



# 2024 Summer Camps Catalog



**Registration Begins January 22, 2024!**  
**Camps fill fast!**  
**Be sure to reserve your child's spot today!**



**ELLIS HOUSE & EQUESTRIAN**  
C E N T E R

LESSONS • WEDDINGS • PARTIES

## How to Register:

1. Choose a camp based on the age of your child or the grade that your child will be entering in the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Fill out and return the required registration forms and payment. Forms are attached to the back of this booklet. See address on form or email the forms to [kadams@kendallcountyiil.gov](mailto:kadams@kendallcountyiil.gov).
3. **Your child's spot will not be reserved until all forms AND payment are received.**
4. If you have questions about a nature camp contact Kimberly at 630-553-2292 or email [kadams@kendallcountyiil.gov](mailto:kadams@kendallcountyiil.gov) If you have questions about an equestrian camp contact Kris at 815-475-4035 or email [kmondrella@kendallcountyiil.gov](mailto:kmondrella@kendallcountyiil.gov)  
**Registration begins Monday, January 22, 2024.**

**Nature Camps are held at Hoover Forest Preserve**  
11285 W Fox Rd Yorkville, IL 60560

**Mon., Wed., Fri. Summer Camps - \$45**  
**Half Day Summer Camps - \$145**  
**Full Day Summer Camps - \$220**  
**1 Day Creek Camp, Friday - \$45**  
**Nature Quest Summer Camp - \$240**

**Equestrian Camps are held at**  
**Ellis House and Equestrian Center**  
13986 McKanna Road Minooka, IL 60447  
**Prices vary, see page #9 for more information.**

**Cancellation Policies:**  
No refunds for cancellations **with less than two weeks notice** prior to the first day of the program. A \$20 nonrefundable registration fee is included in each camp program fee.



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# Summer Camps 2024

## Ages 1-3

These three-day (**Mon, Wed, Fri**) camps provide a first nature camp experience for the very young. Camp time may include a story, song, discovery time, and nature exploration.

**A caregiver must stay for the class.**

**Time: 9-10:30 am**

**Price: \$45**



## Forest Babies

In this camp your child will explore similarities and differences between nature's babies and themselves! From feathers and fur to scales and tails, we'll ponder babies of all shapes and sizes! Each day will be filled with fun activities. We will go on Forest Babies hikes in search of nature's wee ones. Join in as we splash in water like ducklings, frolic like squirrel kits, and grow & change like tadpoles!

**Dates: June 3, 5, 7 (This Camp is Full)**

## Forest Families

In this camp your child will explore similarities and differences between nature's families and their own families! We will discover how Forest Families take care of each other, food they eat, and what's in their homes. Each day will be filled with engaging activities. We will go on Forest Families hikes in search native animal dwellings and play camouflage hike & seek! Join us as we meander like herds of deer and hop like colonies of rabbits!

**Dates: June 24, 26, 28 (This Camp is Full)**

## Forest Communities

In this camp your child will explore similarities and differences between nature's communities and their own community! Each day will be filled with inviting activities. We will go on Forest Community hikes to explore the diversity of nature's inhabitants, plants and animals alike, and how they work together to make the forest a home for all! Join us as we spread flower pollen like busy bees and scurry to bury acorns like squirrels!

**Dates: July 15, 17, 19 (This Camp is Full)**

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## Ages 4–Entering Kindergarten

### **Dirt Detectives *Half Day***

Discover the wonderful world of dirt!

Campers will learn who lives in the dirt, create mud art, play games, and explore the exciting soil beneath their feet.

**Session I: June 10 - 14 *(This Camp is Full)***

**Session II: July 15 – 19 *(This Camp is Full)***

**9 am -12 pm**

**Price: \$145**

### **Animal Architects *Half Day***

Have you ever been curious about how animals make their homes?

They were the first ever architects in the world! For millions of years they have been perfecting the art of construction and creating structures that helped them survive.

Campers will explore how animals build structures such as (ant) nests, shells, spider webs, dams, and more! Using biomimicry, they will be challenged to create their own structures that their favorite creatures might enjoy!

**Session I: June 24 – 28 *(This Camp is Full)***

**Session II: July 22 - 26**

**9 am -12 pm**

**Price: \$145**



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## Entering Grades 1-3

### **Let's Wing It *Full Day***

Birds, bats, and insects all have wings, but do they all use their wings the same way? Spend a week with us looking up as we learn about fabulous winged creatures.

**Session I: June 10 – 14 *(This Camp is Full)***

**Session II: July 15 – 19 *(This Camp is Full)***

*New Session Now Open*

**Session III: July 22 - 26**

**9 am - 2:30 pm**

**Price: \$220**

### **Metamorphosis Mania *Full Day***

Butterflies are fascinating as they go through their metamorphosis. In this camp we will discover and learn about the incredible physical changes that a variety of animals go through as they develop through their metamorphic process. We will study different insects, amphibians, and other aquatic animals.

