

2<sup>nd</sup> Child: \$125

**(Registrations will not be accepted at the Nature Center)**



# Dates & Themes!

Each camp has a variety of (mostly) outdoor and (sometimes) indoor activities, crafts, and games. Our goal is to be outside for the vast majority of the day, weather permitting! Each camp has a culminating activity that will enhance the nature preserve experience for all visitors to come!

June 22nd-26th

Theme: The Power of Plants

Kids can explore the wonderful world of plants through fun, hands-on activities. Young nature explorers can learn about roots, stems, leaves, and flowers while discovering how plants live and grow. By digging in the soil and caring for their own plants, children can see how plants help animals, people, and the Earth.



July 13th-17th

Theme: Animal Kingdom

By observing animals outside, kids can see how different animals live and survive in their habitats. Activities like watching birds, looking for insects, and enjoying the beautiful outdoors.

August 10th-14th

Theme: Hands-on History

Kids can have fun learning about history through hands-on activities that show how the past shapes life today. They can go on hikes to explore old landmarks, try fishing like people did long ago, or do arts and crafts to create historical projects.

Typical Daily Schedule:

Drop-off and discovery time indoors

Hike and morning activity

Snack

theme-based activity

Lunch

Group activity/Project time

Discovery time and pick up time

