

## Spend a Summer In Nature

10 fun-filled units will nourish children's imagination and learning throughout the summer:

**June 14-18:** *Where the Wild Things Are* (Animal Homes in a Temperate Woodland)

Your young naturalist will learn how to identify creatures and their homes within our temperate woodland. He/she will also learn what those creatures need to survive and how manmade shelters/feeders can lessen the impact of industrialization on their natural habitat.

**June 21-25:** *Survivor Kids* (Living in Nature)

This camp session will teach kids how to survive in nature without modern technology. Kids will pitch a tent, collect water, build a garden, wash clothes the old-fashioned way (with a washboard), make soap, build bird blinds, and learn how to avoid dangers (poisonous plants, fungi, and creatures).

**Jun 28-Jul 2:** *Call of the Wild* (Music in Nature)

Kids will explore natural music sounds such as babbling brooks, croaking frogs, chirping crickets, bird calls, etc. The children will have an opportunity to create various animal calls in addition to natural musical instruments.

**July 5-9:** *Wildlife Photo Safari* (Nature-al Art & Photography)

Kids will express their appreciation for the beauty of nature through nature-al art and photography.

**July 12-16:** *Wild Planet* (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)

Learn how the three R's can help protect our environment and enhance the longevity of its

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resources. Engage in eco-friendly practices such as composting, waste management, conservation, and preservation.

**July 19-23:** *Water World* (Creek Study & Water Exploration)

Discover the abundant wildlife in and around Broad Run and Catocin Creeks. Learn about the fish, insects, animals, and plant life with a certified Naturalist!

**July 26-30:** *Kenyan Safari* (Animals, Plants and Habitats of Kenya)

Jambo! Let's go on an African Safari! Discover the wonderful variety of habitats, animals, and plants in Kenya. Learn a little Swahili, too!

**Aug 2-6:** *Insects, Arachnids, and Reptiles, Oh my!*

Explore the most abundant critters in our woodlands. Learn how to find and identify insects, arachnids, and reptiles, and learn which insects and arachnids are harmless and which should be avoided.

**Aug 9-13:** *Tropical Rainforests* (Floor to Canopy)

Learn about the world's oldest living ecosystem... the rainforest. Discover the four layers of a rainforest and find out which common household products originate in a rainforest.

**Aug 16-20:** *Navigating the Wild* (Using a Map & Compass)

Kids will learn how to read a map, use a compass, and combine the two skills to navigate a nature-al confidence course. Orienteering activities will be age-appropriate, accommodating children as young as two years.



Where the  
*Wild Things*  
are this summer!

"No Child Left  
Indoors" at the

**EDUCARE**  
**"WILD THINGS"**  
**SUMMER PROGRAM 2010**



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# “Wild Things” Summer Program '10

*Wild Things* Summer Program offers a multifaceted experience in caring for and living off of the land. Activities include gardening, photography, compass & map skills, music, art, conservation & preservation, identification of local flora & fauna, creek studies, and building blinds and shelters. Our 22-acre, wooded campus contains four playgrounds, a well-maintained system of nature trails, and an outdoor classroom located at the intersection of Catoctin Creek and Broad Run Creek. Come join us at the Educare Learning Center, where kids are *wild* about nature!

## Experiences this Summer:

### Nature-al Creations

Ms. Angela, our art teacher, will help children explore nature through art.

### Musical Moments

Miss Janice, our music teacher, will continue to share her musical talents with children throughout the summer months.

### Discovery Walk Days

Ms. Angela, our nature-al discoveries coordinator, will lead Discovery Walks along the nature trail during each of the ten summer units of study. Preschool through school-age will explore the creek areas on-site.

### Fitness Fun

Ms. Dawn, our fitness teacher, will work with children to enhance their motor skills through fun fitness activities.

### Water Play Days

Children will enjoy refreshing fun during outside water play which will include water tables, squirt bottles, sprinklers, and more. NOTE: School-age will have scheduled times to explore our creek area and scheduled trips to local pools.

### Water Days Schedule:

Mondays-Room 1a & 1b

Tuesdays-Room 2

Thursdays-Room 3

Fridays-Preschool/Room 4 (a.m.) & Room 5 (p.m.)



### “On-Site Field Trips” for All Ages

A Safari Moon Bounce will return for another summer to provide children with a new way to “get wild” with nature — while bouncing in the great outdoors.

A local petting zoo will provide a unique selection of “wild” animals for children to enjoy.

A musical performance by a professional musician will entertain children of all ages (TBA).

### School-Age Off-site Field Trips

School-agers will spend the summer bowling, ice skating, going to the movies, swimming, having lunch at local parks and visiting the local Nature Center in Jefferson.

The school-agers will also be teaming up with the Brunswick Senior center to participate in Alex's lemonade stand for the second year. Alex's Lemonade stand is an organization committed to raising awareness of childhood cancers and generating funds for research into new treatments and possible cures.

During July-August school-agers will enjoy frequent trips to the Brunswick Pool.

The school-agers will also serve as “Big Buddies” to the younger children during discovery walks throughout the summer.

## Preschool-Hours-Only Summer Enrichment Program

Educare offers a summer enrichment preschool program that includes:

- \* A multi-age experience in a combined 3's and 4's classroom setting
- \* Attendance on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week
- \* An extended day experience, 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (includes “Lunch Bunch”—children provide own lunches)
- \* A focus on readiness skills and summer fun!



## Family Fun

**Wildlife Safari:** A special day for Educare families will be scheduled at the Catoctin Wildlife Preserve & Zoo.

**Family Discovery Walks:** Families are invited to enjoy self-guided Discovery Walks on Friday evenings from 4–6 p.m.

**Wild Rumpus Family Picnic:** Families will be invited to participate in a campfire cookout after a walk along the Educare Discovery trails.