DUNES CAMP
SUMMER 2020
Dunes Learning Center is an environmental education camp within the Indiana Dunes National Park. The 63-acre campus is surrounded by scenic hiking trails, historic sites, and one of the most biologically diverse national parks in the country.

Established in 1998 with a mission to inspire lasting curiosity and stewardship with nature, Dunes Learning Center offers programs for schools and groups, as well as summer camps that give students the opportunity to explore and learn about nature.

Each year, more than 14,000 kids get outside with Dunes Learning Center, growing an appreciation for nature and learning to be the stewards of tomorrow. Our professionally trained, first aid/CPR certified team of emerging conservation leaders guide the adventure.

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. We are committed to facilitating positive, transformative experiences with every camper - including those of differing abilities. Please contact us for details.

Dunes Learning Center has ten cabins that each accommodate seven campers and one adult Cabin Leader. The cabins are fully accessible, with comfortable bunk beds, heat and AC, and private toilets and showers. Male and female campers use separate cabins and are supervised by adults both inside the cabins and during all activities. Campers can make one mutual cabin mate request to enhance their camp experience. Check out photos on our website: DunesCamp.org/facilities
Give your child the opportunity to unplug and reconnect with nature!

Here’s what parents have to say about Dunes Camp.

“Our son’s 1st overnight camp experience was great! He loved all the people, and we loved the size of the camp.”

“My camper had SO MUCH FUN! She made new friends who she still facetimes with. She loved so many things about camp ... the hikes, nature walks, beach party, etc. ... She also loved the cabins and food.”

“This is my daughter’s second year and both times she comes back full of information about nature and the environment that she wants to share. She pushes our family to think about conservation. It’s amazing to see her take on that responsibility.”

And here’s what campers say!

“I was a little nervous at first but everyone made me feel comfortable.”

“I made lots of great friends and had tons of fun!”

“I was sad when it was time to leave — it was the best time of my life.”

Cowles Lodge & Food Service

A large multi-purpose dining and activity hall is at the center of campus. Dunes Learning Center provides fresh, balanced, kid-friendly, family-style meals for campers. Meal times are important parts of the camper’s day and provide opportunities for socializing, fun activities, and learning about food as a natural resource. The full-service kitchen can meet most dietary needs. DLC is a nut-free campus. If your camper has a dietary restriction, please complete the online form at DunesLearningCenter.org/dietary.
Dunes Discovery Camp

From the moment they arrive and tie-dye their signature t-shirts, campers hike, explore, and discover the beautiful natural landscape of Indiana Dunes National Park. During the week, they make new friends, play games, share meals, splash at the beach, gather round the campfire, and spend a night sleeping under the stars in tents.

Ages 9-13 • 5 days / 4 nights • Monday - Friday
Session 1  June 22 - 26
Session 2  July 13 - 17
Session 3  July 20 - 24

Registration fee $479 per session

Dunes Adventure Camp

Teens have the opportunity to explore Indiana Dunes National Park: kayaking and fishing, splashing in Lake Michigan, hiking the trails, and visiting live animals. One day is spent with a ranger, exploring the Dunes and practicing nature photography skills. And of course, favorite activities will be back: singing around the campfire and spending a night sleeping under the stars in a tent!

Ages 14-17 • 5 Days / 4 Nights • Monday - Friday
July 6-10

Registration fee $479
BEACH PARTY Miles of Lake Michigan dunes are a defining feature of both the park and the camp experience! A morning hike at West Beach is followed by a catered lunch, then sun, sand, and splashing in the lake.

NIGHT HIKE Hiking at night allows campers to experience familiar trails in a way that engages and challenges their senses - providing a starry night adventure they’ll remember for a lifetime.

OVERNIGHT CAMP OUT Campers work together to set up tents, followed by dinner and a gathering around the campfire. When the sun goes down, campers return to their tents to experience sleeping under the stars.

DUNE SPECIALS Independence and choice are encouraged as campers choose from a variety of low, mid, or high energy activities. Learn a new skill, make a craft, play a game, and just have fun!
Critter Camp

The final week of summer camp is reserved for budding naturalists! Campers will spend five days exploring the flora and fauna of Indiana Dunes National Park with new friends during themed hikes, outdoor games, nature crafts, and a day at the beach.

DATES  Monday-Friday, August 3-7
CAMP TIME  9 am - 3 pm
AGES  6-8
REGISTRATION  $199

Chellberg Farm Camp

Meet new friends and connect with nature at the farm! Campers feed the friendly animals at the historic Chellberg Farm, conduct scientific experiments, discover life in the forest, and play farm-themed games.

REGISTRATION FEE  $79 per session

JUNE AGE 5-6
DATES  Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23
TIME  9 am - 2 pm

JUNE AGE 7-8
DATES  Thursdays, June 11, 18, 25
TIME  9 am - 2 pm

JULY AGE 5-6
DATES  Tues/Wed/Thurs, July 14-16
TIME  9 am - 2 pm

JULY AGE 7-8
DATES  Tues/Wed/Thurs, July 21-23
TIME  9 am - 2 pm
Mighty Acorns & Nature Navigators Camp

Registration is by invitation only for current students in grades 3-5 enrolled in Mighty Acorns or Nature Navigators.

Students are invited to experience a full week of outdoor fun and exploration in their National Park. They will make new friends, play games, share meals, splash at the beach, gather round the campfire, and spend a night sleeping under the stars in tents. This opportunity is made possible through major funding of school-year Environmental STEM programs by ArcelorMittal, with additional contributions from BP America, Cargill, Dr. Scholl Foundation, and individual donors.

SESSION 1  Monday - Friday, June 29 - July 3
SESSION 2  Monday - Friday, July 27 - 31
Visit Dunes Learning Center for FREE Family Fun!

Tour camp and meet the staff!
Sample camp activities, go for a hike, and make nature crafts to take home.

**SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

**SATURDAY • MARCH 14 • 11AM - 3PM**

**SUMMER OPEN HOUSE**

**SATURDAY • JUNE 13 • 11AM - 3PM**

FREE, PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED ONLINE
DUNESCAMP.ORG/EVENTS