

# WANDERING IN THE Spring WOODS

LEARN ABOUT NATIVE  
ILLINOIS PLANTS AND  
ANIMALS, EXPLORE NEW  
ECOSYSTEMS, AND CONNECT  
WITH NEW FRIENDS ON THE  
TRAILS



THURSDAYS 4-6PM  
3/12-4/23 2026  
@ HOOVER FOREST PRESERVE  
GRADES K-5  
CHOOSE THE DATE(S) YOU WANT!  
\$20 PER SESSION  
\$100 FOR ALL 6 SESSIONS

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE  
CONTACT US:  
[KCFPDEDUCATION@KENDALLCOUNTYIL.GOV](mailto:KCFPDEDUCATION@KENDALLCOUNTYIL.GOV)  
(630) 553-2292



# Wandering in the Woods ~ Spring 2026

## After-School Nature Program

Closed-toe shoes are a must. Long pants are recommended.

Please leave all electronic devices at home or they should remain in a backpack.

If you would like your child to eat from 4:00-4:15, you can send your child with a light snack.

Please do not pack anything with tree-nuts or peanut products in it.

\*\*\*Please send your child with a reusable water bottle that is filled each day.\*\*\*

We will still be outside if there is light rain; please send rain gear for these days. If the rain is heavy, we will utilize our outdoor pavilion for some fun activities.

<b>Program Dates: (6 Thursdays)</b> You choose which dates work for your schedule: Register for 1,2,3,4,5 or all 6 of these dates!	<b>Themes /Topics Covered</b> <b>Some Fun Activities we will do:</b>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Maple Tree Sap Tapping-</b> <b>Learn the process of making maple syrup!</b>
<b>March 19</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt-</b> <b>Search for mystical objects in the forest</b>
<b>March 26</b>	<b>Changing Seasons and Weather-</b> <b>Look at signs of spring weather by the Fox River</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Spring Ephemerals and Fungi-</b> <b>Hunt for the first signs of spring!</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Play in the Garden-</b> <b>Dig in the dirt and grow something new</b>
<b>April 23</b>	<b>Earth Day Project-</b> <b>Give back to our home by protecting it!</b>



# Kendall County Forest Preserve District

## Spring 2026 Wandering in the Woods Registration Forms (3 Pages)

### Participant Information & Waiver

Spring 2026 WW Program — March 12 - April 23 — 6 Thursdays 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Check all that apply:  All six sessions  Mar. 12  Mar. 19  Mar. 26  Apr. 9  Apr. 16  Apr. 23

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade at the start of program: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address:

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

1. I am an adult over the age of 18 and I affirm that my minor child/ward ("Child"), has voluntarily chosen to participate in this Kendall County Forest Preserve District Program. I, on behalf of myself and my minor child, voluntarily understand and consent to the following:

2. Risks: I understand that participation in the Program may involve risks not found in my Child's daily life. These include, without limitation, illnesses, injuries, and even death. I understand these risks and assume them knowingly and willingly. My Child and I will take every precaution to safeguard my Child's health, safety, and personal belongings. 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 will be held responsible or liable for injuries or other mishaps caused by my child's deliberate disobedience of rules, regulations, or instructions. I understand the Kendall County Forest Preserve District ("KCFPD") cannot eliminate all risks or guarantee my Child's safety.

3. I understand that state law mandates Program staff report any suspected child abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities for investigation. General Release: Knowing the risks described above, I agree, on behalf of my Child and my Child's family, heirs, and personal representative(s), to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my Child's participation in the Program. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I, on behalf of myself and my Child, release, hold harmless and agree to indemnify and defend (with counsel of the KCFPD's own choosing) the KCFPD as well as their commission members, officials, employees, and agents, from and against any present or future claims, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses (including, but not limited to attorneys' fees, expert fees and court costs) for injury to person or property, or for any other damage, which myself or my Child may suffer, or for which my Child may be liable to any other person, related to my Child's participation in the Program, resulting from any cause, including but not limited to negligence on my Child's part or on the part of any of the released parties. Any attorney representing the KCFPD is subject to review and approval by the Kendall County State's Attorney and must be appointed a Special Assistant State's Attorney prior to performing any work for the KCFPD. The KCFPD's participation in its defense shall not remove the duty to indemnify, defend, and hold the KCFPD harmless, as set forth above. The KCFPD does not waive its defenses or immunities under the Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act (745 ILCS 10/1 et seq.) by reason of indemnification or insurance.

