**SUMMER CAMP 2024**

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WELCOME TO SUMMER AT RIVEREDGE

Summer 2024 is just around the corner and we are busily getting ready for another amazing year! We hope you will join us on a new adventure with Riveredge Nature Journeys camps, where everyone is welcome, accepted, and celebrated for being who they are and who they want to be. Our camp helps build friendships, become better people, and engage in new experiences all without the fear of failure.

Our first and foremost priority is to strive to provide a safe, magical experience that sparks lifelong friendships for our campers. Campers participate in hands-on explorations as they ask questions about the mysteries of the natural world, uncover evidence at their fingertips, and draw conclusions based on personal experiences. Of course, no day at camp is complete without playing in the mud! We want kids to experience the freedom of the outdoors, to get dirty, and to have fun.

We dedicate our summers to the growth and success of our campers. Interactions with other campers and with our highly qualified staff of educators (at 7 or fewer campers to one adult with additional teen volunteers) allow each camper to receive individualized attention from a variety of role models. Our goal is to give campers tools and strategies they can use to continue to explore the wonders of our natural world throughout their lives and to become role models themselves.

By connecting and building along our path from Discoverers, Pathfinders, Trailblazers, Garden Wonders, Explorers, Guardians, Stewards, Questers, and on through family adventures, campers can imagine and realize what they can become.

Please review this brochure to find the best path for your campers, your family, and you. We look forward to making new memories with you in 2024!

Riveredge Nature Journeys Extended Care

Riveredge is happy to provide before and after camp extended care for our full day campers. Our programs allow campers to spend just a little more time exploring Riveredge with earlier drop off (7:30 am) and/or later pick up (5:30 pm) with daily or weekly options. Camp counselors will encourage your camper’s imagination through games and activities and they will have plenty of time for free play in our natural playground. An option will be given during registration to receive more information on extended care options. Extended care not available following an overnight program.

DISCOVERERS: EYES ON NATURE

Age Group: Preschool (3-4 years old) with an adult
Session 1: June 10-13, 9:15-11:15 am, M-Th
Session 2: June 24-27, 9:15-11:15 am, M-Th
Session 3: July 8-11, 9:15-11:15 am, M-Th
Fees: Member $150 Non-member $165
Experience the wonders of summertime and learn about the amazing world of insects, flowers, birds, and pond life with a Riveredge Educator. Adults join in the fun with their camper as we explore diverse habitats and create projects that go along with our theme. Spend time with your child in nature and all eyes will be opened!

DISCOVERERS: THE SOUNDS OF NATURE

Age Group: Preschool (3-4 years old) with an adult
Session 1: August 5-8, 9:15-11:15 am, M-Th
Session 2: August 12-15, 9:15-11:15 am, M-Th
Fees: Member $150 Non-member $165
Introduce your child to the wonderful world of nature. We will use all of our senses to discover the wonders of nature’s calls. Adults join in the fun with their camper as we explore diverse habitats and create projects that go along with our theme. We’ll share bird calls and find hidden perches, squish through the mud, create our own music, and splash our way across Riveredge.
**PATHFINDERS:**
**SEARCH FOR NATURE’S WONDERS**

Age group: Completed Half Day/Full Day Kindergarten (5-6 years old)
Session 1: June 10-14, 9 am-12 pm, M-F
Session 2: June 10-14, 1-4 pm, M-F
Fees: Member $190 Non-member $210
Spend fun-filled days traversing the trails and uncovering the many hidden wonders in the nooks and crannies of Riveredge. Become immersed in the natural world as you crawl the forest floor, climb the hillsides, and splash in the wetlands. All this hands-on exploration will be blended with a myriad of games, crafts, and stories to keep you going.

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**PATHFINDERS:**
**MISSION EXPLORATION**

Age group: Completed Full Day Kindergarten (5-6 years old)
Session 1: June 17-20, 9 am-4 pm, M-Th
Session 2: June 24-27, 9 am-4 pm, M-Th
Session 3: July 8-11, 9 am-4 pm, M-Th
Fees: Member $270 Non-member $295
Explore all that Riveredge has to offer as you uncover and investigate the adventures of the animal kingdom. Each day, study a different type of animal including mammals, birds, and reptiles. Learn and explore the wild places they inhabit. The fun-filled exploration will be mixed with games, crafts, and stories to add to the excitement.

