

Junior Naturalists

Join other "nature nuts" in our Junior Naturalist program designed for ages six to eleven. Investigate and discover the natural world while spending time with a Lincoln Marsh naturalist. We combine activities and explorations that help answer every child's science and nature questions.

► Ages 6-11

Limit 12/class

Please note each program's location. Some or all of each program may be spent outdoors.

Individual classes: \$6/res.; \$9/nonres.
Take all 8 classes at a discounted rate:
Junior Naturalist Series
\$40/res.; \$64/nonres. (410301-01)

Nature Spies

We'll spy on nature as we participate in a scavenger hunt and other activities to hone our observation skills.

► Sept. 10

Thurs., 4:15-5:15 pm (410301-02)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

LM Appreciation Day

Show your appreciation for nature by helping us take care of it. Activities may include planting, seeding, seed collecting and/or trash removal.

► Sept. 24

Thurs., 4:15-5:15 pm (410301-03)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Woodland Wanderers

Join us as we wander through the woodlands exploring the autumnal happenings in the natural world.

► Oct. 8

Thurs., 4:15-5:15 pm (410301-04)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Lincoln Marsh Lend-A-Hand Days

Lincoln Marsh covers more than 140 acres and includes wetlands, woodlands and prairie ecosystems that require special care. We could use your helping hands! Volunteer your time and spend a morning at the marsh working with other volunteers and park district staff to restore the biodiversity of the natural area communities. Make a difference and meet new friends as you join us in this special effort. This is the perfect opportunity to discover the wonders of a special natural area right in your own community. We need people to assist us with exotic and invasive plant removal, trail maintenance, planting, seeding, seed collection, trash removal, and more!

Registration required! For more information and to register online, visit www.wheatonparkdistrict.com.

Connection Craze

Food chains, food webs...mosquitoes and minks! Build and become a part of food web fun.

► Oct. 22

Thurs., 4:15-5:15 pm (410301-05)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Them Bones

Them bones, them bones...they make up our skeletons. Compare our skeletons with those of animals and create your own skeleton to take home.

► Nov. 5

Thurs., 4:15-5:15 pm (410301-06)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Settler Games

Become early settlers with us as we learn about their lives and play their games.

► Nov. 19

Thurs., 4:15-5:15 pm (410301-07)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Bug Out!

Get buggy with us as we explore the lives of insects. You'll also get to meet a real bug or two.

► Dec. 3

Thurs., 4:15-5:15 pm (410301-08)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Grippers and Grinders

Compare different beaks and feet as we explore the behavior and eating habits of birds.

► Dec. 17

Thurs., 4:15-5:15 pm (410301-09)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

School's Out! Programs

Happy Harvest Happenings

What a way to spend a few days away from school! We'll learn about the Native Americans and settlers as we play their games, make their toys, and tell their stories. Sign up for both half-days or bring a lunch, and spend two full days with us as we explore life before computers and video games!

► Grade K-5

Mon. & Tues., Nov. 23-24

9 am-Noon (424314-01) or

12:30-3:30 pm (424314-02) or

9 am-3:30 pm* (424314-03)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Some of the program may be spent outdoors.

Limit 6/class

\$30/person/res.; \$45/person/nonres.

*\$53/res.; \$80/nonres.

Lincoln Marsh Wild Adventures

Searching for an adventurous way to spend the day off from school? You found it! We'll play games, go on a scavenger hunt, adventure through the forest and more. Sign up for a half-day or bring a lunch and spend the whole day with us immersed in an adventure you won't want to miss!

► Grade K-5

Oct. 12

Mon., 9 am-Noon (424312-01) or

12:30-3:30 pm (424312-02) or

9 am-3:30 pm* (424312-03)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

All of the program is spent outdoors; please dress appropriately.

Limit 6/class

\$15/person/res.; \$23/person/nonres.

*\$27/res.; \$41/nonres.

Interested in bringing your scout group to Lincoln Marsh? Check out www.lincolnmarch.org for scout badge information.



Nature Play Days

Together, we'll sing, fiddle, jiggle and journey into the wild, learning how to encounter nature through free-play. We'll use self-guided stations to explore a new theme each session, so venture out often! This is the perfect way to foster an appreciation for the natural world in your tiny explorer.

► Age 18 mos.-3 yrs. w/nonpaying adult
Limit 12 pairs/session

Please note each program's location. Some or all of each program may be spent outdoors.

Individual Classes:

\$6/res./pair; \$9/nonres./pair

Take all 4 classes at a discounted rate – Nature Play Days Series (410509-01)
\$20/res.; \$32/nonres.

► Session 1: Sept. 11

Fri., 9:30-10:30 am (410509-02)

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► Session 2: Oct. 9

Fri., 9:30-10:30 am (410509-03)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

► Session 3: Nov. 13

Fri., 9:30-10:30 am (410509-04)

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► Session 4: Dec. 11

Fri., 9:30-10:30 am (410509-05)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Saturday Nature Play Days

We'll be repeating session one of Nature Play Days on Saturday so working parents can bring their little explorers to the Lincoln Marsh.