4. Photograph, Film and Vocal Recording Release: I grant to the KCFPD the right and authority to photograph, film or record my Child as part of the Program. I consent to the KCFPD's use of these 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. I agree that my Child's legal name may be used. My Child and I release the KCFPD from any expectation of confidentiality.

5. I, the undersigned as parent or legal guardian of my Child listed above, do hereby consent to his or her participation in the Program. I, as the parent or legal guardian of my Child and on behalf of my Child and myself, accept and agree to all assurances, assumptions, waivers, releases, and statements identified in the Assumption of Risk and General Release Form.

6. **Cancellation Policies:** No refunds for cancellations **with less than two weeks notice** prior to the first day of the program. A \$20 non-refundable registration fee is included in this program fee.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Child's Name:

Sex:  M  F  Non-binary

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**Please indicate if your child has any health concerns we should be aware of:**

Does your child require any special considerations to fully participate in program activities?

**Medications: Please note any medications child is taking and any special instructions for staff.**

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

Emergency Contact Name:

Relationship:

Primary Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Health Insurance; Medical Care; Health and Safety Concerns: I affirm my Child carries valid and current medical insurance and I will be solely responsible for payment, in full, of all costs of medical care my Child may receive for all injuries or illnesses that my Child may sustain while participating in the Program or as a result of the Program.

I authorize the Program staff to administer basic first aid and to obtain health care for my Child if needed, as determined by Program staff, while participating in the Program. I authorize Program staff to transport my Child to receive such medical care. I give the Program staff authority to contact the provided Emergency Contacts if the child experiences serious health problems, suffers an injury, or is otherwise in a situation that raises significant health and safety concerns and Program Staff are unable to reach a parent/guardian.

I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure all emergency contact information is kept up-to-date and accurate. I understand Kendall County Forest Preserve District staff will not administer prescription or non-prescription medications under any circumstances other than medications that may be administered with physician instructions and parental consent include and are limited to inhalers to treat asthma; epinephrine pens, Benadryl, and other similar treatments to address severe allergies and/or allergic reactions. I consent for my child to receive epinephrine from program staff should my child present signs of anaphylaxis. Staff will not apply sunscreen or bug spray to children; it must be applied by a parent, guardian, or the program participant.

**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:

## Kendall County Forest Preserve—Program Payment Information

**Online registration is the quickest & easiest way to register your child for KCFPD programs. Registering online provides: real-time availabilities, secure online payment, immediate confirmation of registration, and is accessible 24/7 from any device with internet access. If you chose to mail in your registration forms or bring your forms in to our office, please know that these applications will be processed slower than online submissions, and there is no guarantee you will secure your preferred spot.**

Child's Name:	
Wandering in the Woods Program	
Spring 2026 6 weeks	
\$100.00 total (or \$20 per session)	

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 (Easiest method: Register on-line or Fill out information below and mail or drop-off)

Credit Card Information (3.5% processing fee will be applied)

Name on Card:			
Billing Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP:	
Card Type (circle one):		Visa	Master 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: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not registering online: Mail, or drop off your completed registration form, payment form, health form, & payment to Kendall County Forest Preserve District, Attn: Wandering in the Woods - 110 W. Madison St., Yorkville, IL 60560

Once registration forms & payment are processed, you will receive a confirmation email. Wandering in the Woods program letters with details & instructions about this program will be sent out after registering. If you have any other questions or need assistance, please contact the Kendall County Forest Preserve District staff:

Stefanie Wiencke—Environmental Education Manager at 630-381-9142

or email: [KCFPDeducation@kendallcountyil.gov](mailto:KCFPDeducation@kendallcountyil.gov)

Thank you!

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