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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Anoka County Parks and Recreation Opens Summer Camp Registration

Want to get your kids outside and active this summer? Sign them up for one or more summer camps offered by the Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department. Check out the perennial favorites, along with several new offerings this year. Camps are for children aged 4 through those finishing 7th grade. Secure your child's spot by registering online at www.anokacountyparks.com or by calling 651-429-8007. Register before May 1 to receive your early bird discount. Camps fill quickly so call today!

Bookworms Camp

For campers ages 4 and 5 at time of registration.

July 26-29, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Before May 1: \$70 After May 1: \$75

Join our reading adventure as we experience nature hands-on through the books of Eric Carle including *From Head to Toe*, *Brown Bear*, *Brown Bear What Do You See?* and others.

Let's Get Dirty Camp

For campers ages 4 and 5 at time of registration.

August 16-19, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Before May 1: \$70 After May 1: \$75

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Anoka County Parks and Recreation Opens Summer Camp Registration – Add 1

Do you know that it takes 100 years to make an inch of soil? We will be digging for worms in the mud and searching for critters in the cattails. We'll use nutrients (food) in the soil to grow plants. Imagine the possibilities – dirt is everywhere!

Bugging Out Camp

For campers finishing grades K-2.

June 21-24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Before May 1: \$115 After May 1: \$125

Campers will search high and low through the woods, waters, and grasses of Wargo Nature Center searching for our tiniest residents – bugs! We will discover where they live, what they eat, and what eats them. Let's check out the exciting world of bugs!

Feathery Friends Grandparents Camp

This is a special program for children over the age of 5 accompanied by grandparent(s) or other special guest.

June 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Before May 1: \$20 After May 1: \$25 (Additional Camper: \$10)

Birds are everywhere! Join us as we learn why birds are so unique, how birds choose their habitats, and even what foods they eat. We will talk about how to attract birds to your backyard and learn easy ways to identify them. Come prepared to take a short hike, play some games, and make a fun craft to take home.

Gardening Wonders Grandparents Camp

This is a special program for children over the age of 5 accompanied by grandparent(s) or other special guest.

August 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Before May 1: \$20 After May 1: \$25 (Additional Camper: \$10)

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Children will gain a respect for Mother Nature by learning about the seasons, plant cycles, and food production. Being in the fresh air and warm sunshine provides fun and healthy exercise for everyone. Roll up your sleeves, pull on your gardening gloves, and dig in! We'll swap stories and discover games and crafts that have lasted throughout the generations.

Slimy, Sloppy Nature Camp

For campers finishing grades 2-4.

July 12-15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Before May 1: \$115 After May 1: \$125

Nature is sloppy, slimy, dirty, and messy! We'll use science experiments to learn how nature works and discover the secrets of plants, animals, and elements. Learn the science behind weather, rocks, and even poop!

Tom and Huck Camp

For campers finishing grades K-2.

July 19-22, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **or** 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Riedel Farm Estate, Fridley

Regular Hours: \$110 (9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

Extended Hours: \$120 (7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.)

We're off to explore the Mississippi River like Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. This week will be full of adventure as we search for hidden treasure, fish on the banks of the river, and play in the woods.

Nature Super Sleuths Camp

For campers finishing grades K-2.

August 2-5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Before May 1: \$115 After May 1: \$125

Campers attending this four-day camp will investigate nature using all their senses. We'll search for insects, listen for birds, touch reptiles and amphibians, and smell plants! We'll learn, explore, play, and work together to solve some of the most curious mysteries in nature.

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Art and Nature Camp

For campers finishing grades 2-4.

August 9-11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts, Fridley

Before May 1: \$110 After May 1: \$120

Do you enjoy creating art? Do you enjoy nature? If so, this is the camp for you! Explore the wonders of nature and create unique, meaningful artwork using natural materials. Professionals in the fields of art and nature will teach this camp.

Canoe Camp

For campers finishing grades 3-5.

June 29-July 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Before May 1: \$120 After May 1: \$130

Join us for three days of fun and adventure exploring the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes. Campers will become skilled canoeists after learning a variety of paddling strokes, maneuvering techniques, boat safety, and navigation.

Kayak Camp

For campers finishing grades 5-7.

July 20-22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Before May 1: \$135 After May 1: \$145

Discover the fun and safe activity of kayaking. Campers will learn basic paddle strokes, navigation, and safety. One night will include an overnight where we'll cook dinner over a fire and go for an evening float.

Outdoor Adventures Camp

For campers finishing grades 4-6.

August 9-12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Coon Rapids/Bunker Hills Activity Center, Andover

Before May 1: \$115 After May 1: \$125

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Anoka County Parks and Recreation Opens Summer Camp Registration – Add 4

Looking to experience a variety of exciting and unique outdoor recreation activities? Outdoor Adventures has it all. We will spend part of our week at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park learning to canoe, kayak, and rock climb. The rest of our week will be spent biking, learning archery, playing games, and visiting Bunker Beach Water Park.

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Help your children explore the great outdoors at one of the summer camps offered by Anoka County Parks and Recreation.

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