Fox River Exploration Summer Camps
Day Camps & Overnight Camps

- LIMITED SPACE DUE TO LOW COUNSELOR – CAMPER RATIO. Register now. We are sorry, but we cannot reserve a space for your child until the entire registration fee has been paid. Campers entering grades 1, 2, 3 have a 1 – 8 counselor / camper ratio maximum. Campers entering 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 have a 1 – 10 counselor /camper ratio maximum.
- Camps are educational with a science base, nurturing & fun.
- Sessions with the same title are significantly different each month due to environmental changes in nature. Try one session or all of them. The experience will be different every time. Your child will learn science through discovery and observation. Many fun hands-on activities!!! Campers will explore our Urban-Wild along the Fox River applying technology, math, planning, building and reading skills.
- Camp packets will be sent to you at least two weeks prior to your child’s Fox River Exploration Experience. Please make sure your campers shots and health records are up to-date.

Day Camps * $149.50 per week * 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.
Early drop off with breakfast @ $6.50 per day * $6.50 per day for late pick up to 5:30 pm * $15.00 per day for pick up after 5:30; this includes a light supper. * Campers must be picked up by 6:30 pm. Additional $10.00 late pick up fee for every 15 minutes after 6:30 pm.

Day Camps for Students entering grades 1,2,3

101-3: Finding Animal & Plant Friends
Session I: June 8 – 12 * Session II: July 13 – 17 * Session III: August 10 – 14
Little campers will learn how to find and identify native plants and animals that are common to the Fox River Basin and begin to understand the meaning of invasive plants and aquatic animals. Campers will use field cards, nets, scoops, scopes and fishing poles for discovery and observation.

102-3: Clean Water Splash
Session I: June 15 – 19 * Session II: July 20 – 24 * Session III: August 17 – 21
Little Campers will learn the importance of having clean water and will begin to learn indicators of clean water habitats. They will also begin to understand the importance of water conservation and water pollution in seemingly water-rich habitats like the Fox River Watershed. Campers will apply a variety of simple water tests for discovery and observation.

103-3: Backyard Wild
Session I: June 22 – 26 * Session II: July 27 – 31 * Session III: August 24 - 28
Little Campers will learn how the animals co-exist and begin to learn some of the main threats wild animals face when sharing an environment with humans. Campers will also learn how plants and animal are part of the Fox River Ecosystem. Campers will use binoculars, identification cards & guides for discovery & observation.

Day Camps for Students entering grades 4 & 5

401-5: Animal & Plant Natives and Invaders
Session I: June 8 – 12 * Session II: July 13 – 17 * Session III: August 10 – 14
Young campers will begin to identify and distinguish between native species and invasive species, focusing on the three types of aquatic invasive species, invertebrates, plants & fish. How did the invaders get here? How are they a threat to our Fox River Watershed eco-system? Campers will use a GPS & orienteering to identify where they find natives & invaders; they will also use nets, scoops, scopes, fishing poles and field guides for discovery and observation.

402-5: Fox River Water Journey
Session I: June 15 – 19 * Session II: July 20 – 24 * Session III: August 17 – 21
Young campers will conduct water quality tests to measure water’s ability to support plants and animals. They will learn how cities & municipalities deal with water and what they can do to make a difference in water pollution. They will begin to learn about the effects of impermeable surfaces and how they can help dispose of the various run off contaminants from these surfaces before they contribute to pollution in the Fox River. Campers will learn how rain gardens generate clean water. Dip nets, microscopes, slides and water test kits will be used for discovery & observation.

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403-5: Urban Wildlife  
Session I: June 22 – 26 * Session II: July 27 – 31 * Session III: August 24 - 28
Young campers will learn how plants and animals co-exist and the different niches they each fill, and their part in the Fox River. They will begin to learn how this biodiversity contributes to a vibrant environment in the Fox River Watershed. Campers will develop an understanding for the threats wild animals face when sharing an environment with humans. Campers will also learn how plants and animal are part of the Fox River Ecosystem. Campers will use binoculars, field guides, cameras, scopes and tablets for discovery & observation.

Day Camps for Students entering grades 6,7,8

601-8: Invasive Species Along Our Fox River  
Session I: June 8 – 12 * Session II: July 13 – 17 * Session III: August 10 – 14
Campers will learn what qualifies a plant or animal as “invasive” and why invasives are a problem for local eco-systems. Campers will learn how invasive plants and animals are spread through the actions of humans and other animals, including activities such as landscaping, recreation and pet trades. There will be a focus on Aquatic Invasive Species, plant, invertebrates & fish; how they live, grow, reproduce & spread. Campers will learn how Aquatic Invasive Species are a threat to our environment and economy and how to stop them. Campers will use a GPS and orienteering to identify where they find natives & invasives; they will also use nets, scoops, scopes, fishing poles and field guides for discovery and observation.

602-8: Water Resources & Exploration  
Session I: June 15 – 19 * Session II: July 20 – 24 * Session III: August 17 – 21
Campers will explore the water resources and management practices of the Fox River Basin. They will do some biological monitoring and evaluate the current health of the Fox River Watershed. They will discuss what water problems will exist in the future and rank water concerns with other environmental issues. Campers will explore Fox River water quality properties, surface & groundwater quality, contaminants and pollution, in addition to discovering the abiotic and biotic factors that impact a freshwater environment. Dip nets, microscopes, slides, water test kits and tablets will be used for discovery & observation.

603-8: Fox River Urban Wildlife & Biodiversity Conservation –
Session I: June 22 – 26 * Session II: July 27 – 31 * Session III: August 24 - 28
Campers will identify the common plants and animals found in city environments. They will be introduced to the various evolutionary relationships between these organisms and how they have adapted to live in an urban eco-system. The diversity of life found in Fox River Environmental Education’s Urban setting will be explored, including: species, genetic and ecosystem diversity. Campers will engage in some hands-on projects that will improve the health of the lower Fox River Watershed ecosystem.

606-8: Fox River Experience Overnight Camp  
Campers must be entering Grades 6 – 9 * $389.50 per camper, per week.  
Camp starts with a Sunday drop off starting at 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm.  
Camp ends with a Friday afternoon pick up between 4:30 – 5:30 pm.

Session I: Arriving June 21 between 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm and pick up time June 26 between 4:30 – 5:30 pm.
Session II: Arriving July 12 between 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm and pick up July 17 between 4:30 – 5:30 pm.
Session III: Arriving August 16 between 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm and pick up August 21 between 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm.
Campers will explore the Fox River from a variety of locations over the week, while spending each night at Fox River Environmental Education Alliance. Campers will start on Mondays at 1000 Island Environmental Center where we will work with their Naturalist on Fox River Ecology. We will work our way south taking elevation readings as we explore a different location along the river every day. We will also use GPS & orienteering to document where we discover invasive species and urban wildlife. On Thursdays we will start out at Heckrodt Wetland Preserve and explore the three different types of habitat along the Fox River. We will also go to the Guckenberg-Sturm property, which was a source of clean water even before the Fox River clean up. Students will discover why. We will use nets, water scopes, microscopes, water quality tests, GPS, orienteering, tablets, fishing poles and more. This exciting overnight camp will cover water quality, biodiversity conservation, urban wildlife and aquatic invasivespecies through hands-on exploration, discovery and observation.

CAMPERS WILL ENJOY OUR NEW 10’ x 12’ TEACHING / FISHING DOCK!!!!

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