



# Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve Summer 2018 Program Guide

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## Summer Camps

All programs are open to the general public. Please preregister for programs. The lower fees noted are for members of Dinosaur Hill.

### *Summer camps fill fast!*

**Just Camp** (June 18th – 21st) 10am-12pm (\$100/80)  
(Ages 3-5)

All the big kids are going to summer camp and we don't want the little guys to miss out on the action. This is a short camp designed to be friendly, fun and welcoming for your youngest campers. Parents and caregivers are welcome, but not required to attend. We'll do crafts, play games, make snacks, play outside, catch bugs, have a campfire...the very best of camp in a shortened day format approachable for the 3-5 age set.

**Cooking Camp** (June 25th – 28th) (9am-12pm)  
(\$105/85) (Grades K-5)

Transform your ordinary child into a culinary mastermind with this unique camp. Our specials for the day include kooky flavor warping experiments that will deceive and astonish the taste buds; putting fun twists on classic recipes to give them a fresh kick; and producing pint-sized chefs that will leave camp with the ability to craft their own after-school snacks. Join the ranks of Dinosaur Hill chefs and learn to fold a burrito, roll sushi, spin a pizza, flip a pancake, stir fudge and cook like a professional.

**Baking Camp** (June 25th – 28th) (1pm-4pm)  
(\$105/85) (Grades K-5)

This isn't just the camp that you want, it's the camp you knead. Mix it up this summer and be whisked away as we stir up a little cookery. Sprinkle a little bit of flour on your hands and churn up the fun as we make our own bread, stretch out some pizza dough, and slather frosting on some delicious desserts. This camp is sure to measure up to your expectations and cake on the excitement.

**Wild in the Woods** (July 16th – 19th) (10am-4pm)  
(\$170/140) (Grades 2-5)

Just as the name implies, we will get out, get active and go wild! Make your own bow and arrow, build a survival shelter, start a fire with flint and steel, launch water balloons with our catapult, play 'capture the flag' in the woods, try your hand at fishing, search for buried treasure and learn about geocaching, raft the Paint Creek, picnic in the park, and prepare for the wildest of our summer camps. We promise your children will sleep like logs this week.

**Adventure Days** (July 23rd – 26th) (9am-12pm)  
(\$105/85) (Grades K-3)

If you've ever woken up in the morning and thought about spending your day fighting villains among the stars, or plundering treasure as a privateer of

the Paint Creek, or saving the world from dastardly events then we have an adventure for you. Each day of this camp will feature a different themed adventure complete with crafts, games and snacks that will keep us in character and running with our imaginations all day long. Join us for a pirate, ninja, Star Wars and super hero day camp that will get your creative juices flowing, your body moving and your child tucked out.

**Splash & Splatter** (July 23rd – 26th) (1pm-4pm)  
(\$105/85) (Grades K-3)

The ultimate in colorfully messy fun; in this camp we will perfect the art of making a mess through a variety of explosive activities from watercolor waterslides and exploding paint to super soaker tie-dye and water rockets. Both left and right brainers will be pleased as punch in this, one of our favorite camps. Professional splashers will also be given the opportunity to experiment with dry ice and produce some delicious consequences.

**Dinosaur Disasters** (August 6th – 9th) (1pm-4pm)  
(\$105/85) (Grades K-3)

The dinosaurs can't seem to catch a break! This catastrophic camp will jump into the unfortunate footprints of the awesome dinosaurs and experience life from their perspective. Create and ignite your very own volcano, meteor and comet! Bury and excavate a full sized juvenile Maiasaura. Fill your tummies with dinosaur treats. Play Tyrannosaurs and Triceratops (a variation of cops and robbers) out in the woods. Do you have what it takes to live like a dinosaur or will you wind up extinct?

**Best of Camp** (August 13th – 16th) (10am – 4pm)  
(\$170/140) (Grades 2-5)

With Summer drawing to a close and school starting up we need to jam pack as much fun summer action as we can into this week as humanly possible. We will be spending time in the creek looking for critters and fishing, building forts in the woods and crafting swords to protect them from raiders, hiking to the park for a day of field games and picnics, zip and slack lining, spending time around the skillet learning how to cook up some delicious (and wacky) snacks, and catapulting water balloons.

**Into the Great Outdoors** (August 20th – 23rd)  
(10am-12pm) (\$100/80) (Ages 3-5)

The same shortened day format as our Just Camp program gets the preschool set into the action of summer camp and helps them develop their senses and comfort in the great outdoors. Parents are welcome, but not required to attend. In this camp we will use our imagination and senses to explore the wonderful world of outdoors through crafts, creative play and lots of outdoor activity we will set out on a new adventure into the great outdoors every day. Activities are different from Just Camp so you can sign up for one or both camps!

