



2022 Children's Summer Education Programs

Salamanders

Friday, June 10, 7 p.m., Bicentennial Woods - *Meet at Hudson Springs restrooms at 6:45 p.m. – 7095 Stow Rd*
You may not see them, but they are there! We will learn about salamanders and search for them. The group will walk from Hudson Springs parking lot to the Bicentennial Woods outdoor classroom; wear old clothes and long pants, bring bug spray and a flashlight.

Insects

Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m., Veterans Way Park Pavilion – 55 Veterans Way - While visiting Hudson parks you may come across the Chinese Mantis, one of nearly 2300 species of mantis in the world. Docile and friendly, the Chinese Mantis makes an excellent inhabitant in your outdoor garden. We will learn about the Chinese Mantis and many other insects in the park by catching, identifying and releasing them! Wear long pants, bring spray and sunscreen.

NEW THIS YEAR - Insects of the Stream Bed

Tuesday, July 12, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Hudson Springs Park, 7095 Stow Rd - Meet by the bathrooms – Join Stream Ecologist Jordyn Stroll and Friends of Hudson Parks Board Member Alyssa Dennis to look for macroinvertebrates in the stream at Hudson Springs Park! We will shuffle around in the stream and disrupt the bottom to collect tiny creatures in a seine net! Based on what is living in the stream we will determine its health status. Jordyn will teach us about the interconnectedness of land and water biodiversity and how we impact the streams. Kids (and parents) should wear boots or water shoes and fast drying clothes because we will be in the stream getting wet

Animal Tracks and Scats

Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m., Hudson Springs Park, 7095 Stow Road – Meet at the May Pavilion, off to the right of the driveway to the boat launch -- Who has been walking through the park? We will explore the parks to see who has been there based on tracks and droppings. Wear long pants, bring bug spray and wear sunscreen.

Owls

Friday, July 29, 8 p.m., Hudson Springs Park, 7095 Stow Road, May Pavilion - Who who who is hooting in the park? We will learn about the species of owls in Ohio and their habits. After, we will dissect owl pellets to study what they eat. If we are lucky, we will hear owls in the park! Dress appropriately, bring bug spray and a flashlight.

Bats

Saturday, Aug 20, 8:30 p.m., Hudson Springs Park – Galloway Pavilion: **Meet at Hudson Springs restrooms at 8:15 p.m.** The native Little Brown Bat can eat 1000 mosquitoes in one hour! We will learn about bats of Ohio and why they are important. At dusk, we will look for bats and have a campfire. Dress appropriately, bring bug spray & a flashlight.

Monarch Life Cycle

Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m., Veterans Way Pavilion – 55 Veterans Way - Monarch butterflies are the only insects to migrate each year. Students will learn about the monarch butterfly life cycle and why they are at risk of extinction. After, we will have a chance to search the park for monarch eggs and caterpillars. Wear sunscreen.

Registration is required for these FREE classes and begins at least two weeks before the class date. Class size is limited to 20. Curriculum is geared to children ages 5-12 and children must be accompanied by an adult. Younger children may need help with some of the activities. Classes will last about 1 hour.

For more information and to register, go to our website at: www.friendsofHUDSONPARKS.org

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