“My Pathfinder’s highlight was “catching a daddy crawfish with my bare hands!” When I picked him up from his last day of camp he told me that it was the worst day of his life... because Riveredge Camp was over! He very much looks forward to enjoying more camps next year!”
- Parent of a Pathfinders Camper

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**PATHFINDERS:**
**BUGGIN’ OUTDOORS**

Age group: Completed Full Day Kindergarten (5-6 years old)
Session 1: July 15-18, 9 am-4 pm, M-Th
Session 2: July 22-25, 9 am-4 pm, M-Th
Session 3: July 29- August 1, 9 am-4 pm, M-Th
Fees: Member $270 Non-member $295
Are you ready to dig in the soil? Crawl under logs? Squish through the mud? Become part of our critter finding crew and solve the mysteries happening around the nature center! Look for clues and discover a new mystery critter each day. All of this hands-on exploration will be blended with nature-themed games, crafts, and storytelling!

“Our camper spent every daily car ride home talking non-stop about all of the awesome things she learned and experienced in nature at Riveredge. She took risks and found a new sense of self-awareness and confidence exploring Trailblazer Island every day.”
- Parent of a Trailblazers Camper

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**TRAILBLAZERS:**
**SECRETS OF NATURE**

Age Group: Completed Grades 1 or 2
Session 1: June 10-14, 8:50 am-3:50 pm, M-F
Session 2: June 17-21, 8:50 am-3:50 pm, M-F
Session 3: June 24-28, 8:50 am-3:50 pm, M-F
Session 4: July 8-12, 8:50 am-3:50 pm, M-F
Session 5: July 15-19, 8:50 am-3:50 pm, M-F
Fees: Member $310 Non-member $330
Nature is bursting with mysteries! Journey through Riveredge searching for secrets and solving mysteries of the forest, field, pond, and river. Join us for a week full of hands-on learning adventures that take you into the heart of the natural world. At the core of this camp is Trailblazer Island- our very own special world where we explore, build forts, climb, dig, and catch frogs.
Age Group: Completed Grades 3 or 4
Session 1: June 10-14, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, M-F (no overnight)
Session 2: June 17-21, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, M-F (no overnight)
Session 3: July 15-19, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, M-F (no overnight)
Session 4: July 22-26, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, M-F (no overnight)
Fees: Member $325 Non-member $355

Hey, campers! Come explore the Milwaukee River, Riveredge Creek, ponds, and wetlands. Unravel riddles and follow clues to discover the secrets of the many aquatic wonders that we have at Riveredge. Our mission will be to discover the living things that call these unique watery worlds their homes and how these special places affect all living things, including us. Join us for a week of wonder and play, including creaking in Riveredge Creek, floating on tubes, and kayaking at Mauthe Lake. **Please note:** Watery Worlds sessions do not include an overnight camp out.
GUARDIANS: EARTH SKILLS

Age group: Completed Grades 5 or 6
Session 1: June 24-28, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, M-Th
   (Overnight Thursday - 9am dismissal Friday)
Session 2: July 8-12, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, M- Th
   (Overnight Thursday - 9am dismissal Friday)
Session 3: July 29- August 2, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, M- Th
   (Overnight Thursday - 9am dismissal Friday)
Session 4: August 5-9, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, M- Th
   (Overnight Thursday - 9am dismissal Friday)
Session 5: August 12-16, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, M- Th
   (Overnight Thursday - 9am dismissal Friday)
Fees: Member $335 Non-member $365
Foods, fibers, and finding your way! Harvest and prepare wild edibles, practice cartography (map making) to find hidden treasure. Utilize primitive pigments in artistic creations, float on tubes, and learn Leave No Trace skills at the sanctuary. Climb into the treetops using ropes and special equipment under the supervision of trained tree-climbing facilitators, and take part in an adventurous overnight!

