



Exploring Plants & Animals Itinerary

Dates: July 22—26

Time: 9 am—12 pm

Location: Grant Woods, Monaville Rd. entrance. Meet at Shelter A.

What to wear: Light weight long sleeved shirt, long pants (for walking through tall plants), closed-toed water shoes that will stay on feet or old tennis shoes that can get muddy and wet.

What to bring: A backpack, full water bottle, snack, sunscreen, bug spray (applied before session), hat and/or sunglasses, and a small thin hand towel.

The following days may not occur in this order. They may switch due to weather or other conditions. You will receive an email before the session begins.

Day 1: Exploring Different Habitats-an overview – a big hike

Day 2: Exploring Prairie/Grassy Areas

Day 3: Exploring Woodland

Day 4: Exploring Water: Rubber Duck Pond

Day 5: Revisiting the Different or Favorite Habitats

Each Day: Will include a welcome, hello's & introduction to the day, short game and/or short story, using your senses in nature, and introduction to exploration tools.

Prairie Day:

What's in a prairie? All of those wonderful plants, flowers and insects! What's under the ground? What eats all of those insects in the prairie. Let's go explore. Let's bring back and observe some insects. Create an insect circus. Draw pictures of your insects. What different colors and patterns do they have? Make up a story about them. Create ephemeral art.

Woodland Day:

What's in a woodland? Trees and shrubs, vines and groundcover. What types of bugs live in here? What other animals live here? What's on the ground? What can we build? The woods are a great place for imaginations to come to life. Build forts, dens or fairy houses. Make up your own story of what's in the woods. Create mud out of the two secret ingredients and make faces or other creations on the trees.

Water Day – Pond:

What's in the water? Are there plants? Who lives in the water? Let's scoop to find out. Look through a scope to get a better view. How many different critters can you find? How many of the same do you find? Can you draw pictures of them? What can you create? What can you play with water?

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.*

