



Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve

Summer 2020 Program Guide

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Summer Camps

All programs are open to the general public. Please preregister for programs. The lower fees noted are for members of Dinosaur Hill.

Summer camps fill fast!

Just Camp (June 24th – 27th) 10am-12pm (\$100/80) (Ages 3-5)

All the big kids are going to summer camp and we don't want the little guys to miss out on the action. This is a short camp designed to be friendly, fun and welcoming for your youngest campers. Parents and caregivers are welcome, but not required to attend. We'll do crafts, play games, make snacks, play outside, catch bugs, have a campfire...the very best of camp in a shortened day format approachable for the 3-5 age set.

Cooking Camp (July 8th – July 11th) (9am-12pm) (\$105/85) (Grades K-5)

Transform your ordinary child into a culinary mastermind with this unique camp. Our specials for the day include kooky flavor warping experiments that will deceive and astonish the taste buds; putting fun twists on classic recipes to give them a fresh kick; and producing pint-sized chefs that will leave camp with the ability to craft their own after-school snacks. Join the ranks of Dinosaur Hill chefs and learn to fold a burrito, roll sushi, spin a pizza, flip a pancake, stir fudge and cook like a professional.

Baking Camp (July 8th – July 11th) (1pm-4pm) (\$105/85) (Grades K-5)

This isn't just the camp that you want, it's the camp you knead. Mix it up this summer and be whisked away as we stir up a little cookery. Sprinkle a little bit of flour on your hands and churn up the fun as we make our own bread, stretch out some pizza dough, and slather frosting on some delicious desserts. This camp is sure to measure up to your expectations and cake on the excitement.

Dinosaur Disasters (July 15th – July 18th) (9am-12pm) (\$105/85) (Grades K-3)

The dinosaurs can't seem to catch a break! This catastrophic camp will jump into the unfortunate footprints of the awesome dinosaurs and experience life from their perspective. Create and ignite your very own volcano, meteor and comet! Bury and excavate a full sized juvenile *Maiasaura*. Fill your tummies with dinosaur treats. Play *Tyrannosaurs* and *Triceratops* (a variation of cops and robbers) out in the woods. Do you have what it takes to live like a dinosaur or will you wind up extinct?

Splash & Splatter (July 15th – July 18th) (1pm-4pm) (\$105/85) (Grades K-3)

The ultimate in colorfully messy fun; in this camp we will perfect the art of making a mess through a variety of explosive activities from watercolor waterslides and exploding paint to super soaker tie-dye and water rockets. Both left and right brainers will be pleased as punch in this, one of our favorite camps. Professional splashers will also be given the opportunity to experiment with dry ice and produce some delicious consequences.

Wild in the Woods (July 29th – August 1st) (10am-4pm) (\$170/140) (Grades 2-5)

Just as the name implies, we will get out, get active and go wild! Make your own bow and arrow, build a survival shelter, start a fire with flint and steel, launch water balloons with our catapult, play 'capture the flag' in the woods, try your hand at fishing, search for buried treasure and learn about geocaching, raft the Paint Creek, picnic in the park, and prepare for the wildest of our summer camps. We promise your children will sleep like logs this week

Best of Camp (August 12th – August 15th) (10am – 4pm) (\$170/140) (Grades 2-5)

With Summer drawing to a close and school starting up we need to jam pack as much fun summer action as we can into this week as humanly possible. We will be spending time in the creek looking for critters and fishing, building forts in the woods and crafting swords to protect them from raiders, hiking to the park for a day of field games and picnics, zip and slack lining, spending time around the skillet learning how to cook up some delicious (and wacky) snacks, and catapulting water balloons.

Into the Great Outdoors (August 19th – August 22nd) (10am-12pm) (\$100/80) (Ages 3-5)

The same shortened day format as our Just Camp program gets the preschool set into the action of summer camp and helps them develop their senses and comfort in the great outdoors. Parents are welcome, but not required to attend. In this camp we will use our imagination and senses to explore the wonderful world of outdoors through crafts, creative play and lots of outdoor activity we will set out on a new adventure into the great outdoors every day. Activities are different from Just Camp so you can sign up for one or both camps!

Summer Nights At The Hill

We're not the type of people who stop enjoying nature once the sun goes down, and neither should you! Join us for this special series of family programs that take place right around sunset.

These programs run from 8-9:30pm on select Saturdays throughout the summer!

