





EXPLORING NATURE PROGRAMS

YANKEE SPRINGS RECREATION AREA WEEK OF JUNE 30TH - JULY 4TH 2009

TUESDAY JUNE 30	WEDNESDAY JULY 1	THURSDAY JULY 2	FRIDAY JULY 3	SATURDAY JULY 4
<p>Excellent Ecosystems 3:00 PM</p> <p>Meet at Gun Lake Campsite 154 to view different ecosystems and decide which ones are the best to help support different animal life!</p> <p>Fishing in the Park 6:30 PM</p> <p>Come to the grassy area by the Gun Lake Campground Boat Launch for some catch and release fishing. If you have sunglasses please bring them to protect your eyes. Also bring your fishing pole if you have a favorite or fishing poles and bait will be provided. (If you are over 17, you will need a fishing license.)</p>	<p>Go Green Bingo 11:00 AM</p> <p>Meet at Gun Lake campsite 154 to play some green bingo, while learning about different ways to help save the environment</p>  <p>Creepy Creatures 3:00 PM</p> <p>Meet at Gun Lake Campsite 154 to learn about different Michigan reptiles and find out why they really aren't so creepy!</p>	<p>Fishing Derby 11:00 AM</p> <p>Bring your bait and poles to the grassy area by the Gun Lake Boat Launch, for some catch and release fishing! Prizes will be awarded for those who catch the most fish!</p> <p>Leaf Scavenger Hunt 3:00 PM</p> <p>Meet at the Sassafras Trailhead to go on a leaf scavenger hunt and see how many different kinds you can identify!</p> 	<p>Camouflage Contest 3:00 PM</p> <p>Meet at the Sassafras Trailhead to learn about different ways animals camouflage themselves and why they do this!</p> <p>Tie-Dye Fun 6:30 PM</p> <p>Come to Gun Lake Campsite 154 to show your patriotism by tie-dyeing a t-shirt! Bring your own clothing, and tie-dye will be provided!</p>	<p>Happy 4th of July! Bike Parade 10:00 AM</p> <p>Come to Gun Lake Campsite 154 to decorate your bikes help explorer guide Colleen decorate her golf cart! Then after ride through the campground for a parade of red white and blue!</p> <p>What in the Wild is Inside? 3:00 PM</p> <p>Come to Gun Lake Campsite 154 to test your knowledge of Michigan trees and see how much you know! Also learn some natural remedies which can be made from some very common forest ingredients!</p>

For more information, contact: Yankee Springs Recreation Area (269) 795-9081

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* All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult



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TUESDAY JULY 7

Fun Facts

Did you know that Michigan has one poisonous snake, the Massasauga Rattlesnake!

Did you know that the Cricket Frog can jump up to four feet?

Did you know that the Softshell is one of the shyest turtles?

Did you know that our state fossil is the Mastodon?

Did you know that Bald Eagle nests can weigh up to 1,000 pounds?

WEDNESDAY JULY 8

Furtastic!

11:00 AM

Meet at Gun Lake campsite 154 to learn about different Michigan animals and experience what some of their furs feel like!

Insect Safari

3:00 PM

Meet at Gun Lake campsite 154 to learn about bugs, and then hike the Sassafras Trail to see how many we can find!



THURSDAY JULY 9

Fishing Derby

11:00 AM

Bring your bait and poles to the grassy area by the Gun Lake Boat Launch, for some catch and release fishing! Prizes will be awarded for those who catch the most fish!

Let's Hear it for the DNR!

3:00 PM

Meet at Gun Lake Campsite 154 to learn about why the DNR is so important, and play some different activities to experience what a career in the DNR is like!

FRIDAY JULY 10

Web of Life

11:00 AM

Meet at to Gun Lake Campsite 154 to learn about the web of life, and how every part of nature is essential to the survival of an ecosystem!

Bug Bingo

3:00 PM

Meet at Gun Lake campsite 154 to play some bug bingo, while learning about these amazing creatures! Also come up close and personal to view some different insects!



SATURDAY JULY 11

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

2:00 PM

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Meet at Gun Lake Campsite 154 to play some different activities to help us learn about easy ways to help keep our planet clean!

Environment Exchange

6:30 PM

Meet at the Sassafras Trail head learn about Michigan's diverse environment and some cool aspects that make it so unique!

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