“The camp leader for the Guardians group was so wonderful. She encouraged my daughter to teach her more about birds and share her knowledge of card games. My daughter wants to come back and one day work at camp because of her!”
- Parent of a Guardians Camper

GARDEN WONDERS: GREEN THUMBS AND DIRTY KNEES

Age Group: 8-10 year olds
Session 1: August 5-9, 9am-4pm, M-F
Session 2: August 12-16, 9am-4pm, M-F
Fees: Member $320 Non-member $350
Come and explore the bounty of the Riveredge Children’s Garden as we unravel the secrets of plants, the glory of pollinators, and the joy of simply digging in the soil. Discover how the garden is like other ecosystems as we journey through forests, prairies, ponds, and rivers in search of adventures and fun. Our week will also include river tubing, swimming, fishing, and a harvest quest. We'll top our week off with a kids’ farmers market, and many other surprises along the way.

GARDEN WONDERS: COOKING UP A STORM!

Age Group: 10-12 year olds
August 12-16, 9am-4pm, M-F
Fees: Member $330 Non-member $360
Have you got what it takes to cook up a storm this summer? It's an unforgettable week full of cooking, learning, team adventures, and FUN! Each day, campers will be challenged to create delicious eats and treats straight from the Riveredge Farm. Campers will explore how natural systems support both humans and wildlife by visiting a variety of habitats. Throughout the week, we will get our hands dirty as we gain a new appreciation of where our food comes from by harvesting, planting, and preparing vegetables for the whole family to enjoy... and, of course, our famous kids’ farmers market!

They came home feeling excited about the plants they learned about and the food they tried. They had so much fun setting up a shop and making their farmers market. They loved this week.”
- Parent of two Garden Wonders campers

GARDEN WONDERS: ROOTS, SHOOTS, BUCKETS, & BOOTS

Age Group: 6-8 year olds
Session 1: July 29-August 2, 9am-4pm, M-F
Session 2: August 5-August 9, 9am-4pm, M-F
Fees: Member $320 Non-member $350
The Riveredge Children’s Garden is a magical place full of mysteries to explore, plants and animals to meet, and delicious sights, smells, and tastes. Be ready for adventure as we journey through forests, prairies, ponds, and the river to discover how they are similar to our garden. This fun-filled week includes digging, catching frogs, hosting a kids’ farmers market, and visiting the Riveredge Farm!

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- Parent of two Garden Wonders campers
**STEWARDS: OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

Age Group: Completed grades 7-9  
June 24-28, 9am-4pm M-Th  
(Overnight Thursday - 9am dismissal Friday)  
Fee: Members $350 Non-members $380  
During this leadership-focused week, we’ll look inwards and outwards as we learn the skills necessary to be a successful camp counselor, and challenge ourselves in a variety of exciting outdoor pursuits. Spend the week hiking, swimming, and paddling. We will try out our leadership skills with younger campers, and challenge ourselves as we paddle through Horicon Marsh. When the sun sets, we’ll explore the trails in search of wildlife and glimmering stars on our overnight campout. Come prepared to make new friends and experience new challenges- Riveredge style, of course!

**STEWARDS: MIRROR LAKE OUTPOST ADVENTURES**

Age Group: Completed grades 7-9  
June 10-14, 9am-4pm M-F  
(Overnight Thursday at Mirror Lake in Baraboo, WI)  
Fee: Members $405 Non-members $435  
We’ll focus on leadership together, looking inwards and outwards as we learn the skills necessary to be a successful camp counselor, and challenge ourselves in a variety of exciting outdoor pursuits. Learn how to motivate others and become a role model. We will test our leadership skills by guiding younger campers and build a lasting legacy with land stewardship. On Thursday, we will make our way to Mirror Lake State Park to hike, paddle, and explore one of Wisconsin’s most glacially impacted areas. We will return from this high-adventure trip Friday afternoon.

**QUESTERS: BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE TRIP**

Age Group: Completed Grades 7-12  
Saturday, July 13 – Friday, July 19  
We will meet at Riveredge at 7am on Saturday, July 13 and return by 8pm on Friday, July 19.  
Pre-Trip meeting: Tuesday June 25@ 6:30 pm (for all parents and trip participants)  
Pre-Trip packing party: Friday July 12@ 6-7:30 pm (for all trip participants, parents welcome)  
Fees: $825 Campers may complete volunteer hours at Riveredge to reduce their fee to $725 - contact Steff at smerten@riveredge.us for additional information.

