



**PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION™**

Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

*Children, Youth, and Family Programs*

### SUMMER NATURE PROGRAM

#### Full-day nature camps for children ages 5-12

Our summer nature program is called “Nature Day Camp”. Children spend full days exploring in small groups with trained nature educators. Our staff are caring, active, curious about nature, and welcoming. Each day, campers join organized activities where they learn about nature and spend open-ended time hiking, playing games, and exploring as a group.

### PLAY, EXPLORE, AND CONNECT TO NATURE THIS SUMMER!



#### EXPLORE A LOCAL PARK

Get to know a local park in a new and fun way.



#### PLAY GAMES, CREATE ART, DO CRAFTS

Connect to nature in your own way.



#### MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Build friendships with other children and staff.



#### LEARN ABOUT NATURE

Be curious and do hands-on activities.

### CALL OR EMAIL OUR OFFICE TO GET SIGN-UP INFORMATION

Our nature program is working with community organizations, culturally-specific groups, and local families to provide access to nature for all. Organizations can partner with us or we can work with families directly to answer questions and get children signed up.

**Program dates, times, and locations listed on the back and on our website:** <https://www.portland.gov/parks/environmental-education/nature-day-camp>

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# CHILDREN'S NATURE PROGRAM - SUMMER SCHEDULE

Children are divided by age into small groups of 10-12 campers

Choose the price that works for your family: \$30, \$75, \$150, \$225 or \$300 per week

All nature camp programs start at 9am and end at 3:30pm. Campers must be dropped off by an adult.

Drop-off window: 8:15-9:00am | Pick-up: 3:30pm | After-care (optional): 3:30-5:30pm

**What a day of camp is like...** Children gather at the meeting spot in the park and find their nature educators. Each day starts with a morning welcome, group activity, snack, and guided educational projects or activities related to the nature theme. Then the group hikes and explores the park, stopping for lunch, snacks, and water when they need them. Children may play games in the trees or grassy areas, do crafts, sing silly songs, do puppet shows, build forts, collect nature items, or pretend to be birds or animals. Camps take place rain or shine, and even though we are outdoors exploring, there are bathrooms or portable restrooms available for the children.

## TWO LOCATIONS EACH WEEK - NATURE TOPICS LISTED BELOW

**Week one - June 22-24** | Attend the program at [Mt Tabor Park](#) **or** [Powell Butte Nature Park](#)

Nature Theme: Invertebrates (Children look for and learn about bugs, spiders, worms, and centipedes)

**Week two - June 27-July 1** | Attend the program at [Sellwood Park](#) **or** [Hoyt Arboretum](#)

Nature Theme: Birds (Children look for common birds and learn about their habits, nests, and how they survive)

**Week three - July 5-8** | Attend the program at [Mt Tabor Park](#)

Nature Theme: Pollinators (Children look for and learn about bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds)

**Week four - July 11-15** | Attend the program at [Mt Tabor Park](#) **or** [Powell Butte Nature Park](#)

Nature Theme: Rocks and Volcanoes (Children learn about local rocks and how volcanoes shaped our city)

**Week five - July 18-22** | Attend the program at [Mt Tabor Park](#) **or** [Hoyt Arboretum](#)

Nature Theme: Trees (Children learn about trees and who lives in and around them)

**Week six - July 25-29** | Attend the program at [Mt Tabor Park](#)

Nature Theme: Habitats (Children explore different habitats and learn about how plants and animals work together.)

**Week seven - August 1-5** | Attend the program at [Mt Tabor Park](#) **or** [Sellwood Park](#)

Nature Theme: Water (Children explore a pond or river and learn about the birds, animals, and insects living there)

**Week eight - August 8-12** | Attend the program at [Sellwood Park](#) **or** [Hoyt Arboretum](#)

Nature Theme: Mammals (Children look for and learn about common mammals like squirrels, moles, and mice)

**Week nine - August 15-19** | Attend the program at [Mt Tabor Park](#)

Nature Theme: Plants (Children learn about common, local plants through observation, art, and projects)

*Do you have questions? Would you like to sign up a child?*

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