



DUNES LEARNING CENTER SUMMER CAMP 2018



20
YEARS
1998-2018



Dunes Learning Center is an ACA-Accredited® Camp

ACA camps reflect current best practices and set the standard for the industry with regular, independent health and safety audits of camp operations. The ACA accreditation process is voluntary and demonstrates excellence, accountability and an ongoing commitment to the children we serve.

Learn more at www.dunescamp.org

Give Your Child the Opportunity to Unplug and Reconnect with Nature

Established in 1998 with a mission to inspire lasting curiosity and stewardship with nature, Dunes Learning Center continues the environmental education legacy of co-founder Lee Botts, a strong advocate of preserving public lands and protecting the Great Lakes for future generations. This year, more than 12,000 students will learn from hands-on outdoor experiences, grow to appreciate the natural environment and take action as the stewards of tomorrow. A professionally-trained team of emerging conservation leaders who love nature and inspiring kids guide the adventure.

One of just 17 independent nonprofits delivering outdoor environmental education in collaboration with the National Park Service, Dunes Learning Center is based within Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore at the southern tip of Lake Michigan. Surrounded by scenic trails, historic sites and one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the world, Dunes Learning Center offers a wide range of inclusive residential and community outreach programs that give students the opportunity to explore and learn about the natural and cultural history of this special region.

Campus facilities include a large, multi-purpose dining hall plus 10 modern, climate-controlled cabins that sleep seven campers and one cabin leader each.

**Learn more at www.dunescamp.org
or phone (219) 395-9555**





NEW FOR 2018!

Chellberg Farm Camp

Historic Chellberg Farm is the backdrop for our newest camp where kids can interact with the animals, explore the forest and play fun games to learn more about life at the farm.

Registration fee \$75 per session

Ages 5-6 • Day Camp • 9am to 2pm

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| Session 1 | Tuesdays | June 5, 12, 19 |
| Session 2 | Tuesdays | July 10, 17, 24 |

Ages 7-8 • Day Camp • 9am to 3pm

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| Session 1 | Thursdays | June 7, 14, 21 |
| Session 2 | Thursdays | July 12, 19, 26 |

Critter Camp

Budding naturalists spend their days exploring the parks, forests, streams, meadows and trails with new friends. Activities range from camp crafts and themed hikes to a day at the beach. *Registration fee \$190*

Ages 6-8 • Day Camp • 9am to 3pm
August 6-10

Dunes Discovery Camp

Campers explore rivers, search for salamanders, identify insects, hike through dunes, cool off in Lake Michigan, laugh with new friends and sing around the campfire. *Registration fee \$450*

Ages 9-13 • 5 Days / 4 Nights

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| Session 1 | June 18–22 |
| Session 2 | July 9–13 |
| Session 3 | July 23–27 |

Dunes Adventure Camp

Teens develop important life skills as they take on new challenges and learning adventures from guided day and night hikes to a backcountry experience with additional options to learn fishing, kayaking, photography, artistic interpretation and more from nature experts. A beach party and glow night add to the fun.

Registration fee \$450

Ages 14-17 • 5 Days / 4 Nights

July 16–20

Mighty Acorns Nature Camp

Students who participated in Mighty Acorns® during the school year have the opportunity to live, learn and play in the Indiana dunes with fellow Mighty Acorns from Northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland area.

Mighty Acorns Nature Camp is made possible with funding from ArcelorMittal through the Northwest Indiana Environmental Education Partnership along with additional support from BP, Cargill and Dr Scholl Foundation plus individual contributions. Arts activities made possible with support from the Indiana Arts Commission, South Shore Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Ages 8-12 • 5 Days / 4 Nights

Registration limited to Mighty Acorns students

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| Session 1 | June 25–29 |
| Session 2 | July 30–August 3 |



SUMMER CAMP OFFERS KIDS WHAT THEY NEED TO THRIVE IN OUR 21ST-CENTURY WORLD!

Here's what parents have to say:

"Last year my son went to 5 different camps (including film making and sports camp) but hands down, he said his favorite was Dunes camp. He loved the beach and outdoor activity!"

"My daughter went last year for the first time and loved it! She cried when it was over. Her favorite part was the beach party! She is going back this summer! As a parent, I felt she was safe and learned a lot!"

"Dunes Camp was awesome for both of our kids! They learned to be more independent, be good stewards of our planet and how to disconnect from technology!"

"Our boys have been going for years and they love it. They love meeting back up with old friends, the hikes, the games, the beach, the food, etc. I love that they get to unplug for a week and come home with a revived appreciation for nature and impress me with their new knowledge."

"My son has come to Dunes Learning Center every year for about 7 years, and one summer he even spent 2 weeks. He loves it so much he's talking about coming back as a counselor once he ages out. He's formed great friendships and a lasting respect and love for nature."

"My granddaughter LOVED critter camp last summer! My daughter and I were both a little jealous! She had an awesome time!"

Comments from campers include:

"Camp is an amazing place with no worries."

"I get to do activities I don't get to do at home."

"I had so much fun and everybody was nice to me."

"It is very good to get away from technology and meet new adventures."

"Camp is so much fun and has better things to do than be a couch potato."

"It was the best time of my life."



Two Days of FREE Family Fun!



Summer Camp Open House

Saturday, April 7 from 11 am to 3 pm

GET TO KNOW US - sample popular activities, tour camp facilities and meet the staff. Find out how a week of summer camp at Dunes Learning Center builds confidence, skills and friendships that last a lifetime. With professionally-trained staff leading the fun, campers explore the unique ecology of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore while hiking the dunes, playing in Lake Michigan and singing around the campfire.

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Get Outdoors Day

Saturday, June 9 from 11 am to 3 pm

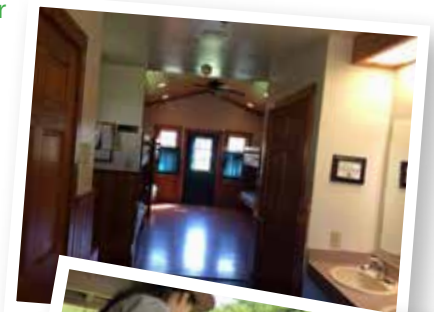
Celebrate National Get Outdoors Day and explore Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore:

- Get your feet wet participating in river watch activities
- Ascend into the canopy with a tree climbing experience
- Find out where to kayak and learn to paddle safely
- Express yourself with make and take nature crafts
- Experience nature play and outdoor exploration
- Learn about the natural environment on guided trail hikes

**Pre-registration requested online at:
dunescamp.org/public**

Thank you to our sponsors: ArcelorMittal, BP, Enbridge, Friends of Indiana Dunes, NIPSCO and event partners: Davey Tree, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, National Park Service and Northwest Indiana Paddling Association. Arts activities made possible with support from the Indiana Arts Commission, South Shore Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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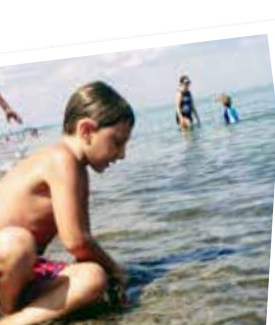
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