

NEW

# Nature Preschool

3-4 Year Old Program



Wildwood Nature Center is offering a new early childhood program beginning this fall!

This nature-focused program for 3 and 4 year olds infuses traditional readiness learning and preschool activities with an emphasis on the natural world and daily outdoor discovery. In addition to their ABC's and 123's, children will hike the trails, draw in their journals, turn over logs to look for insects and worms, and get to know the animals at Wildwood while developing lifelong learning skills. All children must be completely toilet trained to participate. This Nature Preschool is a separate, but complimentary, program to the Park Ridge Park District Licensed Preschool. If you have any questions please call Jenny Clauson at 847-692-3570. Class will not be held on November 26.



Location: Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
15482	F	Sep 10-Dec 17	9:00am-11:30am	\$225/\$275
15483	F	Sep 10-Dec 17	12:30pm-3:00pm	\$225/\$275

## AGES 3-6

### Wildwood Tails

Ages 2-3 with Adult

See, feel, listen to, and learn all about the animals living at the Wildwood Nature Center. Enjoy an animal visit to the classroom, a story, a craft, a nature walk, and a trip to our animal room. (Min 5/Max 12)

Location: Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
14880	Tu	Aug 3-Aug 24	4:00pm-4:45pm	\$31/\$50

### Knee-High Nature

Ages 3-4 without Adult

Have fun as we discover nature, animals, and the outdoors through projects, activities, hikes, games, and crafts. This class is all about hands-on learning! (Min 5/Max 10)

Location: Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
14882	Tu	Jun 22-Jul 13	4:00pm-5:00pm	\$31/\$50

### Nature Explorers

Ages 3-5 with Adult

Experience nature and explore the world around you. Children and adults discover plants, animals, and the outdoors through nature activities including songs, games, crafts, activities, and nature walks. (Min 5/Max 10)

Location: Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
14881	Sat	Aug 7-Aug 28	9:00am-10:00am	\$31/\$50

### Awesome Amphibians

Ages 4-6 without Adult

Come on and get ready for some fun! We'll scoop nets into the pond searching for some of those wonderful creatures, get up close to the Nature Center amphibians, watch them eat dinner, and have fun learning about the murky world of awesome amphibians. (Min 5/Max 15)

Location: Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
14867	Th	Jun 17-Jun 24	4:00pm-5:00pm	\$16/\$27

Check out our Environmental Classes for adults on page 67.



## Radical Reptiles

Ages 4-6 without Adult

Did you know the Wildwood Nature Center is home to 21 reptiles? WOW! We'll introduce you to a few of them, hunt for them outside, and look at them up close as we explore their radical worlds. (Min 5/Max15)

**Location:** Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
14876	Th	Jul 15-Jul 22	4:00pm-5:00pm	\$16/\$27

## AGES 6-14

### Bug Hunters

Ages 6-8

Become a bug hunter...learn the bug basics to help find them. Create your own bug catchers to capture and study them. We'll explore underground, in the woods, prairie, and pond on our insect safari. (Min 5/Max 10)

**Location:** Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
14870	W	Jun 16-Jun 23	4:00pm-5:00pm	\$16/\$27

### Junior Rangers

Ages 6-8

Become a Junior Ranger as we explore the lives of the Wildwood animals by learning their history, how to handle them, and how to care for them. Venture into the animal room and staff only areas in this behind the scenes animal adventure. Different animals each season. (Min 5/Max 15)

**Location:** Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
14873	Th	Aug 5-Aug 26	4:00pm-5:00pm	\$31/\$50

### Pond Pals

Ages 6-8

Jump in to this class as we dip, scoop, and slop, around in the Maine Park ponds. Find, identify, and learn all about the insects, snails, worms, and other plants and animals that call this little pond home. Please dress for a mess! (Min 5/Max 15)

**Location:** Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
14875	Tu	Jul 20-Jul 27	4:00pm-5:00pm	\$16/\$27

## Seed Paper

Ages 6-11

Fun and Green! Create your own recycled paper with a twist. We'll hand make paper with seeds inside. That's right you can plant this paper and watch it grow! (Min 5/Max 10)

**Location:** Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
14879	Tu	Jun 15	4:00pm-5:00pm	\$9/\$17

## Miraculous Monarchs

Ages 6-10

Flutter over to Wildwood to discover all the secrets behind these beautiful butterflies. Games, crafts, and activities will help us uncover the mystery of how these creatures transform from a tiny egg to a colorful caterpillar, into a jeweled chrysalis, and finally into a monarch butterfly. Take home caterpillars to raise and release! (Min 5/Max 15)

**Location:** Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
14878	Sat	Jun 19	10:00am-Noon	\$15

## Here Fishy Fishy

Ages 9-11

This four-week course will explore the ins and outs of fishing. Each week we will go fishing. In addition, we will learn how to set up our poles, what bait works the best, how to take the fish off the hook, and how to identify the fish we catch. Bring your own pole or use one of ours. (Min 5/Max 10)

**Location:** Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
14884	W	Jun 30-Jul 21	4:00pm-5:00pm	\$31/\$50

## Rangers in Training

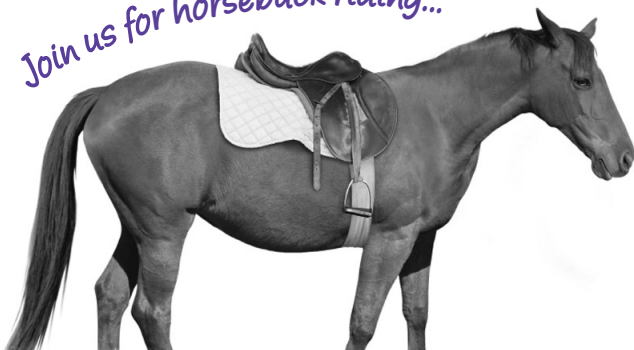
Ages 10-14

Interested in being a ranger at Wildwood? Get a hands on taste of what it's like to be a Wildwood ranger. Learn how to clean, feed, and care for the animals during this fun training session. (Min 2/Max 4)

**Location:** Wildwood Nature Center

Class	Day	Date	Time	R/NR
14868	M	Jun 14-Jul 5	3:15pm-4:15pm	\$31/\$50
14869	M	Jul 12-Aug 2	3:15pm-4:15pm	\$31/\$50
14871	F	Jul 9-Jul 30	4:00pm-5:00pm	\$31/\$50
14872	F	Aug 6-Aug 27	4:00pm-5:00pm	\$31/\$50

Join us for horseback riding...



Put on your cowboy boots and get ready to ride high as we take a trip to Double Luck Ranch for horse riding lessons. See page 62 for details.