



# Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department 2016 Summer Youth Programs Information and Registration Packet



**Day Camps**  
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## 2016 Summer Youth Programs

### General Information

**Day Camp Adventures** are 3-day sessions for 6-13 year olds, offered throughout the summer where kids can get outside, make new friends, learn new skills and have fun! Most camps are held at Ada Township Park with some days at Roselle Park. The Pioneer Days Camp is held at the Ada Museum, and the Eco-Adventure Camp uses both parks plus an off-site location.

Session 1: <b>Sports Spectacular</b>	<b>June 21-23</b>
Session 2: <b>Arts in the Park</b> <b>FULL</b>	<b>July 12-14</b>
Session 3: <b>Bugs to Bears</b>	<b>July 19-21</b>
Session 4: <b>Eyes on Survival</b> <b>FULL</b>	<b>July 26-28</b>
Session 5: <b>Pioneer Days</b>	<b>August 9-11</b>
<b>Woods &amp; Dunes Eco-Adventure Camp</b>	<b>June 28-30 (ages 10-13)</b>

\*The schedule, fees, and registration form for these programs is attached.

\*Costs range from \$80 - \$120 per child, depending on the camp.

\*Half-day options are available for younger campers.

\*Some scholarships are available.



**Half-day Programs** offer a morning of fun outdoor exploration, nature study and crafts for various age levels.

<b>Discovery Days</b>	<b>Ages 3-5 with a parent</b>
<b>Young Explorers</b>	<b>Ages 5-7</b>
<b>Junior Naturalist</b>	<b>Ages 8-11</b>
<b>Outdoor Adventurers</b>	<b>Ages 10-13</b>

The schedule, fees, and registration form for these programs is attached.

Costs range from \$5-\$50 per child, depending on the program.

**Ada Village Kids' Garden** is a unique gardening program for **ages 9-12**. The entire season runs April 19 through October 11. The program is divided into three sessions: spring, summer and fall. Youth may sign up for one, two or all three sessions. Participants will learn to grow food, manage a garden, sell produce at the Farmer's Market & contribute to a food pantry. A 4-H Junior Master Gardener (JMG) certification is also offered through a partnership with the MSU County Extension!

A separate registration packet is available through the Park office.



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## **To register:**

- \***Review the enclosed information** for program details, schedules and fees.
- \***Contact the park office** for any question, concerns or special needs.
- \***Complete the attached registration form** for each child being registered.
- \***Submit registration form with payment:**

### **By mail to:**

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### **In Person:**

Bring payment and registration to:  
The Ada Township office: 7330 Thornapple River Dr.  
Or the Ada Park office: 1180 Buttrick Ave.

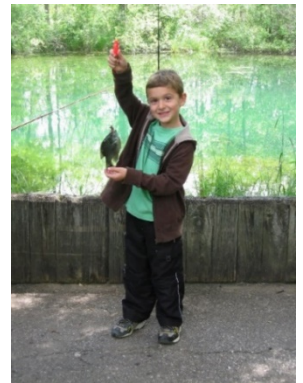
- \*Payment can be made with cash, money order or check: **payable to Ada Township.**
- \*We cannot take credit card payments at this time.



## **Support Information:**

### **Discounts and Scholarships:**

- \***Ada Township residents receive a 10% discount** on programs with fees over \$5.
  - \***Scholarships are available** to cover 50% of Day Camp program fees.
- To qualify, participants must be enrolled in the reduced/free lunch program at their school. Participants limited to one scholarship per summer.
- To apply for a scholarship, contact the Ada Park office: 616-676-0520.
- The Scholarship Fund is made available by the **Ada Business Association**.
- Additional contributions to the Scholarship Fund are most welcome.



### **Confirmation:**

- \*Once your form and payment is submitted, you will receive confirmation that you are registered.
- \*One week before each program, you will receive an e-mail with program details and equipment list.

### **Wait List:**

If a session is full, your child will be placed on a wait list. You will be notified when openings occur.

### **Cancellation Policy:**

Cancellations by the Parks Department due to special circumstances including extreme weather, will be re-scheduled or refunded. If your child cannot come to the re-scheduled date, you may use your fee towards the cost of another program.

Cancellations by participants prior to the program start date will be refunded minus a processing fee or the fees paid may be used towards the cost of another program.

No refunds will be given for cancellations or absence once a program has begun.



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# (3-Day Long) Day Camp Programs

## Summer Day Camp Adventures for ages 6-11

Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

\$80/child for the 3 full days; \$60/child for 3 half-days (ages 6-8)

\*Scholarships available

### **Session 1: Sports Spectacular June 21-23 Ada Park**

Play some of your favorite sports or try something new as we go from tennis to baseball, flag-football, soccer and even pickle ball.

### **Session 2: Arts in the Park FULL July 12-14 Ada & Roselle Parks**

Find the artist inside you! Try painting, drawing, sculpture, and more. Create some cool artwork to take home.

### **Session 3: Bugs to Bears July 19-21 Ada & Roselle Parks**

Explore wetlands, meadows & woods to look for critters of all shapes & sizes. Learn about the amazing diversity of insects & animals that live in Michigan.