► Age 18 mos.-3 yrs. w/adult

Sat., Sept. 12

9:30-10:30 am (410522-01)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Limit 12/pairs

\$6/res./pair; \$9/nonres./pair

Friday Night Owl Prowl

Check out the native owls that call Lincoln Marsh home. We'll learn owling techniques, hit the trails in search of these magnificent nocturnal predators, and conclude with a campfire and hot chocolate.

► Families, ages 6 & over*

Nov. 13

Fri., 7-8:30 pm (410519-01)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Limit 20/session

\$7/person/res.; \$11/person/nonres.

*Participants must be at least 6 years old.

Down in the Dirt

Explore life in the dirt and look into nature's basement using a third eye to discover all the creepy crawlies that help keep the cycles of nature intact.

► Families, all ages

Sept. 19

Sat., 1-2 pm (410524-01)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Limit 25

\$6/person/res.; \$9/person/nonres.

Campfire Magic

Enjoy songs and a story around a blazing campfire. The magic ends with s'mores and hot chocolate.

► Families, all ages

Sept. 12

Sat., 7:30-8:30 pm (410503-01)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Limit 25

\$7/person/res.; \$11/person/nonres.

Nature Crafts for Christmas

Nature made it first! Bring the outdoors in by using items gathered from nature to make ornaments and decorations.

All materials provided. *Adults are required to attend with children, but only those making the crafts are required to register.*

► Families, recommended for ages 3 & over
Dec. 5

Sat., 10-11 am (410520-01)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Limit 16

\$10/person/res.; \$15/person/nonres.

Harvest Moon Hike

Take a walk on the wild side and discover the mysteries of nocturnal nature and the harvest moon. Program concludes with a marshmallow roast and campfire.

► Families, recommended for ages 4 & over
Oct. 2

Fri., 7-8:30 pm (410525-01)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Limit 25

\$7/person/res.; \$11/person/nonres.

Register online at www.wheatonparkdistrict.com!



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Nature Tots

Join your child for a little discovery and exploration of animals and nature through hands-on activities, crafts, games and stories. Each week we'll discover a different joy of nature, foster a sense of wonder, and pique your curiosity about all things wild.

► Ages 3-5 w/nonpaying adult
Limit 12/class

Please note each program's location.

Some or all of each program may be spent outdoors.

Individual Classes:

\$6/res.; \$9/nonres.

Take all 14 classes at a discounted rate

– **Nature Tots Series:**

\$70/res; \$112/nonres. (410201-01)

Change, Change, Change

Can you say metamorphosis? Discover some of the extraordinary changes that animals go through.

► Sept. 10

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-02)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Crazy Cattails

Come to the Lincoln Marsh and discover the cattail plant, and see if we can spot them ourselves!

► Sept. 17

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-03)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Helping Hands

Do you have helping hands? Bring them to the Lincoln Marsh and help us care for the land.

► Sept. 24

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-04)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Fall Adventures

What happens in the fall? We'll look for signs of fall on this autumn hike.

► Oct. 1

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-05)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Squirrely Squirrels

We'll learn all about our bushy tailed buddies and pretend to be squirrely squirrels.

► Oct. 8

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-06)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Leafy Discovery

Explore the colorful fall leaves with us and make a leafy craft to take home.

► Oct. 15

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-07)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Go South

That's what the birds are doing! Play a game to learn about migration and why the birds go south in the fall.

► Oct. 22

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-08)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

All the Bones

All your bones make up your skeleton. Come see some animal skeletons and compare them to your own.

► Oct. 29

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-09)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Bump in the Night

Don't let the dark spook you. We'll investigate the lives of nighttime creatures that go bump in the night.

► Nov. 5

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-10)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Chipmunk Chatter

Chip, chip, chip...it's a chipmunk! Discover this small and furry critter.

► Nov. 12

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-11)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Playful Pastimes

Discover what life was like for the early settlers. We'll even play some of their games.

► Nov. 19

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-12)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

*No class the week of Thanksgiving.

Insectmania

Bugs are all around us. Learn about the lives of insects and meet some real live buggy friends.

► Dec. 3

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-13)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Interested in bringing your birthday party group to a program at Lincoln Marsh? We have exciting, hands-on programs available. Call 630.871.2810 for details.

Wetland Warriors

Become wetland warriors with us as you discover what's so super about wetlands and explore a model wetland.

► Dec. 10

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-14)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Who's in My Mitten?

You'll find out as we read Jan Brett's *The Mitten*. We'll do some activities and a craft all related to this wonderful winter story.

► Dec. 17

Thurs., 1-2 pm (410201-15)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin



leave no child inside

a chicago wilderness initiative

Wheaton Park District's Lincoln Marsh Natural area joins Chicago Wilderness to launch a regional initiative called Leave No Child Inside, with the goal of improving children's health and fostering generations of children who care enough about nature to protect it.

Join the campaign to Leave No Child Inside and sign up for a nature program that promotes nature exploration by children and their families at Lincoln Marsh Natural Area.