## Single Scoops! There is always room for a Single Scoop in your busy summer

Summer is busy...grab a Single Scoop and your kids will have a blast at Dinosaur Hill for a three hour awesome adventure.

*\$25 nonmembers/ \$20 members per session*

### Scoops for Kids Entering grd K-2

**The Ultimate Bug Safari** – We have special ants which smell like oranges, ground burrowing stingers, and some of the cutest caterpillars on the planet. Join us as we don our sweeping nets and take to the woods, the meadows and the creek in the ultimate of bug hunts. We will be putting together our own really cool bug boxes to take home! (*June 29th, 1-4pm*)

**Wild in the Water** – Whether it's sliding down a gigantic sudsy slip and slide or lazily floating down the Paint Creek in pursuit of crayfish we will be beating the summer heat by getting wild in the water. We will even end our adventure by catapulting water balloons at the councilors! Please bring campers with a change of clothes, water shoes, and something to dry off with. (*July 13th, 9am-12pm*)

**A Time for Ninjas** – We love adventure here at Dinosaur Hill. We will be putting our ninja abilities to the test as we try to slack line over the treacherous mud pit, zip line over the dreaded mosquito pass, crawl and hop from log to log and final test your sword fighting abilities in the woods. We will even put together some ninja gear to take home! (*August 17th, 9am-12pm*)

### Scoops for kids Entering Grades 2-6

**Rocket Launch** – 3, 2, 1... Blast off for fun as we spend an afternoon attempting to annihilate the sky with a variety of high-flying projectiles. Campers will assemble and launch their own water rocket, play the ultimate game of catch with water balloons and a catapult, and get a demonstration of a real model rocket launch! (*June 22nd, 1-4pm*)

**Explosive Art** – Brushes are boring, so we prefer to paint with explosives. Join us as we put together a very loose definition of art by assaulting parchment paper with color in a variety of creative ways. We will paint portraits with water rockets, use archery to paint-by-numbers, and even turn ourselves into works



of art by sliding down the massive paint slip n' slide (a crowd favorite). Campers should come with a spare change of old clothes that they don't mind staining. (*July 13th, 1-4pm*)

**Creek Pirates** – Yarr matey. 'Aint nothing no better'n spending a sweltering day with yer toes in the creek. Join us as we put together our own pirate ship to raft the river, receive a treasure map with clues about hidden caches of jewels and prizes across the preserve, perfect our pirate swashbuckling and even take home a spy glass! Best come with a change o' clothes and something to dry off with. (*August 17th, 1-4pm*)

## Family Campfires

Looking for a fun way to spend an evening with the whole family? Summer is the perfect time of year to join a Dinosaur Hill naturalist around the campfire for a relaxed evening program that includes a program by campfire and snack. *\$5/3 members with a maximum fee per family of \$15/12 members. 8:30-9:30 PM*

June 21st: **Berry Sweet** – We grow all types of berries in Michigan. Join us around the campfire as we make our own personal berry pies. We will even have a berry taste test with a few specimens that might surprise you to find are actually berries!

July 12th: **Magic and Marshmallows** – Always a popular and fun campfire. We will gather around to see magic tricks and make our own balloon animals.

July 26th: **Nocturnal Shenanigans** – There's an entire world that we don't see while we're asleep. Stay up a little later with us as we explore the world of nocturnal critters... We will even take a look at a few nocturnal geckos up close!

August 9th: **My Moon and Stars** – Our galactic backyard is quite amazing. Let's spend some time talking about our favorite celestial bodies and make our own candle-lit constellation boxes to take home!

August 23rd: **Last Summer Break Hoorah** – Join us for a special campfire as we bid adieu to summer break and try to squeeze as much fun as we can into an hour. There will be hotdogs and s'mores, campfire tales, games and even a prize raffle!



## Four Feet Down the Trail (ages 2-4)

This popular program is designed to be a special time for preschoolers ages 2-4 and their parent or caregiver. Programs have a theme and may include crafts, songs, puppets, finger-plays, learning stations and much more. Dinosaur Hill believes active outdoor play is important for a healthy child so each program includes at least some outdoor exploration. The classes are designed to meet the educational needs of the 2-4 age group. For this reason, please no siblings under the age of two or older than four with the exception of babies that will be content in a carrier. Sign-up for individual programs or save by choosing any four or more. Includes snack.

Fee: \$15/12 members for individual class (\$3 add sib) **Meets 9:30-11:00**

Save: Register for a series (any four classes): \$50/45 (\$10/additional sib)

June 17th **A Gift for Dad:** What a lucky dude dad happens to be because today is all about him! We will be putting together a rad gift for pops while also practicing our hands at a couple of safe tools!