Join a crew of amazing youth for the adventure of a lifetime...

Journey to the stunning wilderness of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Minnesota for an experience of a lifetime. Spend a week swimming in the crystal clear lakes, catching delicious fish, and exploring majestic forests, and tranquil beaches. On this exciting adventure, we will travel by canoe through some of the most pristine land in the country. We’ll camp in backcountry sites in the peaceful wilderness and practice Leave No Trace principles to model environmental stewardship. Our Questers start as acquaintances and end as family--don’t miss this once in a lifetime chance to create memories you’ll treasure forever! You provide a sleeping bag, pack, and personal items and we’ll provide the rest. (Don’t have the gear? Riveredge may be able to furnish some sleeping bags and packs for those who request it - contact us for more information.)
**Tree Climbing**
Ages 7 and up accompanied by an adult  
Session 1: Thursday, June 13, 3-5 pm  
Session 2: Tuesday, July 30, 3-5 pm  
Fees (per person):  
Member $30 | Non-member $40  
Explore Riveredge at a new elevation! Our Tree Climbing programs are meant for youth ages 7 and above and adults with little to no tree climbing skills. Ascend ropes and explore the world way above your feet. We make it safe and easy! All equipment is supplied; all you need is loose clothing (T-shirt and long pants recommended), closed toe shoes (hard soles recommended), and an adventurous spirit. All climbers must be accompanied by an adult.

**Geocaching Adventure**
Ages 8 and up with an adult  
Session 1: Friday, June 7, 1 pm-3 pm  
Session 2: Friday, July 19, 1 pm-3 pm  
Fees (per person):  
Member $8 | Non-member $10  
Come out for this hiking treasure hunt! You will use a GPS unit to find your way to several hidden caches along the Riveredge trails. It’s a great way to bond as a family and learn essential navigational skills. GPS units will be provided by your adventure educator. Participants should be able to hike 2 miles. Please bring a sample treasure to hide or trade!

**Tubing the Milwaukee River**
Ages 7 and up with an adult  
Thursday, June 20, 1-3:30 pm  
Friday, June 28, 1-3:30 pm  
Fees (per person):  
Member $12 | Non-member $15  
After a quick tour of the Sturgeon Streamside Rearing Facility, we’ll hop on inner tubes and float down the Milwaukee River. Along the way, we’ll discover the diversity of living things that make their home in the river. Wear sturdy shoes and clothing that can get wet. Bring a lifejacket and inner tube if you have them. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Participants should be able to hike approximately 1 mile.

**River Rambling**
Ages 5 and up with an adult  
Session 1: Friday, July 12, 1-3 pm  
Session 2: Friday, August 9, 1-3 pm  
Fees (per person):  
Member $8 | Non-member $10  
Join a naturalist and step into the Milwaukee River! We’ll explore this wonderful, watery world and seek out the creatures that call the river home. Bring your favorite closed toe wading shoes (old sneakers work best), a towel and a change of clothes. Expect to get wet: it’s all part of the fun. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for the Nature Journeys Summer Camps will be taken through our online registration system. You may access the registration system through the Summer Camp page on our website (click on the Summer Camp picture block on the Riveredge homepage at www.riveredgenaturecenter.org). You can also navigate via our Programs page on the website, selecting “Come to Camp.”

When registering, make sure you have all the medical information (insurance, primary doctor, medication, etc.) handy for each child you are registering. A medical information form is required during the registration process. Online registration will close the Wednesday before the week of each camp. Spaces may still be available at that time - call 262-375-2715 to ask about last-minute availability.

Camp Drop Off and Pick Up:

For the convenience of all, we’re now using staggered start and end times for all camps. This allows families with multiple children the time needed to drop off and pick up at multiple locations. If you are not able to arrive during the 15 minute drop off window, you will be able to walk your child to their classroom. Extended care will be available to families who need a later pick up time.