Kids N Critters

Discover the who, what and whys of animals and nature as we explore a different theme each week through hands-on activities, crafts, games and stories.

► Ages 4-Kindergarten

Limit 12/class

Please note each program's location. Some or all of each program may be spent outdoors.

Individual Classes:

\$6/res.; \$9/nonres.

Take all 14 classes at a discounted rate

– **Kids N Critters Series:**

\$70/res; \$112/nonres.

[Tues.] (410202-01) or

[Wed.] (410203-01)

Metamorphosis Magic

Seasons change, so do animals...some more than others! Discover the metamorphosis magic that occurs at Lincoln Marsh.

► Tues., Sept. 8, 10-11 am (410202-02)

or Wed., Sept. 9, 1-2 pm (410203-02)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Cattail Fun

It's tall, the top is fuzzy, and it loves water! It's a cattail plant. Explore life among the cattails, discover their many uses and make a cattail craft.

► Tues., Sept. 15, 10-11 am (410202-03)

or Wed., Sept. 16, 1-2 pm (410203-03)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Make a Difference

You can make a difference when you come to the Lincoln Marsh. Activities may include planting, seeding and/or seed collecting.

► Tues., Sept. 22, 10-11 am (410202-04)

or Wed., Sept. 23, 1-2 pm (410203-04)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Fall Into Autumn

Take a hike and look for signs of fall at the Lincoln Marsh. Observe and discover how plants and animals prepare for the winter.

► Tues., Sept. 29, 10-11 am (410202-05)

or Wed., Sept. 30, 1-2 pm (410203-05)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Lincoln Marsh Program Cancellation/Relocation

Programs that meet at the Lincoln Marsh Natural Area are held entirely outdoors; please dress appropriately. Inclement weather may cause programs to be relocated or canceled. Programs hosted by Lincoln Marsh staff have a minimum and maximum number of openings. The Wheaton Park District reserves the right to cancel programs due to insufficient registration. Program participants are notified if a program is relocated or canceled.

Squirrel Chat

Explore life at Lincoln Marsh through the eyes of a squirrel. Search for food, build a home and play a squirrely game.

► Tues., Oct. 6, 10-11 am (410202-06)

or Wed., Oct. 7, 1-2 pm (410203-06)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Leaf Lovers

Discover and examine the many colors of fall. Explore why a leaf is a food factory and make a leafy project to take home.

► Tues., Oct. 13, 10-11 am (410202-07)

or Wed., Oct. 14, 1-2 pm (410203-07)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Migration Marvels

Discover why so many animals make a long journey north and south every year. Play a marvelous migration game.

► Tues., Oct. 20, 10-11 am (410202-08)

or Wed., Oct. 21, 1-2 pm (410203-08)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Skeletons in the Closet

As Halloween approaches, you're sure to see a skeleton or two. Is a frog's skeleton similar to yours? Compare skulls and bones from many animals in this hands-on class.

► Tues., Oct. 27, 10-11 am (410202-09)

or Wed., Oct. 28, 1-2 pm (410203-09)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Creatures of the Night

What goes bump in the night in the natural world? Explore the creatures of the night and the nocturnal way of life.

► Tues., Nov. 3, 10-11 am (410202-10)

or Wed., Nov. 4, 1-2 pm (410203-10)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Chipmunk Adventures

What is small, furry, and has brown and white stripes? A chipmunk! Discover the fun of being a chipmunk with activities and a craft.

► Tues., Nov. 10, 10-11 am (410202-11)

or Wed., Nov. 11, 1-2 pm (410203-11)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Early Settler Fun

We'll play some games the settlers played and learn about their lives.

► Tues., Nov. 17, 10-11 am (410202-12)

or Wed., Nov. 18, 1-2 pm (410203-12)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

*No class the week of Thanksgiving.

Insect Investigations

Investigate the lives of insects as we learn about these six-legged creepy crawlies. You'll even get to meet a real live insect!

► Tues., Dec. 1, 10-11 am (410202-13)

or Wed., Dec. 2, 1-2 pm (410203-13)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Keepers of the Wetlands

What has a wetland done for you lately? Become a wetland steward and explore our wetland model.

► Tues., Dec. 8, 10-11 am (410202-14)

or Wed., Dec. 9, 1-2 pm (410203-14)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Mitten Mysteries

Who's hiding in the mitten? Join us to listen to an exciting winter adventure in Jan Brett's book *The Mitten*. Make and take your very own mitten craft home.

► Tues., Dec. 15, 10-11 am (410202-15)

or Wed., Dec. 16, 1-2 pm (410203-15)

Northside Park Girl Scout Cabin

Autumn Adventures

It's a family autumn adventure at Lincoln Marsh! Go on a nature scavenger hunt and discover the fall happenings surrounding us. We'll end our afternoon adventure around a blazing fire roasting marshmallows and sipping hot chocolate.

► Families, all ages

Oct. 17

Sat., 1:30-3 pm (410517-01)

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area

Limit 25

\$7/person/res.; \$11/person/nonres.