

## PRAIRIE PARK NATURE CENTER

2730 Harper Street  
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### NATURE CENTER HOURS

Mondays: Closed  
Tuesday through Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sundays: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN/TEENS

For all classes come prepared to go outdoors, including appropriate outdoorwear, footwear, bug repellent and sunscreen.

### WILD ADVENTURES FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND PARENTS WEEKLY

January 13 through May 5; Tuesdays - 10 - 11 a.m. Ages: 2-5. Max. 15. Drop in for stories, activities, and information about animals and the places in which they live. A different topic will be presented each week. Come prepared to go outdoors. *Due to space limitations no more than one adult per child please. Registration is also taken up to a week in advance of each weekly session of a program on a space available basis. Cost for an individual program session is \$3.50 per session. Please call in advance to reserve a spot. Payment will be at class time or you can enroll for the entire program using the code information below.* For more information please call 832-7980.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123202	A WILDADVT	T	10-11AM	1/13-3/3	PPNC	\$28
223202	A WILDADVT	T	10-11AM	3/31-5/5	PPNC	\$21

### AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE SERIES

Ages 7-12. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 20. Enjoy your after school free time with an exciting nature themed movie on our big screen. *Popcorn included!*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123235	A NATMOV	W	2:30-4:30PM	1/14	PPNC	\$5
123235	B NATMOV	W	2:30-4:30PM	1/28	PPNC	\$5
123235	C NATMOV	W	2:30-4:30PM	2/11	PPNC	\$5
123235	D NATMOV	W	2:30-4:30PM	2/25	PPNC	\$5
123235	E NATMOV	W	2:30-4:30PM	3/4	PPNC	\$5

### EXPLORING NATURE - FOR HOME SCHOOLERS

Ages: 5 to 8. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 15. This program is offered once a week on Wednesday mornings for children to explore animals, plants and the outdoors. We will have stories, games and hands-on learning that helps meet science outcomes.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123230	A EXPLOR	W	10:30AM-12PM	1/14-3/4	PPNC	\$40
223230	A EXPLOR	W	10:30AM-12PM	4/1-5/6	PPNC	\$30

### TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Ages: 12-16. Enrollment Maximum 10. Participants will learn about natural resource and wildlife occupations and have an opportunity to participate in volunteer activities at the nature center, including display construction, wildlife care and handling, water sampling, and habitat improvement. The



group will design and complete a conservation project.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123120	A TEENVOL	T	4-5PM	1/13-3/3	PPNC	\$20
223120	A TEENVOL	T	4-5PM	3/31-5/5	PPNC	\$20

### GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE

Ages: 18 and Up. Enrollment min 6/ max 40. Create a mini-wildlife sanctuary in your own yard using plants designed to provide food and cover for wildlife. Learn about including the right food plants, nesting structures and hiding places.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223328	A GRDNWLD	SU	2-3PM	4/26	PPNC	\$3

### SPRING BREAK CAMP - (see Youth Camps - Spring Break page 55)

## AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

### BEGINNERS ARCHERY

Ages: 7-12. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 10. Learn to use archery equipment in a safe and structured environment with an NASP certified instructor. We provide all equipment for class.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223332	A BEGARCH	W	2:30-4:30PM	4/1	PPNC	\$10

### ADVANCED ARCHERY

Enrollment Min 5 / Max 10. Ages: 7-12. Take your archery skills to the next level. Learn to score your shots, play games and win prizes. *Must have participated in a previous archery course at Prairie Park to enroll in advanced archery.*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223333	A ADVARCH	W	2:30-4:30PM	4/15	PPNC	\$10
223333	B ADVARCH	W	2:30-4:30PM	5/13	PPNC	\$10

### CANOEING FOR BEGINNERS

Enrollment Min 5 / Max 8. Age: 7-12. Learn the basics of canoeing and canoe safety at Mary's Lake.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223334	A CANOE	W	2:30-4:30PM	4/29	PPNC	\$10

### JUNIOR BIRDING

Enrollment Min 5 / Max 20. Age: 7-12. Learn the basics of bird watching including when and where to find the birds. Practice using binoculars and identify the birds you see with a field guide.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223335	A JRBIRD	S	9:30-11:30AM	3/21	PPNC	\$5

## SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

### SCOUTING

For Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Prairie Park Nature Center offers a wide range of programs to help scouts complete necessary requirements for merit badge attainment. Please call the Nature Center for more information, 832-7980.

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

**(For schools and other organized groups)**

Prairie Park Nature Center offers a wide variety of one-hour programs and two-hour field trips designed for school and organized groups. For more information, please contact the nature center, 832-7980. You can also find information on the web at [www.lprd.org/ppnc.shtml](http://www.lprd.org/ppnc.shtml).

