Archeology, Astronomy and Fishing Camps

Digging Up the Past Camp
8-10 yrs / 4 days starting Jun 25 / $145 + $10 materials
What happened hundreds or thousands of years ago in Howard County? Who lived here before you were born? How did they live? You can find the answers by becoming an archaeologist. In this exciting hands-on mini-camp, reconstruct the past of the Simpsonville area in what is now Columbia. Explore the ruins of an old grist mill; handle 10,000-year-old Indian artifacts; and excavate archaeological hot spots. Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.
Robinson Nature Center
RP4822.401 9 AM-1 PM Tu-F

Digging Up the Past - Advanced Camp
9-11 yrs / 3 days starting Aug 14 / $110 + $10 materials
Children who complete the *Digging Up the Past Camp* or have participated in other archaeology experiences at County sites are eligible for this advanced camp that features a more in-depth excavation experience at the Simpsonville site. Participants become archaeologists for the duration of the camp as they learn about and practice archiving and interpreting the history behind actual prehistoric and historic artifacts from County sites dating to 10,000 years ago. Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.
Robinson Nature Center
RP4851.402 9 AM-1 PM W-F

NEW! Outta'-This-World Mini-Camp
7-9 yrs / 3 days, start dates below / $75
What lies beyond our planet in space? In this three-day mini-camp, explore our solar system. From the rings of Saturn to the craters of our moon and from the solar storms on our sun to the asteroids and comets shooting across our sky, space is a place full of amazing and unique discoveries. Enjoy planetarium shows, hands-on activities and safe solar viewing of celestial objects. Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.
Robinson Nature Center

RP4823.401	**Jul 10**	**9 AM-noon**	**W-F**
RP4823.402	**Jul 24**	**9 AM-noon**	**W-F**

Fishing Camp
8-12 yrs / 1 wk, start dates below / $119
Enjoy the sport of fishing while learning why and when fish bite. Discover when to use natural and artificial bait, and prepare to go after the biggest fish out there! On Friday, conclude with a field trip to a secret fishing hole. Bring your rod and artificial lures. Info: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-4623.
Centennial Pk South-Pav E

RP9950.401	**Jun 24**	**8:30-11:30 AM**	**M-Th**	**8 AM-2 PM**	**F**
RP9950.402	**Jul 15**	**8:30-11:30 AM**	**M-Th**	**8 AM-2 PM**	**F**
RP9950.403	**Aug 5**	**8:30-11:30 AM**	**M-Th**	**8 AM-2 PM**	**F**
RP9950.404	**Aug 12**	**8:30-11:30 AM**	**M-Th**	**8 AM-2 PM**	**F**

Ultimate Fishing Tour
12-15 yrs / 4 days starting Jul 22 / $299
Calling all intermediate and advanced anglers! Enjoy the sport of freshwater fishing at lakes across the state of Maryland. Go fishing in and around Howard County on the first day. The real excitement begins on Tuesday with fishing and two nights of camping at Deep Creek Lake in Western Maryland. Bring your rod and artificial lures. Infor: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-4623.
Centennial Pk South-Pavilion E
RP9951.401 8 AM-5 PM, M; 7 AM, Tu - 8 PM, Th

Register for Camps
To Register: Call, Click, or Come In
410-313-7275 www.howardcountymd.gov/rap
7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046
Robinson Nature Center (410-313-0400)
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044.

General Information
For full-day camps, bring a non-perishable lunch and beverage each day. For half- and part-day camps, bring a snack and beverage each day. **No peanut or nut products** of any kind are permitted at camp.

More Camps
Howard County Recreation & Parks offers a wide variety of summer camp programs. Please visit www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP for more information.

- Adventure
- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Culture
- Dance
- Drama
- Fitness
- History
- Nature
- Magic
- Music
- Science
- Technology
- Sports

….and more!

Refund Policy
We recognize that you may wish to withdraw from a camp for a variety of reasons, but we encourage early decisions so as to not inconvenience other participants or affect our ability to efficiently deliver activities. Customers requesting a refund prior to two weeks before the camp starts will be given a full refund. Refunds requested within two weeks of the camp starting date will be charged a 20% administrative fee. Additional fees may be assessed to recover costs (shirts, supplies, equipment, etc.) associated with the program. There are no refunds given for missed camp days.

