Double the Discovery

It is never too early to introduce children to the natural world and avoid “nature-deficit disorder.” Richard Louv conveyed in his book *The Last Child in the Woods* what our younger generations are facing today. In the early years, children and nature tend to go hand in hand as children become aware of their natural surroundings. As parents, we seek occasions for our youngsters to explore insects, trees, tracks, and so much more in a fun educational setting. The Fort Worth...
Nature Center offers the place and the experience for young children to do so through our Preschool Discovery Club.

Beginning in January, instead of offering Preschool Discover Club once a month, we are doubling the discovery time to twice a month. Preschoolers ages 3-5 years will be able to learn twice as much about various nature-related topics with their adult companion. This hour-long program will now be offered on the third and fourth Fridays of the month, with different themes each time. Depending on the subject, participants have the chance to view biofacts, meet a wildlife ambassador, make take-home crafts, and go outdoors on an interactive stroll.

Exploring nature enhances children’s curiosity, understanding, and appreciation for their environment throughout their lifetime. Take the opportunity to register your preschoolers in one or two Preschool Discovery Club programs monthly. The cost is $8 per child plus admission for the child and accompanying adult ($5 per child for members). Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.fwnaturecenter.org or call 817-392-7410. Nature enriches the lives of those who take the time to explore the many wonders it contains.

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