**Session I: July 8 – 12 *(This Camp is Full)***

**Session II: July 29 - August 2 *(This Camp is Full)***

**9 am - 2:30 pm**



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## Entering Grades 4-6

### **Look Mom, No Spine *Full Day***

Snails, slugs, worms, spiders, centipedes, pill bugs—what do they all have in common? They have no backbone! Spend the week scouring the woods and the prairies for many different spineless creatures.

**Session I: June 24 – 28**

**9 am - 2:30 pm**

**Price: \$220**

### **Stealth & Survival *Full Day***

Ready for an adventure? In this camp we will do hands-on activities to explore nature and learn survival skills. While hiking and exploring, we will learn animal tracking, plant and animal identification, fire making, first aid and much more.

**Session I: July 8 – 12 *(This Camp is Full)***

**Session II: July 29 – August 2 *(This Camp is Full)***

**9 am - 2:30 pm**

**Price: \$220**



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## Entering Grades 1-6 **Crazy for Creek Creatures**

**1 day Creek Camp; Wednesday or Friday**

Come out to catch crayfish, tadpoles, frogs, fish, water insects, and more! This one day camp offers a full day of fun — morning and afternoon creek explorations. This camp is great for busy families who would like an exciting hands-on one day experience for their child.

**Wednesday, July 3rd**

**9 am—2:30pm**

**Price: \$45 (*This Camp is Full*)**

**Friday, July 5th**

**9 am—2:30 pm**

**Price: \$45 (*This Camp is Full*)**



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## Entering Grades 7-9

### **Nature Quest 4 day camp**

We are offering a jam-packed schedule of fun including an environmental stewardship project, a large scale scavenger hunt through the forest preserve, canoe trip on the Fox River, travel to a different forest preserve to explore, Friday night campfire cookout, and many other awesome outdoor adventures.

**Dates: June 17 - 18 & June 20 - 21** *(This Camp is Full)*

Monday 9 am - 2:30 pm

Tuesday 9 am - 2:30pm

Wednesday (No Camp -*Observed Holiday*)

Thursday 9 am - 2:30 pm

Friday 10 am – 7 pm

**Price:** \$ 240 (travel & cookout meal included)



## Ages 14-16 / Grades 8-10

### **Counselor in Training Program (CIT)**

Do you love being outside and working with children? Join us this summer and become a Summer Camp assistant! CIT's assist with camps for kindergarten– 3rd grade campers. This program will help teens develop leadership skills and build a solid foundation for future employment.

**Application deadline:** May 6, 2024

**Price:** \$220

If you would like more information on the CIT program please email [kadams@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:kadams@kendallcountyil.gov)



# Equestrian Summer Camps 2024

Summer Day Camps at Ellis Equestrian Center provide children with the opportunity to learn the basics of horse care and horse behavior. All camps include fun, hands-on activities that teach safe, responsible care for horses. Children learn confidence around the horses by feeding, grooming, leading, and riding the animals on a daily basis at our camps!

In addition to getting hands on with our horses, our camps provide a daily craft and a variety of games and activities to keep your child busy and having fun while they are here at Ellis! Our summer camps at Ellis are designed to accommodate the needs of our children and are divided into three different age groups.



## Day Camp Options and Pricing

### PARENT AND TOT DAY CAMPS

Explore the wonderful world of horses with your tot! This is a two hour, **one day camp** offered for our younger horse lovers and the parent!

**Ages 3 to 5**

**Session 1:** Mon. June 10th

**Session 2:** Mon. July 8th

All Parent and Tot Camps run from 9:00 am-11:00 am

#### **PRICES:**

**\$66** (Kendall County residents)

**\$72** (Out-of-County)

### THREE DAY CAMPS

Ellis Equestrian Center 3-day camps are four-hours per day. Camps will provide students with hands-on horse care, feeding, handling, and riding. Each camp also includes a daily craft and other explorations of Baker Woods Forest Preserve.

**Ages 6 to 8**

**Session 1:** June 18-20 (Tues. – Thurs.)

**Session 2:** July 16-18 (Tues. – Thurs.)

**Ages 9 to 13**

**Session 1:** June 25-27 (Tues. – Thurs.)

**Session 2:** July 23-25 (Tues.- Thurs.)

All Three Day Camps run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

#### **PRICES:**

**\$260** (Kendall County residents)

**\$270** (Out-of-County)

*Back by popular demand*

## OVERNIGHT CAMP 3 DAYS and 2 NIGHTS

This exciting overnight camp will teach every aspect of what it is like to own a horse. Including classroom lessons on basic horse knowledge, daily horse care, different disciplines of riding, horse crafts, movie nights & more!

