

# Wetland Explorers Camp

9 am-12 pm | Offered at:

Independence Grove Forest Preserve, North Bay Pavilion

16400 Buckley Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048

Ryerson Conservation Area, Education Cabins

21950 N. Riverwoods Rd., Riverwoods, IL 60015

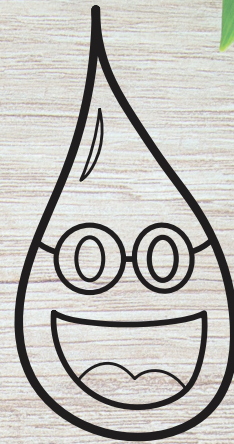
Lakewood Forest Preserve, Shelter A

27277 N. Forest Preserve Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084



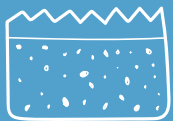
## Camp checklist

- Light snack
- Backpack
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- 16 oz. water or larger
- Hat



## Monday: Water

Campers learn about the water cycle and the different states of water, journey as a water molecule, and explore a wetland during a wetland census exploration activity.



## Tuesday: Soils and Plants

Campers dig in with soil probes and learn about wetland soils. They'll then take a hike and meet some common wetland plants of Lake County.



## Wednesday: Aquatic Invertebrates

Campers use dip nets to catch live invertebrates from a pond and learn about aquatic animal adaptations. Predator-prey relationships and metamorphosis will be highlighted too. **Campers must bring sturdy, closed-toe water shoes or boots (no flip-flops or Crocs allowed) and clothes that can get wet and muddy. An extra change of clothes is recommended.**



## Thursday: Connections

Campers make connections to animals that may not live in water but still use it for nurseries, food, and safety. This day features field insect netting and exploring with binoculars. **Pack a pair of long pants and closed-toe shoes for insect netting.**



## Friday: Benefits of Wetlands

Campers will explore the benefits of wetlands and then transform into migratory birds, traveling flyways to discover how quality wetlands are vital to species survival. Then, more hands-on learning as we use dip nets and seine nets to look further into the wetland's biodiversity. **Campers must bring sturdy, closed-toe water shoes or boots (no flip-flops or Crocs allowed) and clothes that can get wet and muddy. An extra change of clothes is recommended.**



## Read This, Too!

Please note: activities are likely to change in the event of time constraints, site resources, camper interests, or inclement weather. Cancellations of this camp due to weather will be emailed to the address listed on the camp health form. If you have questions or concerns, or need to speak with your child's camp director, call April Vaos at 847-276-5386.

