

Skulls, Scat, and Tracks Camp

What to bring:

- Backpack (no cinch sacks or drawstring bags)
- Snack
- Filled water bottle, at least 16 oz.
- Insect repellent and sunscreen, or apply prior to arrival
- Hat

Monday-What can you discover by using your SENSES?

Campers will practice using their senses through games and activities like finding the hidden object every day and specific skills to hone each sense.

Tuesday-What can you discover by looking at SKULLS?

Campers will trek through the Forest Preserve looking for skeletons, learn about different skull features, and make a skull with modeling material.

Wear lightweight, long pants and closed toed shoes for SKULLS day.

Wednesday-What can you discover by looking at SCAT?

Knowing what an animal eats can tell you a lot about that animal's habits. Campers will learn about a variety of animal droppings, dissect an owl pellet, and make their own delicious edible scat.

Edible Scat ingredients may include: chocolate frosting, coconut flakes, raisins, peanuts, gummy worms, oatmeal, and tootsie rolls.

Thursday-What can you discover by looking at TRACKS?

Campers will learn the different gaits/patterns of animals by moving like them, making a tracks ID book and exploring the Forest Preservers to find their unique tracks.

Wear shoes that can get muddy and wet for TRACKS day.

****Camps are at Wright Woods Forest Preserve today****

Friday-What can you discover by looking at other SIGNS animals leave behind?

Animals leave behind a lot of clues besides scat and tracks. Campers will solve mysteries by searching for the other animal signs like trails, nipped vegetation, feeding areas, beds, fur, feathers, scratches, dens, holes, and nests.

* Please note activities may change in the event of time constraints, site resources and inclement weather.

Note: Ryerson Conservation Area has a lightning safe place so will most likely not cancel due to stormy weather. Activities will be modified and done indoors.

Cancellations or changes 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 Jenny Sazama 847-276-5382.