

# Preserve Explorers Camp

9 am-3 pm

Independence Grove Forest Preserve

16400 Buckley Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048, Visitors Center Circle Drive



## Camp checklist

- Backpack
- Sunscreen (apply prior to arrival)
- Insect repellent (apply prior to arrival)
- Lunch
- Two snacks
- 16 oz. water or larger
- Comfortable shoes
- Hat



## Monday: Stewardship and Paddle Boarding/Pond Netting

Caring for resources is a key focus of the Forest Preserves, so campers will help our Native Plant Garden volunteers while learning about native and invasive plants. After lunch, campers alternate using stand-up paddle boards and scientific tools to learn about the lake. **Bring and/or wear long pants, sneakers, swimwear, closed-toe water shoes with a heel strap (old sneakers, aqua socks; no flip-flops, Crocs, or slip-on shoes), towel, dry clothes, and dry shoes. Optional: work gloves and tools (trowel, weed picker).**



## Tuesday Travel Day: Law Enforcement + Leisure

Campers travel to our Operations and Public Safety facility, where Ranger Police may provide a tour, teach a few protective tactics, and guide the kids in some law enforcement duties. Then they'll go to Countryside Golf Club to learn a few putting and driving skills, led by a PGA/LPGA professional. **Bring and/or wear comfortable clothes, sneakers (no flip-flops, Crocs, or slip-on shoes). Optional: youth golf clubs.**



## Wednesday: Kayaking + On-Water Wildlife Observation

After kayak instruction, campers learn observation tips for waterfowl identification and test their skills. **Bring and/or wear swimwear, closed-toe water shoes with a heel strap (old sneakers, aqua socks; no flip-flops, Crocs, or slip-on shoes), towel, dry clothes, and dry shoes.**



## Thursday: Biking/Geocaching + Beach

A great way to explore forest preserves and find hidden geocaches is from a bicycle. After lunch, it's a refreshing afternoon at the swim beach. **Bring and/or wear bright-colored clothes, backpack with padded or comfortable straps (no drawstring or one-sided strap), trail bike in good condition (refer to bike check), bike helmet, swimwear, towel, beach shoes, and dry clothes. Optional: goggles and beach toys.**



## Friday: Fishing + River Exploration

### Drop-off at North Bay Pavilion, pick-up at Visitors Center

Campers learn about the fish that live in the lake before casting lines. After lunch, we'll explore Bull Creek and the Des Plaines River (conditions permitting). Life jackets provided. **Bring and/or wear swimwear or quick-dry clothes to change into, closed-toe water shoes with a heel strap (old sneakers, aqua socks; no flip-flops, Crocs, or slip-on shoes), and towel.**



## Read This, Too!

Please note: activities may change in the event of time constraints, site resources, camper interests, or inclement weather. Cancellations or changes to this camp due to weather will be emailed to the address listed on the camp health form. Call camp director Jenny Sazama at 847-276-5382 with questions or concerns.



