

## Camp Tuition

Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

*All day camp 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

\$185.00

Pre-K Camp (3-5 years and potty trained)

*Half-day camp 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

\$125.00

Junior Camp (7th-12th Grade)

*All day camp, times vary*

\$185.00

**\*Members receive 10% off entire camp tuition.**

Tuition includes: registration fee, camp t-shirt, take home crafts, 5:1 camper to counselor ratio, curriculum, guest speakers and admission to the Friday's family program.

Three ways to register:

- Go to: [www.TheNatureInstitute.org](http://www.TheNatureInstitute.org) , click on Camp and follow directions
- You will be able to fill out all forms and pay online this year.
- Or you can print the forms out and mail or bring them to TNI.

*Please note:* Only when you submit the \$25.00 deposit and a completed registration form will your child be guaranteed a spot in camp.

## MEMBERS SPECIAL REGISTRATION

On Thursday, March 16, 2017 at Talahi Lodge from 9 am to 3pm. If you are a current TNI member or want to become a member, you will be able to register your camper one day early! Members will only be allowed to register campers in their immediate family.

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### Become a member of TNI and save!

A tax deductible Family Membership of \$60 per year entitles you to a discount on Discovery Day Camp, invitations to special events, and discounted rates on other adult and children's programs! You will also be assisting us in accomplishing our preservation, restoration and education goals. Go to our website or call the main office for more information.



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## Discovery Day Camp



## 2017 Camp Registration Day

Friday March 17, 2017  
9am-3pm

Registration will  
be held at:

*The Nature Institute's  
Talahi Lodge  
2213 South Lewis Lane  
Godfrey, IL*



2213 S. Lewis Lane  
Godfrey, IL 62035

Phone: 618-466-9930  
[www.TheNatureInstitute.org](http://www.TheNatureInstitute.org)



## What is Camp?

Your camper will enjoy a week full of exploration, stream discovery and nature knowledge at The Nature Institute. We will explore the woods, prairies and ponds on Olin Nature Preserve and will play in the streams and waterfalls on the Mississippi Sanctuary. Campers will have opportunities to gain STEAM skills while playing on our NEW natural playground which includes a Mud Kitchen, Fossil Dig, Art Center, Burrow, Eagle's Nest, Climbing Wall and much more. Campers will come home with new facts and understanding about our state's natural resources. Expect to hear about the new adventures your camper experienced while outdoors.

### Pre-K (3-5 years and potty trained)

#### A Worm's Life

*June 5-9, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. to noon*

Worms! Slippery, slimy, wiggly worms live beneath our soil, but what do they really do? Your mini explorer will have a chance to discover all there is to know about worms and their contributions to our soil health at camp this week. They will find and feed their chosen wormy friend and then build them a compost container living space to bring home with them after camp so you can learn about worms right along with them.

### Kindergarten

Above and Below  
*June 12-16, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*  
The sky above and the earth below, but how much do we really know? This week campers will explore the extremes



Of our environment and the vastness of our wildlife. They will be able to explore and understand what lives and grows above and below the soil and above and below the water. They will get dirty and creative seeking out answers to the questions they produce on this nature expedition into what lies above the ground and beneath our feet.

### 1st and 2nd Grade

#### Earth Ninja

*June 19-23, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

Moving silently, invisible to all creation, the Earth Ninja glides along the ridge top. Being a Ninja in the wilderness means coexisting and living closely with the plants and animals that surround us. By understanding movement and camouflage we learn to travel unseen and unheard in any environment. On their journey your Ninja will learn to read tracks and understand the language of the birds. They will become the silent Ninja who is the protector and provider for their people.

### 3rd and 4th Grade

#### Decomposition Mission

*June 26-30, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

What happens to things after they die? On this learning adventure campers will discover what happens to plants, animals, and trash during decomposition. They will get the opportunity to watch decomposition in action by making their own compost pile from food scraps, searching for and learning about scavengers, and creating an experiment to watch how long it takes discarded human trash to disappear in soil. Campers will leave with a new found appreciation for nature's clean-up crew and the circle of life.

### Junior Camp (7th-12th Grade)

#### Foods of the Forest

*July 5-8, 2017—Times will vary*

This year our experienced campers will learn about food. We will check out a dairy farm, look at old farming practices, and try some wild edibles. We will also campout and go on a night hike, and cook over the campfire.

### Paperwork to complete:

All forms can be downloaded and submitted online.  
Health Form – We need the first day of camp  
Photo Release  
Statement of Rules  
Sunscreen and Bug Spray Release  
Drop-off/Pick-up form



### 5th and 6th Grade

#### Gotta Catch 'em All

*July 10-13, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

*\*Thursday, July 13 until 10 p.m.*

Can you catch 'em all? This week at camp your explorer, armed with their own "Naturedex" and writing utensil of choice, will find and "capture" in action some of the creatures that call TNI home. Campers will search for birds, reptiles, mammals, and more and learn about them through examining and researching their habitats, behaviors, diets, and adaptations. Not only will they learn how to identify these creatures and collect them in a "Naturedex" of their own, but they will also learn to use stealth and quietness (as Nature Trainers must) to find, observe, and "capture" them all.

### 1st and 2nd Grade

#### Season's Symphony

*July 17-21, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

Music is all around us, all you have to do is listen! It comes from the wind rustling through the leaves, the water gurgling along the creek bottom, the frogs chirping in the underbrush, the birds chirping from the trees. This week at camp your mini music enthusiast will travel the trails and paths of TNI in search of nature's own songs. They will experience this winter season's symphony, learn to identify each element of the forest that contributes to this song, and hopefully learn to appreciate the sounds of "silence".

### 3rd and 4th Grade

#### When this was The West

*July 24-28, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

New experience ahead! Your camper will have the opportunity to try exotic foods, work as a team, and race to the finish. Along the way there will be challenges to complete and adventures to choose. There is no better way to end the summer than with a fun, challenging adventure.