

Free Summer Programs June 2020

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Program Descriptions

**All programs are family-based,
an adult must accompany
children at all times.*

STORYTIME at the SKEET RANGE
Tuesdays/Thursdays 9:30-10 am
Tuesdays/Thursdays 10:30-11 am

Join us for a small group, outdoor, read aloud experience, focusing on a different nature theme each week. Afterwards, visit our website to download instructions for a fun craft to go along with the story. Recommended for ages 2-7, meet on the Skeet Range (~5 min walk from parking).

EXPLORE TNI
Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 am, 1:30-3:30 pm
Fridays 9:30-11:30 am, 1:30-3:30 pm

Each week, venture out into every corner of the preserve with our intrepid educators. Throughout the summer, you will get a chance to explore our forests, prairies, ponds, and streams and investigate the wild things that live in each habitat. Plan on hiking ~ 1.5 miles. Please bring a water bottle and wear closed-toed shoes. Recommended for ages 6+. Park in the lot and meet your guide on the lawn in front of the lodge. Program is free, but be sure to get there early. Group limited to nine participants, first come, first served.

WILD ENCOUNTERS
Tuesdays—Fridays 9:30-11:30 am
Tuesdays—Fridays 12:30-2:30 pm

Drop by at any time during the listed hours and explore stations set out on the Olin trails. Nature journaling, bird watching, plant identification, and scavenger hunts are just a few of the activities! Activities vary daily, recommended for ages 6+. Stations will be set up along the Olin trails, check the map kiosk at the trailhead for daily locations of activities.



TNI MISSION

To foster an awareness and appreciation of the natural world through preservation, restoration, and education.

Community Outreach

- Over 15,000 visitors hike and use the nature preserve, including K-12 fieldtrips, hikers, educators, birders, and scout groups
- Discovery Day Camp serves approximately 400 area youth annually, for the past 38 years
- TNI is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization, funded by donations and grants
- Privately owned and operated 450+ acre nature preserve undergoing continual stewardship and restoration efforts
- Over seven miles of marked trails to explore
- Home to over 300 types of native plants, 150 species of birds, and many other creatures

[Check Facebook day of events for updates in case of bad weather](#)

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