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL DAYS OFF**

**WINTER WILDLIFE ADVENTURES**

*Ages: 6-10. Enrollment Min 5 / Max 20.* Enjoy the two-day school break at the nature center investigating the lives of animals in winter. A hike, special wildlife program, video, crafts, games and snacks. Bring a sack lunch and plenty of warm clothes. Shoes suitable for winter outdoor wear. Each day will provide different activities.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123333	A	WNTRADV	RF	9AM-3PM	2/26-2/27	PPNC \$40

**WEEKEND PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES**

**SATURDAY MORNING FREE PROGRAM - (10 - 10:30 a.m.)**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON FREE PROGRAM - (1:30 - 2 p.m.)**

A 30-minute free program on nature topics will be presented each day. Programs may include a short video, slide show and of course going outdoors to enjoy birds, wildflowers, bugs or a stroll through the park. All Ages are welcome. *Children under 14 must be registered with a paying adult for all family programs. No unattended children will be allowed.*

**NATURAL SYMBOLS OF KANSAS**

*Ages: 5 and Up. Enrollment min 10/ max 40.* Celebrate the anniversary of Kansas statehood with a program about the natural symbols of Kansas. The historical significance of the bison, cottonwood, honeybee and other natural symbols will be discussed. A special appearance by Kanza, the nature center's bald eagle, is included. *Children under 14 must be registered with a paying adult for all family programs. No unattended children will be allowed.*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123210	A	NATKS	SU	1:30-2:30PM	1/11	PPNC \$3

**PHOTOGRAPHING WILDLIFE**

*Ages: 10 and Up. Enrollment min 5/ max 20.* Bring your digital camera and learn about the art of taking photos of wildlife. We will have a variety of interesting subjects from amphibians to snakes, birds to insects. A blind will be set up at the bird watching station to catch birds in the wild. *Children under 14 must be registered with a paying adult for all family programs. No unattended children will be allowed.*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123225	A	PHOTWILD	SU	2-4PM	3/8	PPNC \$10

**VENOM ADVENTURES**

*Ages: 5 and Up. Enrollment Min 6 / Max 20.* Spiders, snakes and bugs . . . oh, my! Learn which are the real hazards of the outdoors and which are just imaginary dangers. Learn to identify plants you want to avoid from poison ivy to nettles. You'll learn how to steer clear of less than desirable wildlife. Get up close and personal to live snakes, toads and spiders. *Children under 14 must be registered with a paying adult for all family programs. No unattended children will be allowed.*

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223330	A	VENADV	SU	2:30-3:30PM	4/5	PPNC \$3



**GREEN LANDSCAPE TECHNIQUES FOR THE HOMEOWNER**

*Ages: 18 and Up. Enrollment Min 6/ Max 40.* Learn to use safer, healthier techniques for creating a great landscape in your yard. Selecting appropriate plants and using safer chemicals for controlling herbicides and pesticides will be the focus of this class.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223327	A	GREENL	SU	2-3PM	4/12	PPNC \$3

**GARDENING FOR KIDS: ATTRACTING BUTTERFLIES AND LITTLE POLLINATORS**

*Ages: 7-14. Enrollment min 6/ max 25.* Kids can enjoy getting their hands in the dirt and creating a wildlife garden for butterflies and little pollinators. Class includes instruction on preparing the soil, garden plans and an assortment of seeds and live plants to start a butterfly garden. *Children under 14 must be registered with a paying adult for all family programs. No unattended children will be allowed.*

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
223339	A	GRDNKIDS	SU	2-3PM	5/3	PPNC \$10

**HIKES AND TRIPS**

*Be prepared to go outside, including appropriate outdoor gear and footwear.*

**WATCHING WINTER EAGLES**

*Ages: 10 and up. Children under 15 must be registered with an adult. Enrollment min 5/ max 14.* Take a winter afternoon field trip to observe wintering bald eagles along the Kaw River, at Clinton Lake and Perry Lake. Visit one of the Clinton Lake nest sites. Bring binoculars and cameras to capture images of these magnificent symbols as they congregate around the open waterways. Dress for the weather and possible short hikes.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123220	A	EAGWATCH	SU	1-4PM	2/1	PPNC \$15

**BEGINNING BIRDING**

*Ages: 10 and up. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Enrollment min 5/ max 10.* This two-hour session will help tune your birding skills by learning to use the tools of the trade- time of day, habitat, seasons, bird flight patterns, silhouettes, calls and more. Binoculars and field guides will be available as needed. We will meet at the Prairie Park Nature Center at 9:30 a.m. Be prepared to spend the majority of the time in the prairie and woodlands. The class will be held indoors in case of inclement weather.

CODE	SEC CLASS	DAY	TIME	DATE	LOC	FEE
123322	A	BIRD	S	9:30-11:30AM	3/14	PPNC \$5

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**EARTH DAY**

*Saturday, April 18, 11a.m.-4 p.m.*

Join us at South Park to celebrate Earth Day with a few of our animal friends.

**SPRING WILDFLOWER SALE**

*Sundays, May 10 and May 17, 1 - 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Prairie Park Partners.* A variety of native wildflower seedlings and seeds, trees and bushes will be on sale.