June 1 - August 7
Registration opens April 15.
Become a Member and register March 15.

About Us
The Douglas-Hart Nature Center was created in 1963 by Helen Douglas-Hart who had a dream of returning farmland to its natural setting prior to human settlement. The Nature Center is maintained by the Douglas-Hart Foundation and receives no tax support and is a 501(c)-3 non-profit organization. “Through the responsible stewardship of Helen Douglas-Hart’s gifts, the Douglas-Hart Foundation will be a leader in promoting the appreciation, enjoyment, and conservation of our natural resources by providing quality programs for all ages.”

Our Summer Camps
The Douglas-Hart Nature Center is pleased to offer a safe, fun, and active environment for children over the summer. We offer over 65+ summer camps for children ages 2-11! A variety of options are available: evening camps, one day camps, and our popular week long camps in the morning or afternoon. While the setting for each camp is the same, the themes are very different. No two summer camps are alike. Please read over the complete registration packet for full details (available online or in the visitor center). Online registration is strongly encouraged. Paper registration forms are available in the visitor center as well. Here are a few helpful tips when planning summer camps:

Registration Schedule
- Douglas-Hart Nature Center Member registration opens March 15th.
- Registration to the public opens April 15th.

Enrollment Policies
- Staff caution the number of summer camps a child enrolls for the summer to avoid burnout.
- Camps require pre-registration. Children will not be admitted into camp without all necessary forms.
- The Douglas-Hart Nature Center reserves the right to cancel under-enrolled camps.
- Camp spots are non-transferable between campers.
- Lunch supervision is only provided for participants who register for both morning and afternoon camps. A parent may pay for before and/or after camp, which includes lunch supervision if needed.
- When referring to camp grade levels, please use your child’s grade they last completed.

Online Registration
- Camps require pre-registration. Children will not be admitted into camp without all necessary forms.
- To enroll your child into summer camp, please fill out the registration packet and return with necessary payments to the Douglas-Hart Nature Center or register online at: https://www.dhnature.org/summercamps.html
- Each camp is listed individually this year, instead of grouped by the type of camp. You will still be required to enter the name of the child for each camp you register for.
- Upon registering, you will receive a follow up email confirming your registration and a link to update your account information. This will streamline future online registrations.
- While mobile registration is an option, the enrollment process is easier on a computer.

Cancellations and Refunds
- Refunds are NOT issued if cancellation is made less than seven days prior to camp or if no notification was given. If a child must cancel enrollment in the camp due to serious illness, bereavement, or communicable disease please call the Nature Center as soon as possible and a full refund will be provided upon documentation.

