



2017 Environmental Education Summer Programs



Summer Camps ♦ Preschools ♦ Daycares ♦ Summer Schools

Program Fees at Retzer Nature Center: (21 day lead-time required)

Program Fee*:	Chaperones: (Attend for free)	Traveling Program Fees:
1 Hour Program: \$2.25 per student (Minimum of 10 children)	Students ≤ 10 11-20 21-30	1.5 Hour Program Only \$100.00 (plus \$25 travel fee) (Maximum of 30 children)
1.5 Hour Program: \$3.50 per student (Minimum of 10 children)	Chaperones 2 3 4 5 6 7	<i>Traveling programs limited to a 30-minute radius of Retzer Nature Center. Other distances subject to approval and fee increase.</i>
	31-40 41-50 51-60	

*60 children max, unless special arrangements are made.

Retzer Nature Center's Cancellation Policy

If payment is not received at least 21 days in advance, the program will be cancelled. If you cancel a program within 21 days of the program date, we reserve the right to charge the program fee, or issue a credit instead of a refund. Credit must be redeemed within the same calendar year unless otherwise noted.

Field Trips to Retzer Nature Center - S14 W28167 Madison St., Waukesha

Call 262-970-6680 for more details and availability of the following field trips to Retzer Nature Center.

Storytime Hike

Ages 3-6

1 hour or 1.5 hour with add-on craft based on your program's theme.

This storytime hike is all about reading and roaming! Our naturalists will conduct an outdoor nature hike and storytime designed to complement the program's theme.

Pond Adventure

Once upon a time...Our story begins at the pond. Here we will find Princes (frogs), Damsels (flies), Dragons (flies) and Knights in armor (turtles). Let's dig in and see what adventure comes true!

Who's Bugging Me?

Join the naturalist as you sweep net the meadows, roll logs in the forest, and flip over rocks in search of the amazing wonders of the insect world.

Color by Nature

How many different colors can you find while out on the trails? Green frogs, yellow birds, red bugs, blue flowers... Which is your favorite color?

Soil Secrets & Blazin' Blooms

Let's go find the beauties of the season and the secrets of their underground world.

Be Sensitive!

Listen to the singing birds, smell the blooming flowers, touch a slimy frog, and look everywhere for so much more! Stimulate your senses all around Retzer.

Nature Explorers

Ages 5-12

1 hour

This program blends sensory exploration with an exciting nature collection hike. Naturalists serve as guides and interpreters while hikers seek out the natural treasures of Retzer.

Navigating Nature

Ages 5-12

1.5 hours

If you like scavenger hunts, this program is for you. Teams will solve clues and complete fun tasks as they navigate their way around the trails on this wild nature experience.

Journaling Jaunt

Ages 5-12

1 hour

Create a picture journal as we discover the wonders along the trails, over the prairie and through the woods, on this fun adventure.

Art in Nature

Ages 5-12

1 or 1.5 hours

With a variety of media, students will create an art piece to reflect their Retzer experience. Projects will vary with the season and age group.

Don't see what you want? We can customize a program to fit your needs.

Call 262.970.6680 to register

Summer Programs continued

Down at the Pond

Ages 5-12

1.5 hours

*Program availability is dependent on water level in pond.

Discover what lurks in the pond as we explore with nets to scoop up mud-covered critters, frogs, and other water creatures. This interactive program gives children a close-up examination of the pond's ecosystem. Mud Risk: High (come prepared).

Created by Nature

Ages 5-12

1.5 hours

A naturalist will guide you along the trails on this artistic adventure. Children will collect a variety of natural items found along the trails to create a unique piece of artwork to take home.

Pick from the following topics:

- Leaves & Flowers
- Nature's Texture Collage
- Camouflaged Critters

Animal Adaptations - Indoor Program

Ages 5-12

1.5 hours

Enjoy a visit from the Retzer teaching animals! See how an animal's physical and behavioral traits can help it survive as we explore the concepts of habitat and adaptation.

Insect Investigators

Ages 5-12

1.5 hours

Children explore the insect world using sweep nets, guide books, hand lenses, and sample varied insect communities. See what 6-legged surprises we can find.

Who Lives Here?

Ages 5-12

1.5 hours

Hike the trails with a naturalist in search of all the different habitats at Retzer. Compare and contrast who lives in each one.

Traveling Programs - We'll Come to You!

Call 262-970-6680 to book • All programs are fee-based unless otherwise noted • 30 children max per program

Nature Tales

Ages 3-6

1.5 hours

Have one of our naturalists visit you, bringing a variety of hands-on nature objects for your children to explore. Each program includes: story and craft.

Pick from the following topics:

- Down in the Dirt
- Who's Bugging Me?
- Life in a Shell
- Things with Wings
- Flower Power

Who's There? Owls!

Ages 6-12

1.5 hours

Discover 'Who's There' as you learn fascinating facts about owls in this nocturnal adventure. Take apart an owl pellet and reconstruct its most recent meal! Adaptations are a fun way to discover this hunter's unique lifestyle.

Free Recycling Programs at Retzer Nature Center or your facility presented by Recycling Staff

Call 262.896.8300 to register.

Rot is Hot! Composting

Ages 4 & up

30 Minutes

Hear a story about Slop. Observe compost critters up close with magnifiers. Play a "What Goes In?" game and learn the 4 things that make compost happen (age-appropriate activities)!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot

Ages 4 & up

30 Minutes

Learn about the 4 Rs. What goes in the bin? Where do recyclables go? What do they become? Play a sorting game and feel a plastic bottle turned into fuzzy filling.

Wiggle with Worms

Ages 4 & up

30 Minutes

Observe and examine nature's recyclers - worms! Discover how worm bodies work, how they behave and how they help nature. Use magnifiers to search for worm eggs & decomposers that share their home & job duties. Pre-Ks take home their own "worm" to care for.

Creature Features

Ages 3-12

1.5 hours

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