**Spiders, slugs, and really cool bugs camp Itinerary**

This week we will investigate the largest group in the animal kingdom: invertebrates (animals without backbones). Campers will gain a better understanding of the invertebrates in Lake County and the habitats where they reside.

**Monday: Forest Invertebrates**

Learn about what characteristics make an animal an invertebrate. Next, explore the forest looking for some of Lake County’s fascinating invertebrates. ***Closed-toed shoes, like sneakers, recommended.***

**Tuesday: Field Invertebrates**

Hike to a field habitat and collect invertebrates for group observation. Then, play a game of “haulin’ pollen” and make a butterfly/moth kite. ***Lightweight, long pants and closed-toed shoes recommended.***

**Wednesday: Spiders are Invertebrates, Too**

Investigate adaptations that make spiders so unique. Study spider behavior and discover their amazing building skills. Build your own ballooning baby spider and go on a hike to explore spider habitats.

**Thursday: Pond Invertebrates**

Under the surface of a pond lies a diverse group of invertebrates. Learn about metamorphosis and the challenges invertebrates face living in the pond. Then go pond netting and observe aquatic invertebrates. ***Wear shoes that can get wet and muddy****!*

**Friday: Invertebrate Super Powers**

Discover Lake County invertebrates with super abilities. Compare your talents in the super power Olympics while examining the super powers that help each invertebrate survive.

**Beyond Camp:**

Each day your camper will be given supplemental “beyond camp” activities that you can work on and review together. It’s a hands-on way to be a part of your camper’s learning experience. Handouts include information sheets, word searches, and crosswords.

**What to bring to camp daily:**

* Backpack
* A light snack
* Filled water bottle, at least 16 oz.
* Hat
* Insect repellent and sunscreen, or apply prior to arrival

Please note that activities are likely to change in the event of time constraints and inclement weather.

Cancellations to this camp due to weather will be emailed to the address(es) you listed on the camp health form. **If you have questions, concerns or need to speak with your child’s camp director or instructor, please call April Vaos 847-276-5386**.