Week Long Camps:
WHAT IF?
- 6/29-7/5 • M-F • 1:45p.m. • Grades 2-3 • $40/NM $35/M
What if humans were the size of ants? Or if animals could talk? Come to this camp to explore and ask “what if?”!
TRIBAL CAMP
- 6/27-7/3 • M-F • 9a.m. Noon • Grades K-1 • $40/NM $35/M
Team and individual competitions rule this camp. Capture the flag, show challenged, and more!
WILDERNESS WISE
- 6/29-7/5 • M-F • 1:45p.m. • Grades 4-5 • $40/NM $35/M
Start fires, eat plants, and navigate through the woods to survive this summer camp!
TOTAELY TURTLE
- 7/6-7/10 • M-F • 9a.m. Noon • Grades K-1 • $40/NM $35/M
Cowabunga dude! Let's have some totally turtle adventures this week!
HUNGRY HUNGRY CRITTERS
- 7/6-7/10 • M-F • 1:45p.m. • Grades K-1 • $40/NM $35/M
What's munching munching and won't stop crunching? Explore the lives of hungry hungry critters!
WONDERS OF THE WORLD
- 7/6-7/10 • M-F • 9a.m. Noon • Grades 2-3 • $40/NM $35/M
From mountain peaks to vast waters, explore the unique and unusual places and animals around the world!
NATURE'S FURY
- 7/6-7/10 • M-F • 9a.m. • Grades 2-3 • $40/NM $35/M
Earthquakes, tornadoes, volcanoes. Let's explore nature's destructive side!
TWEET
- 7/6-7/10 • M-F • 9a.m. Noon • Grades K-1 • $40/NM $35/M
Backyard birds are “tweet”! Engage technology to explore the calls and colors of birds all around us!
ANIMAL PLANET
- 7/6-7/10 • M-F • 9a.m. • Grades K-1 • $40/NM $35/M
From the island of Madagascar to the frigid waters of the arctic, these animals are anything but ordinary!
CREATURE POWERS
- 7/11-7/17 • M-F • 9a.m. Noon • Grades K-1 • $40/NM $35/M
This camp is full of hands-on adventures to explore wild habitats just like the 62nd Birthday of the Nature Center!
EVERYTHING IS AwESOME – NEW!
- 7/11-7/17 • M-F • 1:45p.m. • Grades K-1 • $40/NM $35/M
Everything is awesome during this STEAM camp. Campers will build solutions to various problems using various materials like wooden blocks, sticks, and of course, Legos!
BUGS & SLUGS
- 7/11-7/17 • M-F • 9a.m. Noon • Grades 2-3 • $40/NM $35/M
Eewww….bugs….gross….slugs! Grab a net, use your hands, what bugs await you?
WOHODUNIT
- 7/13-7/19 • M-F • 1:45p.m. • Grades 2-3 • $40/NM $35/M
Nature’s mysteries await you. These riddles require a keen sense of observation and a scientist at heart! Are you ready to study “fun-emics” to find out whatdunit?
FISHING FUN
- 7/13-7/19 • M-F • 9a.m. Noon • Grades K-1 • $40/NM $35/M
Fishing doesn't begin to describe this camp! Identify local fish, make your own stick bait, and of course, go fishing!
OCEANS AWAY
- 7/13-7/19 • M-F • 9a.m. Noon • Grades K-1 • $40/NM $35/M
Come sail away on the ocean seas! We’ll meet fascinating marine creatures on this aquatic voyage.

Summer camp registrations fill quickly. Do not delay in signing up! Camp themes offer a wide range of interests for most children. We recommend placing children in camps where their best match their interests. Camps are meant to serve as an extension of education through the summer through fun and engaging activities, games, and crafts!
WEEK LONG CAMPS:

**OUT OF THIS WORLD**
Every day will feature a new book leading to exploration, songs, games and crafts for young, first-time campers!

**FAIRY TALES**
Join us for a magical week filled with fairytale places, daring sword fights, and the nature of Disney comes to life!

**THE MOST MAGICAL CAMP ON EARTH**
Each day is magical for boys and girls with fairy houses and gardens, princesses and dragons, and more!

**DR. SEUSS IS ON THE LOOSE**
Doc McStuffins and our stuffed animal friends will help us become junior veterinarians!

**WHAT DO YOU SEE?!**
Wowsers! Work together to inspect and solve mysteries...can you create a camp full of geocaching, letterboxing and questing mystifies?

**ANIMAL ATHLETES**
Jump, run, leap, and climb like animals! A camp for the very active!

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**TREASURE QUEST**
Go under the sea in this week’s camp to explore marine animals and of course, mermaids!

**DINO-TALES**
Are you curious like George?! Everyday George and our camp will discover something new in nature by following our curiosity!

**NEW!**
Camp is about growth, exploration and accomplishment. As campers we not only learn about nature, but we learn about ourselves and others too. We leave to learn and experience a safe environment supported by amazing counselors.

**Camp Checklist**
The Douglas-Hart Nature Center allows campers to be checked in fifteen minutes prior to the start of camp. Please sign your child into their classroom with their instructor. The Douglas-Hart Nature Center does not allow minors under the age of sixteen to be on the trails or in the building without adult supervision. For the safety of the children, Douglas-Hart Nature Center does not allow curb side drop off or pick up.

**Pick Up**
If someone other than the parent/guardian or the emergency contact listed on the Household Participant Form will be picking up your child or if you need to pick up your child at a time other than the designated end time, please inform camp staff. Children will be in their classroom at pick up, please sign out upon pick up.

**Late Pick Up**
Please be respectful of pick up times. Fees will be enforced for tardy pick ups. If a parent/guardian is more than 10 minutes late, a fee of $5 will be charged for every ten minutes of tardiness. If a child has not been picked up by one hour after the end of the program, proper authorities will be notified. Repeated late pick up may result in termination from camps. Please consider Before & After Care if drop off or pick up times do not work with your schedule. Arrangements can also be made for child care during the lunch hour as well if your child is not staying all day.

