



To register for any Outdoor Explorers events, please call the Bremer County Conservation office in Tripoli at 319-882-4742 or email Heather Gamm at naturalist@co.bremer.ia.us and then mail in the form. You may leave your name and phone number if you get the answering machine and someone will call you back. You can download a registration form/liability waiver from the website. <http://www.co.bremer.ia.us/conservation-board/environmental-education.aspx> Checks should be made payable to Bremer County Nature Alliance for the amount of the class or combination of classes. Please mail checks and registration/liability form to Bremer County Conservation, Attn. Heather Gamm, PO Box 412, Tripoli, IA 50676.

Due to the nature of our activities, there will be no exceptions to the grades listed below. It is our belief that your child needs to be the age listed in order to participate in activities. Please be respectful and sign up accordingly. By waiting another year, your child will be strong enough physically to shoot a bow, paddle a canoe or bike 14 miles with us. Thank you for your understanding. Bremer County Naturalists will teach/lead all sessions.

Outdoor Explorers Beginners

Ensure your child is outside this summer by signing them up to enjoy and learn about the great outdoors! Outdoor activities include: games, obstacle course, making salsa (garden connections), volcanoes/mining for chocolate chips in cookies, fishing, canoeing, terrariums, camping games and animal adaptations/olympics. Your child may take this class 2 years in a row. Most activities will alternate every other year.

Dates and Time: July 3 – 31 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am

Grades: Completed 2nd – 3rd grade

Place: Cedar Bend Park East Shelter (1267 205th Street, Waverly)

Fee: \$30

Outdoor Explorers Intermediate

This is a longer session to provide more hands-on opportunities. Participants will use a Dutch Oven to bake a wild raspberry cake with raspberries collected from Cedar Bend Park. They will go canoeing, fishing and biking. Activities will also include geocaching, archery, frisbee golf, slacklining, a digital scavenger hunt using cameras, creating a stepping stone and a day at Ingawanis Boy Scout Camp.

Dates: July 3 – 31 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Grades: Completed 4th – 5th

Place: Various locations around Waverly

Fee: \$50

Outdoor Explorers Advanced

We plan to kayak the Shell Rock River, bike, shoot archery and geocache at Babcock Woods.

Dates: Friday, July 13, 20, 27 from 12:30 – 3:30pm

Grades: Completed 5th – 8th

Place: Various locations

Fee: \$50 for all three dates. If you sign up for only one or two events, the price will be as follows:

\$25 for kayaking, \$15 for biking, \$15 for archery

Outdoor Explorer Field Trips

These programs offer half day and day-long opportunities to explore our world. Most essential gear will be provided but participants must bring their OWN LUNCH and drinks, especially water. The Bremer County Naturalist(s) will be present during all trips. All participants must meet at the designated locations. Any child may participate even if they haven't been in Outdoor Explorers before. A detailed timeline and list of items to bring will be mailed out upon receipt of the registration form.

Fly fishing at the Duck Pond in Waverly

Participants will need to be dropped off at the Waverly Duck Pond/Three Rivers Park for this program. Garylee Thurm will be the expert instructor. He will show children the proper technique as well as the proper flies to use. There is a maximum of 10 participants because each child will borrow a fly rod.

Date: Thursday, June 7

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am

Age: Completed 4th Grade and up

Fee: \$10

NEW: Bike the Sweet Marsh Trail from Tripoli to Sweet Marsh

Participants will need to provide their own bike and helmet. Meet at the Tripoli Welcome Center.

Date: Friday, June 8

Time: 1:30 – 3:30pm

Age: Completed 4th grade and up

Fee: \$15

Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch and Twin Ponds Nature Center

This group is off to Chickasaw County to get up-close and personal with animals! Participants will take a hay wagon ride in the buffalo pasture and feed the buffalo ears of corn by hand. Then we will travel to the nature center, where we will touch live animals and fish at the pond.

Date: Friday, June 15

Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm

Age: Completed 2nd grade and up

Fee: \$30

NEW: Bike the Grump Trail from Readlyn to Hwy 63

Participants will need to provide their own bike and helmet. Meet at the Friendly People Ball Park on Wilmont Avenue.

