



To register for any Outdoor Explorers events, please register online at <https://forms.gle/MXpZ1Z9oAkPUjTLs7> then pay at <https://givebutter.com/BCNAOutdoorExplorers> for the amount of the class or combination of classes. Please email Heather Gamm at naturalist@co.bremer.ia.us if you have any questions.

Due to the nature of our activities, there will be no exceptions to the grades listed below. It is our belief that your child needs to be the age listed in order to participate in activities. Please be respectful and sign up accordingly. By waiting another year, your child will be strong enough physically to shoot a bow, paddle a canoe or bike 14 miles with us. Thank you for your understanding. Bremer County Naturalists will teach/lead all sessions.

Outdoor Explorers Beginners

Ensure your child is outside this summer by signing them up to enjoy and learn about the great outdoors! Outdoor activities include: games, dinosaurs, leaves, animal olympics, inventing an animal, using a compass, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, papermaking, and learning about spiders. Your child may take this class 2 years in a row. Most activities will alternate every other year.

Dates and Time: July 1 – 22 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:15 am

Grades: Completed 2nd – 3rd grade

Place: Cedar Bend Park East Shelter (1267 205th Street, Waverly)

Fee: \$30

Outdoor Explorers Intermediate

This is a longer session to provide more hands-on opportunities. Participants will collect wild raspberries, canoe/kayak, fish and bike. Activities will also include geocaching, archery, pellet guns, frisbee golf, slacklining, a digital scavenger hunt using cameras, creating a stepping stone, and a creek stomp.

Dates: July 1 – 22 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Grades: Completed 4th – 5th

Place: Various locations around Waverly

Fee: \$50

Outdoor Explorers Advanced

We plan to kayak the Shell Rock River and bike to Denver on the Waverly Rail Trail.

Dates: Friday, July 9 and 16 from 12:30 – 3:30pm

Grades: Completed 5th – 8th

Place: Various locations

Fee: \$35 for both dates. If you sign up for only one event, the price will be as follows: \$20 for kayaking and \$15 for biking.

Outdoor Explorer Field Trips

These programs offer half day and day-long opportunities to explore our world. Most essential gear will be provided but participants must bring their OWN LUNCH and drinks, especially water. The Bremer County Naturalist(s) will be present during all trips. All participants must meet at the designated locations. Any child may participate even if they haven't been in Outdoor Explorers before. A detailed timeline and list of items to bring will be mailed upon receipt of the registration form.

Black Hawk County Landfill Tour

Where does your garbage go? This is a walking tour of the Black Hawk County Sanitary Landfill (in rural Waterloo). Participants will watch garbage trucks in action, see a variety of items at the small loads area/compost site, and learn about the technology and environmental protections that are put in place to protect people and the environment from waste.

Date: Thursday, June 10

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Age: Completed 3rd grade and up

Fee: \$20

Waverly Archery Club in SE Waverly

Participants will meet at the Waverly Archery Club near Babcock Woods. All equipment will be provided. We will begin our day shooting at a target, then walk through the woods to shoot at the 3D animals.

Date: Thursday, June 17

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am

Age: Completed 4th grade and up

Fee: \$10

Hawkeye Buffalo Ranch and Twin Ponds Nature Center

This group is off to Chickasaw County to get up-close and personal with animals! Participants will take a hay wagon ride in the buffalo pasture and feed the buffalo ears of corn by hand. Then we will travel to the nature center, where we will touch live animals and fish at the pond.

Date: Wednesday, July 21

Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm

Age: Completed 2nd grade and up

Fee: \$30

Rockford Fossil Park near Rockford, Iowa

Travel to the Devonian Age when Iowa was an ocean. That's before the dinosaurs! Participants will tour the Fossil & Prairie Center before going out to look for fossils and possibly hiking to the kilns.

Date: Wednesday, August 4

Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm

Age: Completed 2nd grade and up

Fee: \$20

Extreme Kayaking at Manchester Whitewater Park

CrawDaddy Outdoors will provide all the gear and training for this epic adventure! Participants will meet in Waverly and ride with a naturalist or Darrin Siefken, CrawDaddy Outdoors owner. Bremer & Buchanan County Naturalists will also be able to help carry gear, fasten helmets and aid in the entry/exit points. Minimum number of 5 students must be met. Some kayaking or canoeing experience is preferred.

REGISTER ONLINE for this program only! Here is the link to register.

https://bit.ly/2O21_Whitewater_Kayaking

Date: Tuesday, August 17

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Age: Completed 5th grade and up

Fee: \$40 (Pay online)

Location to meet: Behind CrawDaddy Outdoors or in Manchester

2021 Outdoor Explorers Activities*
Please keep this schedule for your reference.

Outdoor Explorers Beginners

Time: 10:00 – 11:15

	Date	Activity	Location
Day 1	July 1	Nametags/Games	Cedar Bend East Shelter
Day 2	July 6	Dinosaurs	Cedar Bend East Shelter
Day 3	July 8	'Stained Glass' Leaves/Spider Hunt	Cedar Bend East Shelter
Day 4	July 13	Invent an Animal/Animal Olympics	Cedar Bend East Shelter
Day 5	July 15	Papermaking/Recycled Crafts	Cedar Bend East Shelter
Day 6	July 20	Fishing/Canoeing/Kayaking	Three Rivers Park – Duck Pond
Day 7	July 22	Using a Compass	Cedar Bend East Shelter

Outdoor Explorers Intermediate

Time: 1:00 – 3:00

This Outdoor Explorers group will meet at various locations around Waverly. Please be on time for all activities. Children should bring a water bottle and dress to be outdoors which includes tennis shoes.

	Date	Activity	Location
Day 1	July 1	Intros, Wild Berries, Digital Scav. Hunt	Cedar Bend Park
Day 2	July 6	Creek Stomp	South Riverside Park
Day 3	July 8	Frisbee Golf/Slacklining	Brookwood Park
Day 4	July 13	Pellet Guns/Archery/Stepping Stones	Cedar Bend Park
Day 5	July 15	Biking (Bring your bike & helmet.)	South Riverside Park
Day 6	July 20	Fishing/Canoeing/Kayaking	Three Rivers Park – Duck Pond
Day 7	July 22	Geocaching	Around Waverly

Outdoor Explorers Advanced

Time: 12:30 – 3:30

	Date	Activity	Location
Day 1	July 9	Kayaking	Shell Rock River
Day 2	July 16	Biking (Bring your bike & helmet.)	Waverly Rail Trail to Denver

If your child is allergic to anything or has special needs or concerns,
please contact Heather Gamm via cell phone at (319) 231-9640. She can reply with a text.

If the weather is severe, we may cancel. You will be notified via phone. Please make sure we have a phone
number for a babysitter if necessary!

Most equipment will be provided unless noted.

* The dates for activities may change slightly due to availability of special instructors or equipment and
weather. We will notify you of any changes.