\$5/3 members, family max \$20/12

June 29th – The Dinosaur Hill Owl Safari

Owls are an uncommon sight at Dinosaur Hill but we do have them prowling our evening skies in pursuit of a tasty meal. We will be learning a little bit about owls inside by observing mounts and getting hands on with wings, talons, pellets and more before heading out onto the trails to learn the best ways to spot these flying tigers! We will even be listening in on and looking for other nocturnal friends as we make our way through the dark trails! Participants are asked to bring their own flashlight!

July 27th – The Dinosaur Hill Star Show

We are extremely excited this evening because we're in the middle of the Delta Aquarid Meteor Shower! We will be celebrating the event by inflating our planetarium and watching a couple of short space movies, taking a tour of our Milky Way galaxy and then orienting our eyes to figure out where the best location in the sky will be to view these streaks of light this evening! We will even take a short walk out to the lawn to try and spot a few constellations and cosmic neighbors. Participants will take home a list of upcoming astronomical events to continue their sky-searching all summer long!

August 31st – The Dinosaur Hill Bioluminescent Rave

We here at Dinosaur Hill absolutely love the crazier (and cooler) parts of nature. We plan to celebrate this evening with a special party that focuses on the bioluminescent critters and fluorescent minerals that illuminate the dark without needing to be plugged in! We will be spending some time making our own glow in the dark jellyfish, putting special mineral specimens beneath black lights to see them glow, and we will even be stenciling glow-in-the-dark items as well as including a few surprises. Did we mention we would be doing all of this from beneath black light flood lights? Super cool! Participants are asked to bring something light and cotton to stencil!



Family Campfires



Looking for a fun way to spend an evening with the whole family? Summer is the perfect time of year to join a Dinosaur Hill naturalist around the campfire for a relaxed evening program that includes a program by campfire and snack. *\$5/3 members with a maximum fee per family of \$15/12 members. 8:30-9:30 PM*

June 21st: **The Great Camouflage** – Some animals that hunt in the evenings have extraordinary eyes capable of seeing in almost complete darkness, so their prey has to really up their ante to remain hidden. Join us as we take a look at some incredibly camouflaged animals and take a short hike in the woods to see if we can see some hidden critters of our own.

July 26th: **Nocturnal Shenanigans** - There's an entire world that we don't see while we're asleep. Stay up a little later with us as we explore the world of nocturnal critters... We will even take a look at a few nocturnal geckos up close!

August 2nd: **Magic and Marshmallows** – Join us for a special campfire where we will perform a little magic show, teach you how to do a magic trick of your own, and amaze you with our balloon animal prowess!

August 23rd: **Dinosaurs in the Dark** – It wouldn't be Dinosaur Hill without a program about dinosaurs! This special evening, we will take a look at some dinosaur fossils and even perform an evening dinosaur dig!



Four Feet Down the Trail (ages 2-4)

This popular program is designed to be a special time for preschoolers ages 2-4 and their parent or caregiver. Programs have a theme and may include crafts, songs, puppets, finger-plays, learning stations and much more. Dinosaur Hill believes active outdoor play is important for a healthy child so each program includes at least some outdoor exploration. The classes are designed to

meet the educational needs of the 2-4 age group. For this reason, please no siblings under the age of two or older than four with the exception of babies that will be content in a carrier. Sign-up for individual programs or save by choosing any four or more. Includes snack.

Fee: \$15/12 members for individual class (\$3 add sib) **Meets 9:30-11:00**

Save: Register for a series (any four classes): \$50/45 (\$10/additional sib)

June 17th: **First Campfire of Summer** – Summer is here so let's celebrate with a campfire! We will roast some marshmallows, sing some songs, play lawn games and enjoy the start of this season to its fullest!

June 28th: **The Big Bug Party!** – We can hear the grasshoppers singing and the bees buzzing so let's get out there and go on a bug hunt! We will sweep the forest for critters and put together our own bugs to take home.

July 12th: **Berries of Summer** – Blueberries, blackberries, raspberries! Boy do we love munching on nature's fruit snacks. We will be squishing some berries to make some art and, of course, having a very berry snack.

July 19th: **Painting Rainbows** – There are so many different ways to produce color, and we love exploring our options. We will be painting rainbows three different ways this day and eating a very colorful snack!