**Before & After Care**
Before Care is from 8-9a.m. or Noon-1p.m. and is $5 per day. After Care is from Noon to 5:30p.m. and is $5 per day. If your child is staying for care between Noon to 1p.m., it is recommended you send a sack lunch with them. Before and After care is not pro-rated. Parents or guardians may pick up child/ren any time during After Care. Pre-registration for Before and After Care is required to ensure adequate staffing is scheduled. Payment is due at the time of registration. Registration is available online or in person.

**Illness**
The health and safety of our campers is the top priority of our staff. If a child must miss camp, please call the Nature Center as soon as possible. If a child cannot cancel enrollment in the camp due to serious illness, bereavement, or communicable disease, please call the Nature Center as soon as possible and a full refund will be provided upon receipt of documentation.

**Types of illness where a child should not attend camp include:**
- Fever of 100+ (child may return once fever has lapsed for 24 hours), communicable diseases (pink eye, chicken pox, strep throat, ringworm/skin rash, etc.), diarrhea, vomiting, head lice, etc.

**Medication**
If your child brings medication with them, please communicate this on the Household Participant Form and to a staff member. If your child requires medication during the day, a Medical Distribution Form must be filled out, medicine should be in the original container, and both provided directly to staff.

**Food Allergies**
The Douglas-Hart Nature Center does provide food for certain camps. Please let your child’s camp counselor know if your child has any food allergies by listing them on the Household Participant Form.

**Special Needs**
The health and safety of our campers is top priority for our staff. If your child has individual needs that will impact him or her experience at camp, or the experience of others in his / her group, please be forthcoming with information that will ensure a positive and successful experience. If your child has an IEP or 504 at school, please share this information on the Household Form or with a staff member. If your child does not attend public school but has developmental or physical delays or needs, please indicate items on the Household Form.
SUGGESTIONS FOR WHAT TO WEAR AND RESTROOMS

- A change of clothes, just in case.

- Reusable water bottle

- A small drawstring bag or backpack

- Bug spray & sunscreen (if your child requires reapplication)

- Snack – 1 snack for half day camps, 2 snacks for full day camps.

- Lunch – If staying for both the morning and afternoon camps. We recommend a nutritious lunch that does not need to be refrigerated or cooked and brought in a reusable container.

- Older, but comfortable clothes that may get wet, muddy or dirty. Dress for your children to hike, climb, play, and run. Douglas-Hart Nature Center is not responsible for torn, stained, or damaged clothing. Tennis shoes, closed toe shoes, or strap on sandals (no flip flops) are preferred.

- Suggestions for what to bring, what to wear, rules, etc: https://www.dhnature.org/summercamps.html

- A Direct Support Personnel will be available for children with certain IEP or 504 plans, but this service must be discussed with the Education Director in advance.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT CAMP:

- Suggestions for what to bring and wear

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- Nature is our inspiration for painting, upcycling, and special crafts.

- Sing and dance, craft and play! Learn about the sounds and movements of nature and then put on an animal inspired show! Show will be presented to the public on Thursday, August 4 at 1:30 p.m.

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- A change of clothes, just in case.

- Boots or rain jackets on rainy days. Even in light rain, groups still go outside.

- If special items are needed, for example, clothes for water day, a note will be sent home as a reminder.

- Please do NOT bring personal possessions such as cell phones, electronics, or games. We do not provide lockers and are not responsible for damage, accidents, or theft of valuables. Plus, camp is about fun and play and getting a little time away from screens.

PRE-K (AGES 4-5): ONE DAY CAMPS – FIRST TUESDAY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

HAPPY CAMPER

6/24 • Th • 12:30-3:30 p.m. • Ages 4-5 • $110 NM/18 M

If you enjoy it and you know it clap your hands in this camp for littles.

TEDDY BEAR ADVENTURES

7/27 • Th • 9 a.m.-Noon • Ages 4-5 • $110 NM/18 M

Bring along your teddy bear as we explore the pond, woods, and prairie!

THE HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

8/3 • Th • 9 a.m.-Noon • Ages 4-5 • $110 NM/18 M

The world of Carl Sagan and his very hungry caterpillar awaits!

GRADUES 2-5: ONE DAY CAMPS – EVERY THURSDAY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

NEWT ONES FOR 2020?!

- Science

- Drama

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