June 29th **Grasshoppers Jump Like Me!** It's time to dress up like bugs and pretend we're grasshoppers! We will find grasshopper food outside and see if we can find crickets in the meadow!

July 9th **Red White & Blue:** Hunt the preserve for things in nature that are red, white and blue! Even our snack will follow the theme!

July 20th **Teddy Bear Picnic:** What a perfect day for a picnic with our favorite teddy! We will set up a tent outside, read a story within it, put together a camping craft and enjoy our snack at a picnic on the lawn!

July 27th **We Scream for Ice Cream:** Nothing says summer quite like a nice yummy ice-cream. We will make our own and decorate it with tasty toppings before playing a game with ice!

July 30th **The Tiniest Pond:** Let's beat the heat by putting together our own pond to go fishing in and then make some of the biggest bubbles you've seen!

August 10th **Watermelon Days!:** Boy do we love eating watermelon in the summer! Join us as we play some games with our favorite fruit (technically a berry) and feast on some frozen and fresh pieces! We will even put together a craft with the seeds!

August 18th **Camping in August:** Join us as we pitch a tent, read a story from within it, start a fire and cook up some delicious s'mores! We will even tell stories and sing songs around the fire before going on an adventurous hike!

August 24th **Tiny Tadpole:** One of our favorite house critters will lead us through the wacky world of frogs as we perfect our jumping, try to catch flies with our sticky tongues, and learn about tadpoles!

August 31st **March of the Dinosaurs:** We will put together our own dinosaur masks to parade on the trails while practicing our roars and stomps!

## Trail Time for 4's, 5's & 6's

Join us for these popular programs for the younger set. Parents are welcome but not required to attend. Programs meet mornings from 10-11:30 and include crafts, outdoor activities and a light snack. \$15/12 members.

June 23rd **Nature's Paint Brush** – There's nothing quite like painting outside and listening to the birds and insects singing in the woods. Join us as we put together our own art projects, make our own paint brushes out of materials we gather from the woods and using them to put together some pretty unique art projects!

July 11th **Tree Cookies** – They're not made of flour or sugar but actually bark! And they're not for eating, they're for playing with! We will be using our famous tree cookies to put together good luck charm necklaces and playing some large scale versions of some popular games!

August 8th **Snow in Summer** – It's so hot in August, so let's get out there and cool off with some snow. We will be putting together a large heaping help of some insta-snow in order to play some of our favorite snow games in the heat. We will even top off this class by making our own ice cream! Yum!

## Birthday Parties

### Super Adventures Birthday Parties

A birthday party at Dinosaur Hill is a memorable experience, sure to be special for your child. You may choose between several topics or ask for a special request. Party fee includes paper goods, decorations, juice, party favors and your own "adventure guide". Parties last two hours. Please call or visit the nature center for more information.

**Fee: \$150      Limit 12 children**

### Can't Find Just What You Were Looking For???

Are you a teacher, leader of a playgroup, member of your church group, organizing a neighborhood activity or...??? Consider contacting Dinosaur Hill to have us put on a program designed just for your group! We can do programs geared for preschoolers, families, adults or seniors on many different topics. The program can be held here at our award-winning nature center and serene nature preserve or can be held conveniently at your site.

### Office Hours

Tues-Fri 9 am - 4 pm

After June 16th: Tues- Fri 9am - 3pm

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## Registration Information

Summer camp registering NOW.

Member registration for all other programs begins: April 18

Public registration begins for all other programs begins: April 25

\*Please register at least one week prior to start of program. Some programs fill-up quickly so please contact us early to make sure you get in the classes you are interested in!\*

Register online at [www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org) or by mail or in person or check  
Credit Cards accepted online only  
Make checks payable to "DHNP".

Refund policy: full refund if class is canceled by DHNP. If registrant withdraws at least one week in advance of program start date a refund minus \$5 processing fee will be given. No refunds will be made after the one week advance deadline.

### Directions to Dinosaur Hill

Dinosaur Hill is located at 333 North Hill Circle in the City of Rochester. From Rochester Rd. go West on Woodward (there is a light at this intersection. This is a residential side street, not the Woodward that runs through Detroit). From Woodward, turn right (North) on N. Oak Street. From N. Oak St. turn left (West) on North Hill Circle. North Hill Circle will dead-end in the Dinosaur Hill parking lot.

Adults Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of (circle one):    Rochester Hills    Oakland Twp.    Rochester    Other

Family Membership:      \$40                      \$30 (must be resident of City of Rochester)

Enrollee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if child): \_\_\_\_\_

Class 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class 1 Time and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class 2 Time and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dinosaur Hill is a nonprofit educational organization