Date: Friday, June 22

Time: 9:30 – 11:30am

Age: Completed 4th grade and up

Fee: \$15

Trip to Heery Woods (Clarksville) in Butler County

Participants will go fishing and canoeing at Sportsman's Park. Then they will get involved with numerous team challenges and get to check out the nature center at Heery Woods.

Date: Friday, June 29

Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm

Age: Completed 3rd grade and up

Fee: \$20

Rockford Fossil Park near Rockford, Iowa

Travel to the Devonian Age when Iowa was an ocean. That's before the dinosaurs! Participants will tour the Fossil & Prairie Center before going out to look for fossils and hiking to the kilns.

Date: Monday, July 30

Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm

Age: Completed 2nd grade and up

Fee: \$20

NEW: Extreme Kayaking at Manchester Whitewater Park

CrawDaddy Outdoors will provide all the gear and training for this epic adventure! Participants will meet in Waverly and ride with Naturalist or Darrin Siefken, CrawDaddy Outdoors owner. Bremer & Buchanan County Naturalists will also be able to help carry gear, fasten helmets and aid in the entry/exit points. Minimum number of 5 students must be met. Some kayaking or canoeing experience preferred. **REGISTER ONLINE for this program only!**

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Buchanan/Park/Fontana-Park/Events/11255/Whitewater-Kayaking.aspx>

Date: Thursday, August 16 from 9:00am – 3:30pm

Age: Completed 5th grade and up

Fee: \$40

2018 Outdoor Explorers Activities*
Please keep this schedule for your reference.

Outdoor Explorers Beginners

(10:30 – 11:30)

		Activity	Location
Day 1	July 3	Nametags/Predator-Prey Game	Cedar Bend East Shelter
NO CLASS ON JULY 5.			
Day 2	July 10	Obstacle Course	Cedar Bend East Shelter
Day 2	July 12	Fishing/Canoeing	<u>Three Rivers Park – Duck Pond</u>
Day 3	July 17	Volcanoes/Mine for Choc. chips	Cedar Bend East Shelter
Day 4	July 19	Make Salsa (Gardening)	Cedar Bend East Shelter
Day 5	July 24	Terrariums	Cedar Bend East Shelter
Day 6	July 26	Camp Games	Cedar Bend East Shelter
Day 7	July 31	Animal Adaptations/Olympics	Cedar Bend East Shelter

Outdoor Explorers Intermediate

(1:00 – 3:00)

This Outdoor Explorers group will meet at various locations around Waverly. Please be on time for all activities. Children should bring a water bottle and dress to be outdoors which includes tennis shoes.

		Activity	Location
Day 1	July 3	Dutch Oven Berry Cake/Dig. Scav. Hunt	Cedar Bend Park
NO CLASS ON JULY 5.			
Day 2	July 10	Native American Day	Cedar Bend Park
Day 3	July 12	Fishing/Canoeing	Three Rivers Park – Duck Pond
Day 4	July 17	Archery/Stepping Stones	Cedar Bend Park
Day 5	July 19	Biking (Bring your bike & helmet.)	Waverly Rail Trail
Day 6	July 24	Geocaching	Babcock Woods in SE Waverly
Day 7	July 26	Frisbee Golf/Slacklining	Brookwood Park
Day 8	July 31	Cope course, horseback riding, etc	Ingawanis Adventure Base

Outdoor Explorers Advanced

(12:30 – 3:30)

		Activity	Location
Day 1	July 13	Kayaking	Shell Rock River
Day 2	July 20	Biking (Bring your bike & helmet.)	Waverly Rail Trail
Day 3	July 27	Archery/Geocaching	Waverly Archery Club/Babcock Wds

If your child is allergic to anything or has special needs or concerns,
 please contact Heather via cell phone at (319) 231-9640.
 She can receive texts but is unable to reply due to county restrictions.

If weather is severe, we may cancel. You will be notified via phone. Please make sure we have a
 phone number for a babysitter if necessary!

Most equipment will be provided unless noted.

* The dates for activities may change slightly due to availability of special instructors or equipment.
 We will notify you of any changes.