July 22nd: **Let's Grow a Flower** – There are so many beautiful flowers so why not grow one of our own? Join us as we put together a flower craft, plant our own to take home, and use our noses!

July 26th: **Summer Explorers** – Let's go out into the woods on a treasure hunting adventure! We will be putting together our own treasure maps inside and seeing if we can find riches on the trails.

August 6th: **We Scream for Ice Cream** – Nothing says summer quite like a nice yummy ice-cream. We will make our own and decorate it with tasty toppings before playing a game with ice!

August 16th: **Super Slime** – Oozy and gooey slime requires a celebration! We will be brewing up a bunch for tactile challenges and experiences! We will even be wiggling our toes in it!

August 23rd: **Teddy Bear Picnic** – What a perfect day for a picnic with our favorite teddy! We will set up a tent outside, read a story within it, put together a camping craft and enjoy our snack at a picnic on the lawn!

August 26th: **The Four Foot Summer Party** – With summer at its end there's nothing left to do but say goodbye to our favorite season. We will spend time playing with some water, enjoy games on the lawn, and put together a campfire craft!

Trail Time for 4's, 5's & 6's

Join us for these popular programs for the younger set. Parents are welcome but not required to attend. Programs meet mornings from 10-11:30 and include crafts, outdoor activities and a light snack. \$15/12 members.

June 19th: **What's Under the Log?** – We're not the kind of people to shy away from a wiggling worm or a friendly pill bug and neither should you! We will be putting together our own bug boxes before taking to the trails with nets, magnifying glasses, and tool to try and observe some of the coolest creepy crawlies that live at Dinosaur Hill!

July 24th: **What's in the Water?** – You better bring a change of clothes and some water shoes because this day we're going to be getting soaked! We will be playing some water field games before enjoying a snack and heading out into the paint creek to see who is hiding beneath the logs and rocks!

August 28th: **What's in the Sky?** – From birds to kites to water rockets we're going to be exploring the world of the skies! Join us as we play some games with feathers and balloons, attempt to fly a beautiful kite by the gardens, and build and launch our own water rockets!

Birthday Parties

Super Adventures Birthday Parties

A birthday party at Dinosaur Hill is a memorable experience, sure to be special for your child. You may choose between several topics or ask for a special request. Party fee includes paper goods, decorations, juice, party favors and your own "adventure guide". Parties last two hours. Please call or visit the nature center for more information.

Fee: \$150 Limit 12 children

Can't Find Just What You Were Looking For???

Are you a teacher, leader of a playgroup, member of your church group, organizing a neighborhood activity or...??? Consider contacting Dinosaur Hill to have us put on a program designed just for your group! We can do programs geared for preschoolers, families, adults or seniors on many different topics. The program can be held here at our award-winning nature center and serene nature preserve or can be held conveniently at your site.

Office Hours

Tues-Fri 9 am - 4 pm

After June 16th: Tues- Fri 9am - 3pm

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Registration Information

Summer camp registering NOW.

Member registration for all other programs begins: April 18

Public registration begins for all other programs begins: April 25

Please register at least one week prior to start of program. Some programs fill-up quickly so please contact us early to make sure you get in the classes you are interested in!

Register online at www.dinosaurhill.org or by mail or in person or check
Credit Cards accepted online only
Make checks payable to "DHNP".

Refund policy: full refund if class is canceled by DHNP. If registrant withdraws at least one week in advance of program start date a refund minus \$5 processing fee will be given. No refunds will be made after the one week advance deadline.

Directions to Dinosaur Hill

Dinosaur Hill is located at 333 North Hill Circle in the City of Rochester. From Rochester Rd. go West on Woodward (there is a light at this intersection. This is a residential side street, not the Woodward that runs through Detroit). From Woodward, turn right (North) on N. Oak Street. From N. Oak St. turn left (West) on North Hill Circle. North Hill Circle will dead-end in the Dinosaur Hill parking lot.

Adults Name: _____

Street: _____ E-mail: _____

City and Zip: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Resident of (circle one): Rochester Hills Oakland Twp. Rochester Other

Family Membership: \$40 \$30 (must be resident of City of Rochester)

Enrollee's Name: _____ Age (if child): _____

Class 1 Name: _____ Class 1 Time and Date: _____

Class 2 Name: _____ Class 2 Time and Date: _____

Amount due: \$ _____ Dinosaur Hill is a nonprofit educational organization