

No Breaks in the Summer

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Wildlife may not always be visible. Nature Center staff point out evidence of wildlife by viewing the holes created by a yellow-bellied sapsucker. Sarah Memon Photo.

Summer is officially in session. The heat is on, and kids are taking a break from school. Here at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge, summertime is not the time for a break. Summer Natural History Adventure camps are in full swing, and it is not too late to sign up your children for some July adventures. Some of the topics include learning about the world of insects, caring

for animals and plants, and becoming a good steward of the land. In addition to day camps, we offer some evening programs. Join us for some treats and eats with our Summer Family Adventures. Programs include Snakes & Snacks, Bison & Brownies, and Stars & S'mores. An overnight camping adventure is also available the night of July 14 for 7th and 8th graders. We will camp under the stars and learn about nocturnal animals.

There is no learning pause for our community groups either. A number of scout groups, day care centers, and summer camps will learn about area wildlife and simply enjoy being outside. Docents, staff, and interns will be ready to welcome these explorers. On occasion, a group cannot come to us. We remedy that by visiting them. The education staff travels to many area libraries, community centers, and other summer camps. There is no replacement for visiting the Nature Center, but introducing some of our animal ambassadors and biofacts to these groups is a great way to encourage the community to venture out on our trails and participate in our programming.

If you are looking for a break from the ordinary, come visit us! We can lead you on a trail, teach you about our area wildlife, or paddle you down the river. We look forward to seeing you this summer.