Membership Discount:

Riveredge Family Membership ($75 annually) will discount camp prices, ranging from $15-$30 per camp. Membership also provides many other benefits all year round! Visit RiveredgeNatureCenter.org/membership for more information.

Multiple Camps/Children Discount:

If you register for multiple camps (they can be for the same child or different children), you will pay the normal fee for the first camp and receive a 10% discount off of each additional camp. There is also a discount for registering multiple children from the same household for any combination of camps (first child full price, additional siblings 10% off). Please note that our registration system can sometimes have trouble when multiple discounts are applied. If this happens and your total doesn’t look right, please pay 50% of the cost and contact Riveredge directly at 262-375-2715 to have the remaining balance adjusted. We're here to help and make sure you get all the discounts you qualify for!

Waitlist:

Riveredge camps are popular and fill QUICKLY! Waitlists will be formed when camps have reached their capacity. It is very beneficial to put your name on waitlists as spots do often open up due to family scheduling conflicts. There is no fee to put your child on the waitlist. If a space becomes available, you will be contacted via email, with 48 hours to confirm the spot and pay the deposit. If we do not hear from you within 48 hours, a call will be made and you will have an additional 48 hours to respond before the spot is given to the next person on the waitlist.

Payment:

50% of camp fees are due at the time of registration until April 30, 2024. Full payment for all camps is due by May 1st. You may make payments on your account at any time through the Active registration system using your log-in.

Camperships (like a scholarship, but for camp!):

Thanks to generous donors, Riveredge is able to offer camperships to families who may not otherwise be able to attend camp. Contact Steff Merten at smerten@riveredge.us for more information and an application. If you would like to donate to the campership fund, that can be done during camp registration or call 262-375-2715.

Cancellations:

Registrations may be canceled up to 30 days prior and receive a refund of registration fees minus a $50 non-refundable deposit. If you cancel less than 30 days before your week of camp, refunds are only given for medical reasons and family emergencies. These refunds are also subject to the $50 non-refundable deposit.

Switching Camps:

If you’d like to move your camp registration to another camp, we are happy to accommodate those requests as space allows. Each date/camp change is subject to a $30 fee. Please contact us at 262-375-2715 to request a date change.

Camper Illness Policy:

All participants must be free from fever or vomiting without medication for a minimum of 24 hours before they may attend/return to camp. Please keep your child at home if they are not feeling well.
There’s always something new at Riveredge!
Visit www.riveredgenaturecenter.org for more information

WINTER CAMP 2023

Tuesday-Thursday,
December 26-28
with optional
overnight to the
morning of the 29th!

Do your kids miss summer camp and wish they had something exciting to do during winter break? We’ve got just the solution! Join us at Riveredge for our seventh annual Winter Camp!

Our beautiful 485 acres unveil a whole new world in winter. During our fun-filled days, we’ll hike, snowshoe, build campfires, create winter crafts, and play games! Both indoor and outdoor activities are carefully planned based on the weather and led by our fun and fully trained camp education staff.

Have you heard about these FREE opportunities? Family Nature Club meets regularly for family fun in nature at outdoor locations in Sheboygan, Ozaukee, and Washington counties! Meetups happen throughout the year. Check out our Programs page on www.riveredgenaturecenter.org to learn more, or follow Riveredge Family Nature Club on Facebook. Also, don’t forget: if you have a 4th grader in your household, your whole family qualifies for a free Riveredge Family Membership! See our website for details, under “Join.”

TRAILS AGLOW!
NIGHT HIKE, SNOWSHOE, & SKI

Every Friday in January & February
4:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Enjoy the beauty and serenity of a crisp snowy evening on skis, snowshoes, or your good ol’ boots. Bundle up and traverse our trails, lit by the soft glow of lanterns. Come again and again: each night has a different fun theme! As they say: there is no bad weather, only bad clothing. Members attend for free and get the benefit of free snowshoe rental: just another perk of being a Riveredge Member.

FREE RIVEREDGE MEMBERSHIPS FOR 4TH GRADERS!
ONLINE REGISTRATION!
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MEMBERS: OPENS NOV. 1ST
NON-MEMBERS: OPENS DEC 1ST