### **Session 4: Eyes on Survival FULL July 26-28 Ada & Roselle Parks**

Could you survive in the Michigan woods? Be prepared when you go out in the woods – make a shelter, build a fire and learn other survival skills.

### **Session 5: Pioneer Days August 9-11 Averill Historical Museum**

Take a step back in time at the Averill Museum and Barn to explore life in the 1800's. Learn about pioneer toys, games, tools, chores, clothing, music, and food.



## Outdoor Adventurer Camp for ages 10-13

### **“Woods & Dunes” Eco-Adventure Camp June 28-30 3 Days – 3 Locations**

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$120/youth

*\*Some scholarships available*

Spend three days exploring west Michigan's amazing woods and fresh water sand dunes!

Use scientific methods and hands-on learning to investigate forest ecosystems at three different locations. Have fun as you hike and bike through Ada and Roselle Parks, then walk through the tall trees and sand dunes at Saugatuck Dunes State Park.

Requires your own bike and helmet. All other supplies are provided.



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# 1/2 Day Program Descriptions

## Discovery Days for ages 3-5 with parent/guardian 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$5/child

Pre-schoolers and their parent/guardian enjoy a fun, nature discovery experience together in the park including games and a craft.

### **Jump, Frog, Jump! Tuesday June 14 Roselle Park**

Look & listen for frogs around the creek, hop like a frog, and make a frog craft.

### **Butterflies Tuesday July 5 Roselle Park**

Dress up like a butterfly, learn what caterpillars need to grow up into butterflies.

### **Backbone Bonanza Tuesday August 2 Ada Park**

Discover how your backbone helps you twist, turn & stand tall.

Learn what other animals have backbones.



## Young Explorers for ages 5-7 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$5/child

Parents may drop off or join their youth for a fun morning outdoors with nature study, hands-on activities and crafts.

### **Bonkers for Bikes Wednesday June 15 Roselle Park**

Bring your bike and helmet to Roselle Park – get some safety tips, practice your skills on an obstacle course, and ride the Park trails.

### **Fishing Fun FULL Wednesday July 6 Ada Park**

Learn how to bait your hook and cast your line, then search for the best spot to hook a “big one” in the Ada Park pond. Fishing poles and bait supplied or bring your own.

### **Wild Water Wednesday August 3 Ada Park**

Play some fun water games, look for insects & animals in the pond, make a cool craft.



## Junior Naturalists for ages 8-11 Times vary \$5/child

Youth will enjoy hands-on nature, science activities, games and new friends.

### **Bike-a-thon Wednesday June 15 1 – 3 p.m. Roselle Park**

Bring your bike and helmet to learn about bike safety and ride the bike path.

### **Fishing Frenzy Wednesday July 6 1 – 3 p.m. Ada Park**

Go fishing at the Ada Park pond! Poles and bait supplied or bring your own.

### **Adventure Race Thursday August 4 10 a.m. – 12noon Ada Park**

Work in small teams & solve problems as you walk, run, bike, and maneuver through challenges in Ada Park and the Grand River Natural Area. \*Bike & helmet required.



## Outdoor Adventurers for ages 10 – 13 Times/locations/costs vary

Challenge yourself as you explore the outdoors in new ways and learn some fun outdoor skills.

### **Saddle Up! Thurs. June 16 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Double C Ranch \$50/youth**

Learn everything you ever wanted to know about horse care, gear, & riding, then saddle up to perfect your riding skills. Suggested for first time & beginning riders. All equipment provided.

### **Adventure River Trip Thurs. July 7 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. McGraw Park \$25/youth**

Enjoy a river adventure as you paddle a canoe down the Grand River starting at Michael McGraw Park and paddle to Knapp St. landing. Learn paddle strokes, boat control, water safety and teamwork followed by a fun trip down the river. Canoes, paddles and safety gear provided.



### **Full Moon Howl! Thurs. August 18 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Roselle Park \$10/youth**

Explore the world of the wolf with fun games & activities, then take a night hike to practice howling like a wolf!



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## 2016 Summer Youth Programs Registration Form

Please use one form per person

Camper Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Today's Date
Parent/Guardian Last Name		First Name		
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	
Primary Phone	Secondary Phone		Email	
Emergency Contact First Name	Last Name		Relationship	
Primary Phone	Secondary Phone		Authorized to pick up? Y/N	

**Health Information:**

Please list any medical, physical, emotional or behavioral conditions that we need to be aware of:  
 (continue on back, if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Registration Fees and Payment:**

Program Name	Program Dates	Fees			
	<b>Sub Total</b>				
10% Discount for Ada residents on programs over \$5	<b>Discounts</b>		Date Paid	Cash/Check #	Confirm. #
	<b>Total Due</b>				

**Payment due with registration.      Checks payable to Ada Township.**  
*Note: Survival Camp program is full.*

**General Liability and Release:**

I grant permission for my child to participate in programs and activities to engage provided by Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department, except as noted. The health information I provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to assume the risk of such activities and agree to hold harmless Ada Township, its staff and representatives from any loss or damage to my personal property and/or loss or injury to my participating child. I authorize the Ada Township Parks and its representatives to use photographs of my child for promotional purposes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____	Date: _____
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