



Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department 2018 Summer Youth Programs Information and Registration Packet



Day Camps 1/2 Day Programs Discovery Pre-school Adventure Outings Kids' Garden



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2018 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! Camps are held at Ada Township Park and Roselle Park.

Session 1: Arts in the Park	June 26-28
Session 2: Eyes on Survival	July 10-12
Session 3: Sports Spectacular	July 17-19
Session 4: Wildlife Adventures	August 7-9

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

*Cost is \$80 per child.

*Some scholarships are available.



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

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

The schedule, fees, and registration form for these programs is attached.
Costs range from \$5-\$25 per child, depending on the program.

Ada Village Kids' Garden is a unique gardening program for ages 9-12. The entire season runs April 17 through September 25. Participants will learn to grow food, manage a garden, sell produce at the Farmer's Market & contribute to a food pantry. Junior Master Gardener (JMG) certification is also offered through a partnership with the MSU Kent County Extension and 4-H!

A separate registration packet is available through the Park office.



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Summer Youth Programs Registration Information

To Register:

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

By mail to:

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P.O. Box 370, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada, MI 49301

In Person to:

The Ada Township office: 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada MI 49301
Or the Ada Park office: 1180 Buttrick Ave., Ada, MI 49301

- *Payment can be made with cash, money order or check: **payable to Ada Township.**
- *Credit card payments can be made in person at the Ada Township office.



Support Information:

Discounts and Scholarships:

- *Ada Township residents can receive a **10% discount** on programs with fees over \$10.
- *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. Scholarships are limited to one scholarship per summer per family.
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 always welcome.
- *Participants may receive the Ada resident discount OR a scholarship, not both.



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 an 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 such as 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. Processing fees of 10% with a \$10 minimum will be applied to the refund. The fees paid may also 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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Day Camp Programs Descriptions

Summer Day Camp Adventures for ages 6-11

3-day sessions, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

\$80/child for the full 3 days

*Some scholarships available

Session 1: Arts in the Park June 26-28

Tuesday & Wednesday at Ada Park, Thursday at Roselle Park

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



Session 2: Eyes on Survival July 10-12

Tuesday & Wednesday at Ada Park, Thursday at Roselle Park

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



Session 3: Sports Spectacular July 17-19

Tuesday & Wednesday at Ada Park, Thursday at Roselle Park

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



Session 4: Wildlife Adventures August 7-9

Tuesday & Wednesday at Ada Park, Thursday at Roselle Park

Learn about wild animals in Michigan. Play some fun games, explore the worlds of mammals, reptiles, fish, amphibians, and birds and get a visit from some special live Michigan wildlife.



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Half-Day Programs 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 with games and a craft.

Jump, Frog, Jump!

Tues. June 19

Roselle Park

Frogs are singing, croaking, and jumping everywhere! Look and listen for frogs around the streams, hop like a frog, make a fun “frog” craft to take home.

Butterflies, Flying Flowers

Wed. July 25

Ada Park

Dress up like a butterfly, learn what caterpillars need to grow up into a beautiful butterfly, make a caterpillar craft.

Backbone Bonanza

Wed. August 15

Roselle Park

Your backbone helps you to stand strong and twist and turn. Learn what other animals have backbones, take a walk in the park to look for them and make a cool craft to take home.



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

Wed. June 20

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

Tues. July 31

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.



Junior Naturalists - for ages 8-11

Times and Locations vary \$5/child

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

Bike-a-thon

Wed. June 20

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Roselle Park

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

Fishing Frenzy

Wed. August 1

10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Ada Park

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



Outdoor Adventurers - for ages 10 – 13

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Locations/costs vary

Challenge yourself as you explore the outdoors in new ways, learn fun outdoor skills, make new friends.

Adventure Challenge

Thurs. June 21

Roselle Park

\$10/youth

Run and bike through the park as you and your team read a map and complete a series of sports and problem-solving challenges. Practice team-work and have fun as you race to the finish line!

Adventure River Trip

Thurs. July 26

Grand River

\$25/youth

Enjoy a river adventure as you paddle a canoe down the Grand River.

Learn paddle strokes, boat control, water safety and teamwork followed by a fun trip down the river. Canoes, paddles and safety gear provided.



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