



Exploring Nature Itinerary

Dates: July 16—18

Time: 9:30—11:30 am

Location: Independence Grove, North Bay Pavilion

What to wear: Sturdy closed-toe shoes; clothing that is appropriate for the weather, movement, and exploration; optional- hat and sunglasses. On water day, water shoes or shoes that can get wet and muddy and will stay on feet are appropriate. Clothing that may get wet and muddy.

What to bring: Filled water bottle, snack, sunscreen, and bug spray.

Tuesday, July 16

Insects, Bugs, Butterflies, Flowers, and who knows what else we'll find when we head out to explore the prairie!

Learn about insects that you can find in your backyard on a plant or flying around. Using your senses, we'll explore the prairie. **Smell** the flowers, do you **see** an insect on it? **Listen** to the sounds, what birds, insects or mammals do you hear? **Touch** the different plants, do they all **feel** the same? How do you feel being in the prairie? Being very gentle, we will use equipment to help us catch and observe some of these critters. What colors and patterns make them different? Do they have wings or not? How many legs do they have? What else will we discover if we keep exploring? Draw pictures of what you find, or make up a story about the insects and their world.

Wednesday, July 17

Water day! Who begins their life in the water? Who lives there all the time?

We'll head to the river and find out. Be prepared to get wet today. We will wade in with nets and buckets to see who we can find. Do they crawl, do they swim, or hop, will they fly are they hiding under rocks? Let's see what we discover on our exploration today!

Thursday, July 18

Wandering into the woods oh my! How is this different from the prairie and the river? Who and what do you think we'll find there?

As we listen to the story of S.T. Shrew, we will pretend to shrink down to his size and see what he sees on his awesome adventure. As we wander using our senses we can observe and wonder about the creatures living here in the woods. Perhaps we will want to create things with materials from the woods. Has anyone ever built a fort or a fairy house? Would you like to try? Let's see what we discover and what fun we can have today!

Program leader: Jan Ward, jward@lcfpd.org, 847-276-5378.

Please email AskAnEducator@LCFPD.org for general questions.

**Be sure to complete and return all forms at least one week prior to the start of the program.*

**Please note that some activities may be substituted or modified due to time constraints, site resources, participant interests, or inclement weather. In the event of prolonged inclement weather (excessive heat or thunderstorms and lightning) the day's session will be canceled.*

