



# Nature Discovery Programs

## What are Nature Discovery Programs?

Nature Discovery Programs, NDP, are fun, educational adventures designed to fully engage students in the outdoors. Throughout the summer there are week-long programs for children and pre-teens ages 3-15.



NDP 3



Small Wonders

“My daughter loved the week!

She is already asking to go next year!”



NDP 2

## Registration:

**Parks members:** begins January 9, 2012

**Non-members:** begins February 6, 2012

Spaces are limited and reserved only with full payment.

Print out the Registration Packet from

[www.yorkcountyparks.org](http://www.yorkcountyparks.org). Mail completed Registration and Health forms along with full payment to **York County Parks, 400 Mundis Race Road, York, PA 17406.**

Call York County Parks at (717) 840-7440 during regular business hours to register by phone. Staff will complete the registration form. Print out the Registration Packet from [www.yorkcountyparks.org](http://www.yorkcountyparks.org). Mail completed health form along with full payment to the above address within 2 weeks.

York County Parks accepts checks, money orders or credit cards. All credit card transactions are subject to a 4% service fee.

Full refunds will be given when the cancellation occurs at least 30 days prior to the start of the program. If cancellation occurs within 30 days of the program a refund will be issued only if your child's spot is filled by another participant.

## Small Wonders

**Ages:** 3-4 with an adult, no younger siblings allowed.

**Dates:** June 11-15

**Time:** 10 – 11:30 a.m.

**Cost:** \$35

Students will role-play, imitate, question, and experiment with nature during this hands-on week alongside an adult. Classes will include crafts, snacks and spending time outside.



## NDP 2

**Ages:** 7-8

**Dates:** June 25-29

**Time:** 9 – 2 p.m.

**Cost:** \$85

Discover animal adaptations, habitats, metamorphosis, and more during this fun-filled week. Students will learn the ins and outs of the world around them through experiments, games, crafts, stories, and activities.

## NDP 4

**Ages:** 11-13

**Dates:** August 13-17

**Time:** 9—3 p.m.

**Cost:** \$145.00

Looking for adventure? This high energy adventure week features hiking, nature study and a trip to Harpers Ferry, WV for a guided tubing tour. Students will explore ecosystems found in different county parks while honing their observation, tracking, and navigation skills.



## NDP 1

**Ages:** 5-6

**Dates:** June 18-22

**Time:** 9 – 11:30 a.m.

**Cost:** \$65

Butterflies, flowers, trees, foxes, mink, bluebirds, turtles, frogs and more. There is so much to learn and discover about nature. Students will be introduced to a variety of topics through discovery learning, crafts, hikes, and more.

**Ages:** 5-6

**Dates:** July 2-6, no class on Wed.

**Time:** 9 – 11:30 a.m.

**Cost:** \$65

### **\*Special Reptile Week Theme\***

Reptiles: Are they slimy? Are they rough? Children will discover the answers to these questions and more during this special Reptile Week themed class featuring a Critter Caravans show just for students.

## NDP 3

**Ages:** 9-10

**Dates:** July 23-27

**Time:** 9 – 3 p.m.

**Cost:** \$120

During this week, students will hike the trails at Nixon Park; explore Lake Redman by canoe while studying animals in their habitats. Classes will include hands-on games, activities, crafts and adventures.

**"I think that the streams studies were really fun."**

**"The crafts were creative and awesome!"**



**Tubing at Harpers Ferry, WV**

## Archaeology Week

**Ages:** 9-12

**Week 1:** July 9 – 13 at Penn Park, digging a Civil War Site **Cost:** \$125, no before care available.

**Week 2:** August 6 – 10 at Raab Park, digging York Iron Company Mine **Cost:** \$150

**Times:** 9 – 3 p.m.



Co-sponsored with the York County Heritage Trust, this week of hard work, fun and education will get right down to earth! Students learn the concepts of doing archaeology by conducting actual excavations. Students will learn how to take notes, catalog artifacts and build displays. Interwoven between excavations, the class tours selected YCHT sites show how archeology ties into historical interpretation. A public hike to examine the excavations will be held on Thursday evening of both weeks beginning at 6pm.

**"Archaeology is not what you find, its what you find out"**

**-David Hurst Thomas**

## Nature Academy

**Ages:** 14-15

**Dates:** July 30– August 3

**Time:** 9-3:30

**Cost:** \$160



Interested in pursuing a career in science or wildlife?

Then this week-long intensive nature study and exploration is for you. Each day will focus on a different natural history theme, getting down and dirty, close and microscopic, and nitty gritty into the natural world of York County.

## Before and After Care



Before Care: 8:30 a.m.-9 a.m.

Cost: \$25 per week

After Care: 2- 4 p.m.\*

Cost: \$70 per week

3-4 p.m.\*

Cost: \$45 per week

Students attending NDP 2, NDP 3, NDP 4, or Archaeology week can participate in Before and/or After care. During before/after care children will play games, hike and explore the outdoors. Registration required.

\*Parents MUST pick up their children no later than 4 p.m. Failure to do so results in a late fee of \$1 per minute beginning at 4 p.m. This late fee must be paid on Friday afternoon when the child is picked up.



## York County Parks

400 Mundis Race Road  
York, PA 17406

Park Headquarters: 717-840-7440  
Nixon Nature Center: 717-428-1961  
[www.yorkcountyparks.org](http://www.yorkcountyparks.org)

## How do I prepare for the week?

### What to wear to the program:

- Comfortable, appropriate, and layered clothing to accommodate changing weather conditions.
- Solid shoes. No open-toed shoes, backless shoes, crocs, flip flops or sandals.
- A hat for sun protection.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Raincoat as needed.

### What to bring to the program:

- Full-day program students need to bring a lunch, snack and water. Half-day program students need to bring a snack and water.
- A full, reusable water bottle is highly recommended.
- We encourage use of low waste lunches with recyclable or reusable containers.
- A complete change of clothes for those just in case moments.
- Medicine along with the medication form if needed.
- Pick Up Authorization Form if needed.



NDP 3 Certificate Ceremony at Raab County Park

For all questions please contact Park Naturalist, Amber Carothers  
at 717-428-1961 or [alcarothers@york-county.org](mailto:alcarothers@york-county.org)