



Young Nature Explorers Itinerary

Date: July 7 & 9, 2026

Time: 9:00 am-10:30 am

Location: Independence Grove Forest Preserve, North Bay Pavilion

What to wear: Sturdy closed toe shoes that can get wet and muddy. Clothing that is appropriate for the weather, movement, and exploration, including hat and sunglasses (optional). (Please apply sunscreen and/or bug spray prior to program).

What to bring: Snack, reusable water bottle, sunscreen and bug spray (optional).

Tuesday, July 7: Meet at Independence Grove Forest Preserve, North Bay Pavilion

Animals That Fly: Bats, Birds and Insects

Explore with your little one as you both learn about how different animals are capable of flight. Use scientific equipment such as bug nets and binoculars to better see these remarkable species.

Thursday, July 9: Meet at Independence Grove Forest Preserve, North Bay Pavilion

Animals That Swim

Explore the creatures below the water's surface and learn that not all animals need fins to swim. Using pond nets and microscopes, participants will be immersed in the world of macroinvertebrates and learn how to identify them.

Program Instructors:

Tuesday, July 7: Matt Mulligan, mmulligan@lcfpd.org, 847-276-5373

Thursday, July 9: Eileen Davis, edavis@lcfpd.org, 847-276-6030

Please email AskAnEducator@LCFPD.org for general questions.

** Adults are free and must register and accompany their child.*

**Please note that some activities may be substituted or modified due to time constraints, site resources, participant interests, or inclement weather. Cancellations of this program will be sent to the email used when registering.*