Howard County
RECREATION & PARKS

SUMMER 2013 NATURE CAMPS

www.howardcountymd.gov/ANOcamps.htm

Nature Camps

- Special accommodations are available but not guaranteed. Requests must be made at least two weeks in advance.

Lil' Acorns Mini-Camp Experience (Parent/Child)

2-3 yrs / 3 days, start dates below / $60 (includes one child and one adult); $30 per session (each add'l adult)

Does your child love to explore, but isn't ready to explore without you? Hold your lil' acorn's hand in a mini-camp experience. If you are a parent or grandparent, delight in this opportunity to share with your youngster the natural sounds, smells and sights on trails, near a river and surrounded by furry and feathered friends. Fee includes snacks. Themes vary by week. Join for one or both sessions. Registration/Info:410-313-0400.

Robinson Nature Center

RP4817.401	**High in the Sky**	**Jun 12**	**9:30-11:30 AM**	**W-F**
RP4817.402	**Low Down Below**	**Jul 10**	**9:30-11:30 AM**	**W-F**

Kinder Tykes, Snails & Tales with Linda Hitzelberger

4-5 yrs / 1 wk, start dates below / $120

Enjoy wildlife and water wonders while doing hands-on science and nature activities. Create rainbows and gigantic bubbles. Learn about park wildlife and caring for the park. Fee includes special take-home surprise on Friday.
Info: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-4623.

Cedar Lane Pk-West Area

RP9946.401	**Jun 3**	**9:15 AM-12:15 PM**	**M-F**
RP9946.402	**Jun 24**	**9:15 AM-12:15 PM**	**M-F**
RP9946.403	**Jul 8**	**9:15 AM-12:15 PM**	**M-F**
RP9946.404	**Jul 15**	**9:15 AM-12:15 PM**	**M-F**

Lil' Pine Cones Mini-Camp

4-5 yrs / 3 days, start dates below / $75 per session

Nature is a wonderful place for a young child to make new discoveries. If your children are ready to explore the world around them – trails, rivers, plants and animals – treat them to a mini-camp. Create nature crafts and learn nature songs. Investigate the woods through short trail walks and the night sky through a planetarium presentation. Fee includes snack. Themes vary by week—join for one or both sessions.
Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Robinson Nature Center

RP4818.401	**Water Wonders**	**Jun 12**	**9 AM-noon**	**W-F**
RP4818.402	**Nature at Night**	**Jun 19**	**9 AM-noon**	**W-F**

NEW! Full Day Hands-On Discovery Camp

6-7 yrs / 1 wk, start dates below / $250

Spend a full day on an adventure through nature with hands-on activities, games, hikes and much more. Topics covered over the course of the week include: soil, water, weather, animal tracks, senses, birds, plants, flowers, aquatic life, Native American customs and more! Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-4719.

RP9940.401	**Rockburn Branch Pk**	**Jul 8**	**8 AM-6 PM**	**M-F**
RP9940.402	**Rockburn Branch Pk**	**Jul 22**	**8 AM-6 PM**	**M-F**
RP9940.403	**Meadowbrook Pk**	**Aug 5**	**8 AM-6 PM**	**M-F**

Choose Your Fun!

River Explorers I Mini-Camp

6-8 yrs / 3 days, start dates below / $85

Some words of advice on a hot summer afternoon: don't stay dry! Join us for three afternoons of fun exploring the Middle Patuxent River and its tributaries at the Robinson Nature Center. We investigate streams, look for frogs and other river critters, create our own river crafts and splash in the water. Fee includes snacks. Bring a towel, closed-toe water shoes or galoshes and a change of clothes. Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Robinson Nature Center

RP4819.401	**Jul 31**	**1-4:30 PM**	**W-F**
RP4819.402	**Aug 14**	**1-4:30 PM**	**W-F**

Nature Games – It's On!

7-9 yrs / 4 days, start dates below / $195

Turn off the computer and see how you measure up in the Nature Games. Find your way through natural obstacle courses, solve nature puzzles and compete in outdoor team games. Try your luck in natural materials building competitions. This camp challenges you from your head to your tippy-toes. Special field trip to Baltimore's Port Discovery (transportation included) - with three floors of interactive fun on Wednesday.
Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Robinson Nature Center

RP4821.401	**Jul 23**	**9 AM-4 PM**	**Tu-F**
RP4821.402	**Aug 6**	**9 AM-4 PM**	**Tu-F**

Jr. Ranger Explorers Camp

8-9 yrs / 1 wk, start dates below / $105

Join your fellow Jr. Rangers for a week of fun-filled nature exploration! Learn to paddle a canoe on Centennial Lake, start a rock collection, make a plant press, catch and observe insects and find your way with maps and compasses. Bring a snack and beverage (no nut products). ◊ Extend your hours with HC Summer Mix Camp; call 410-313-4703 for details.
Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-4719.