**Ages 8-14**

**Session:** July 28th– 30th (Sun-Tues.)

Overnight Camp **Times:** Sunday, 3:00 pm drop off –Tuesday, Noon pick up

#### **PRICES:**

**\$475** (Kendall County resident)

**\$525** (Out-of-County)



# ***Kendall County Forest Preserve District 2024 Summer Camp Programs***

Summer Camp Registration Forms *(Pages 1-3)*

## **Camper Information**

Name of camp:			
Date of camp:			
Child's name:			
Date of Birth:		Grade Entering in Fall 2024:	
Parent/Guardian Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP:	
Cell Phone:	Other Phone:		
Email Address:			
Your signature below indicates that you have read and agree to the following, #1-#6 statements and that your child has your permission to attend this program:			
1. I have been informed of the details of this program. My child has my permission to participate in this supervised program.			
2. I understand that my child will be under the instructor's, or other authorized personnel's supervision at all times. I agree to instruct my child to obey all rules, regulations, and instructions given by instructors and/or authorized personnel. I further agree that no instructor or other authorized personnel shall be held responsible or liable for injuries or other mishaps caused by my child's deliberate disobedience of rules, regulations, or instructions.			
3. I authorize the instructors or other authorized personnel, acting in my place, as parent, to give consent to any hospital or physician to provide my child with whatever examination, treatment, hospitalization, medical or surgical care that may be needed in the event that an injury or illness may occur to my child while attending the program.			
4. I consent to the KCFPD's use of photographs and recordings for educational, promotional or publicity purposes and agree that these photographs and recordings may be displayed during presentations or published in mass media publications, newspapers, social media promotions, or websites.			
5. I authorize the instructors to take my camper on hikes and ( if applicable for your child's camp) special excursions off site. I also authorize the camper to ride as a passenger in a vehicle owned or leased by the Kendall County Forest Preserve District organization.			
6. <b>Cancellation Policies:</b> No refunds for cancellations <b>with less than two weeks notice</b> prior to the first day of the program. A \$20 non-refundable registration fee is included in this program fee.			
Signature:		Date:	

## Summer Camp Payment Information & Mailing Instructions

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Summer Camp: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Camp: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Option (check one):

Cash (In person drop-off only)

Check (Make payable to Kendall County Forest Preserve District—Mailed or drop-off)

Credit card (Fill out information below)

Credit Card Information (2.5% processing fee will be applied)

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Type (circle one): Visa      Master Card      Discover Card

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Kendall County Forest Preserve District to charge my credit card the amount indicated on the dates as noted. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email , mail, or drop off your completed registration form, payment form, health form, & payment to Kendall County Forest Preserve District, Attn: Summer Camp, 110 W. Madison St., Yorkville, IL 60560.  
[kadams@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:kadams@kendallcountyil.gov)

Once registration forms & payment are processed- You will receive a confirmation email. Summer Camp letters with details & instructions about the camp for which you are registered, will be sent 1 week prior to camp. If you have any other questions or need assistance, please contact the Kendall County Forest Preserve District staff: Kimberly Adams; Environmental Education Coordinator at 630-553-2292 or email [kadams@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:kadams@kendallcountyil.gov)

If you have questions regarding equestrian camps contact Kris Mondrella ; Equestrian Program Coordinator [kmondrella@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:kmondrella@kendallcountyil.gov) at 815-475-4035. Thank you!

**Office Use Only:**

Forms rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Email, 1 Week Prior: \_\_\_\_\_

# HEALTH FORM (TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN)

Child's Name:		
Name of Summer Camp:	Date of Camp:	

## Personal Information

Height:	Weight:	Sex: M   F   Non-binary
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### Health History: Has the camper experienced any of the following? If so, circle and indicate dates.

Frequent colds	Asthma	Rheumatic fever
Frequent sore throats	Chicken pox	Tuberculosis
Sinusitis	Measles	Epilepsy
Abscessed ears	German Measles	Heart problems
Fainting	Mumps	Kidney problems
Bronchitis	Whooping Cough	Sleep walking
Stomach upsets	Diabetes	Constipation
Hay Fever	Polio	Arthritis
Frostbite	Fractures	Operations/Serious Injuries

Other medical concerns:

### Allergies: Is the camper allergic to any of the following? If so, circle and provide details.

Medication (e.g. penicillin, aspirin, sulfa, etc.)	Foods (e.g. shellfish, milk, peanuts, etc.)	Insect bites (e.g. bee stings)
Plants (e.g. poison ivy)	Environmental (e.g. mold, dust, etc.)	Other (please indicate)

### Medications: Please note any medications camper is taking and special instructions for staff.

## Healthcare Provider Information

Physician name:	
Office Name:	Phone Number:
Hospital Preference:	
Medical Insurance Company:	Policy Number:

### Emergency Contact Information— Someone Other than the Parent/Guardian listed on Pg.#1

Emergency Contact Name:	Relationship:
Primary Phone:	Alternate Phone:

**Parent Agreement: The above medical information is complete and accurate to my knowledge. Also, my child is fit to participate in all camp activities except for the limitations noted in this health form.**

Signature:	Date:
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