






EXPLORING NATURE PROGRAMS

IONIA STATE RECREATION AREA WEEK OF JULY 7- JULY 11, 2009

TUESDAY, JULY 7	WEDNESDAY, JULY 8	THURSDAY, JULY 9	FRIDAY, JULY 10	SATURDAY, JULY 11
<p><u>Sorry, No Programs today!</u></p> <p>Opossums are pretty special they're the only marsupials in North America and have opposable big toes!</p> 	<p>The Water Cycle 11 am Campground Showers</p> <p>Why care about the water cycle? You'd be really thirsty without it! Join Jessika, your Explorer Guide to learn why!</p> <p>Wildflower and Butterfly Hike 3 pm The Beach House</p> <p>Ready up your nets! Join Jessika in hunting for some beautiful butterflies and discover some of Ionia's beautiful wildflowers.</p> 	<p>Makin' Tracks 11 am Campground Showers</p> <p>Are you a waddler, hopper, walker or bouncer? Come find out as we have fun with some exciting activities.</p> <p>Nature Jeopardy 1 pm The Beach House</p> <p>Do you know a lot about the outdoors? Come out and test your knowledge!</p> <p>Let's Hear it for the DNR! 3pm The Beach House</p> <p>What does the DNR do? Join Explorer Guide Jessika and experience the different parts of the DNR with some fun activities.</p>	<p>Web of Life 4 pm The Beach House</p> <p>What does ecosystem mean, exactly? Join Explorer Guide Jessika to learn about just how inter-connected the natural world really is.</p> <p>Creative Camping Cuisine 9 pm Camp Host Campsite</p> <p>Mmm... Join Jessika and your camp hosts and learn how to make some yummy campfire treats that go way beyond your common s'more.</p> 	<p>White-Tailed Deer Olympics 11 am Campground Showers</p> <p>Deer are pretty good athletes. How do you think you will match up?</p> <p>The Nature Nook 1 pm The Beach House</p> <p>Come take a peek at some cool nests, skulls, and furs.</p> <p>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle 3 pm The Beach House</p> <p>How can you help protect some of Michigan's natural resources? Join Jessika for some fun activities and crafts all about reducing your impact on the environment.</p>

For more information, contact: Ionia State Recreation Area, 2880 W. David Highway, Ionia, MI 48846, 616-527-3750

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TUESDAY, JULY 14	WEDNESDAY, JULY 15	THURSDAY, JULY 16	FRIDAY, JULY 17	SATURDAY, JULY 18
<p>Fishing in the Park, 6:30 pm Point Picnic Area</p> <p>Join the Park Explorer Ranger, Jessika, on beautiful Sessions Lake for some fantastic fishing fun. Come and learn the basics for casting and how to bait your own hook.</p> <p>Don't have a pole? Don't worry! All poles and bait are supplied.</p> <p>** If you are 17 or older, you must possess a valid Michigan fishing license.</p> 	<p>The Clever Fox 11 am Campground Showers Foxes have a tough life out in the wild. Meet at the campground showers to find out what hardships an adapted hunter faces.</p> <p>Tree Huggers Club 1 pm Point Picnic Area Trees are amazing organisms. Come out to The Point to learn more about them and show your appreciations.</p> <p>Calling All Birds!! 3 pm The Beach House Birds are incredibly interesting and special. Join Jessika at the Beach to learn more!</p>	<p>Web of Life 11 am Campground Showers What does ecosystem mean, exactly? Join your Explorer Guide Jessika at the campground showers to learn about just how inter-connected the natural world really is with some fun activities.</p> <p>Wetland Wonderland Hike 3 pm The Beach House Wetlands are really important ecosystems. They're home to a lot of cool critters and plants. What better place to hike than that? Meet at the beach house for a mile long hike with Jessika!</p> <p>**Don't forget bug spray or walking shoes.</p>	<p>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle 4 pm The Beach House Got passion for the outdoors? Show your appreciation by joining Jessika in learning about some fun ways to show your love for our amazing earth?</p> <p>Astronomy Basics 9:30 pm Campground Showers Did you know that 2009 us the International Year of Astronomy? Join Jessika in celebrating at the campground, and learn about our stars and moon?</p> 	<p>Let's Hear it for the DNR! 11 am Campground Showers What exactly does the DNR do? Join your Explorer Guide Jessika at the campground showers and experience what it is like to work for the DNR with some fun activities.</p>  <p>Lake Life 4 pm The Beach House What little critters call Session's waters home? Come to the Beach House to find out. Join Jessika in discovering all sorts of interesting macro invertebrates living in the lake.</p>

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