Centennial Pk South - Pav F

RP9942.401 ◊	**Jul 8**	**9 AM-noon**	**M-F**
RP9942.402 ◊	**Jul 22**	**9 AM-noon**	**M-F**
RP9942.403 ◊	**Jul 29**	**9 AM-noon**	**M-F**

"My kids did many camps this summer, and this camp was their favorite! They had so much fun learning about nature and exploring their natural environment. Best part of all- they didn't even realize that they were learning! They were too busy having fun!"
Happy Parent – Jr. Ranger Explorers Camp

Full-Day Outdoor Escape

8-10 yrs / 1 wk, start dates below / $219

Join us for a full week of outdoor fun, surrounded by nature! Campers spend their days by Centennial Lake enjoying canoeing, nature hikes, swamp exploration, fishing, archery, group games, nature crafts and more. Schedule includes swimming at Roger Carter Rec. Ctr. on Monday.
Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-4719.

Centennial Pk South - Pav A

RP9931.401	**Jun 24**	**9 AM-5 PM**	**M-F**
RP9931.402	**Jul 15**	**9 AM-5 PM**	**M-F**

NEW! River Explorers II Mini-Camp

9-11 yrs / 4 days, start dates below / $110

Water lovers won't want to miss this summer camp! Join us for four full afternoons of river exploration in the Middle Patuxent River and its tributaries at the Robinson Nature Center. Explore every corner of our river and find out more about the amazing types of life in the streams and waterways of Maryland. Compete in water games and see who can build the best boat to float downstream! Bring a towel, closed-toe water shoes or galoshes and a change of clothes. Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Robinson Nature Center

RP4849.401	**Jun 25**	**1-4:30 PM**	**Tu-F**
RP4849.402	**Aug 6**	**1-4:30 PM**	**Tu-F**

NEW! Surviving off the Land Camp

10-12 yrs / 4 days, start dates below / $185

Do you think you have what it takes to survive off the land? Each day this camp challenges you to see if you could "survive" at different points in history. Do you have the fire-starting skills or could you identify plants as Paleo-Indians would have needed to 10,000 years ago? Can you track animals and build a sturdy shelter like the woodland Indian tribes? Do you have what it takes to make your own bread or candles like the early pioneers? In the final camp challenge, use modern-day GPS units and compasses to navigate through a forest obstacle course.
Registration/Info: 410-313-0400.

Robinson Nature Center

RP4850.401	**Jul 16**	**9AM-3 PM**	**Tu-F**
RP4850.402	**Jul 30**	**9AM-3 PM**	**Tu-F**

Time Away at the Bay

10-13 yrs / 4 days starting Aug 12 / $275

Down by the bay – the Chesapeake Bay, that is! Travel to Calvert County, camp in tents on the beach Tuesday and Wednesday nights and experience the Bay first-hand with visits to natural and historical sites. Campers swim and hike bay beaches, enjoy fishing and crabbing, take a boat ride and explore, explore, explore! Learn about the importance of the bay and what people can do to preserve it. Campers must pass a basic swimming test.
Info: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-4623.

Centennial Pk South - Pav B

RP9760.401 9 AM-3 PM, M; 9 AM, Tu-5PM, Th

Extreme EC: An Historic Adventure in Ellicott City

12-15 yrs / 1 wk starting Jul 29 / $259

Join us for an extreme fun-filled week of adventure, nature and history in the outdoors of Historic Ellicott City. Activities include archery, fishing, history, archaeology, conservation, swimming games and more. Ever camped on historic haunted grounds? Now you can! We camp out Thursday evening at the Patapsco Female Institute after attending a production by Chesapeake Shakespeare in the Ruins. Campers receive six volunteer services hours while participating in a camp services project. Schedule subject to change. Info: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-4623.

Roger Carter Comm Ctr

RP9947.401 8:30 AM-4:30 PM M-F (overnight Th)