What is Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center?

BACKGROUND

Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center (CNC) provides a unique opportunity for you to learn and explore the outdoors. With property on both the Minnesota and Wisconsin sides of the scenic St. Croix River, we are able to preserve wildlife habitat while also providing educational opportunities. Hiking trails wind through the tall pines, oak savanna, restored prairie, wooded ravines, around the apple orchard, and along the river of the 425 acre main property north of Hastings, MN. Wildlife abounds in the restored prairie and wooded bluffs on the 300 acre Wisconsin nature preserve. We invite you to become a member or to visit CNC!

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

At CNC, professional staff conduct quality Environmental Education (EE) programs for over 10,000 participants each year. Programs are designed to enhance learning through hands-on, unique experiences in the “outdoor classroom,” and to allow for a small student to naturalist staff ratio. EE programs are offered for all ages on a variety of topics for every season.

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

Carpenter Nature Center offers a variety of day camps ranging from ‘Single Half-day’ to ‘Week-long Full Day.’ These summer camps at CNC offer children ages 5 and up a unique experience to laugh, play, and learn in nature. The professional staff and trained interns will guide children through interactive, age appropriate, awe inspiring activities including games, crafts, and nature hikes. Join us on a fun-filled adventure this summer and sign up for a camp at CNC!

“Friends of CNC”: Families and their children are eligible for camp discounts if they are current “Friends of CNC” at the “Family” level or above.

Deadline: Space is limited, register early! Registrations will be accepted up to one week prior to program if space is still available.

Activities: All campers will be encouraged to take part in all activities including crafts, games, nature hikes, snacks, etc. Please inform CNC if your child has any condition or allergies which may prevent them from taking part in all camp activities.

Health & Permission Forms: Upon receipt of registration and payment, CNC will mail a checklist of items to bring, health forms, and any applicable permission forms (for off-site activities) prior to camp. Forms are due one week prior to the first day of camp.

Weather Policy: If weather conditions are severe, activities may be altered or postponed if necessary. Adults will be notified if program changes will affect when your child is in the care of CNC staff.

Cancellation Policy: Full refund will be given if cancellations are made at least 2 weeks prior to camp. No refund will be given after that date.

The mission of Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center is to foster appreciation and inspire stewardship of the natural world through environmental education, habitat conservation, and outdoor experiences.

www.carpenternaturecenter.org
Registration Form

Summer Camps 2020

Fishing Fun
(Single half-day adventures for children ages 6-11)

Come to CNC for a half day of fishing fun. Bring your own rod and reel if you have one, or use one provided. The majority of the time will be at the river so please be prepared with a water bottle, snacks, sunscreen, and appropriate clothing.

Dates: June 24 & July 8* (Register for one or both)

Times: 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Program Fee: $35 or $25 for “Friends of CNC” per session

*If your child is registered for the Nature Nuts or Pioneers Day Camp, they can bring a bag lunch and stay for Fishing Fun. They must be registered for Fishing Fun to participate.

Eco-Navigators
(Specialized camps designed to foster an interest in nature for youth ages 10 and older)

Outdoor Skills
(Ages 10+): June 29—July 1

Join us for a new day camp program at CNC! We will be exploring the lives of Reptiles, Amphibians, Mammals, Birds, and Others including insects and other invertebrates.

Times: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Program Fee: $119 or $109 for “Friends of CNC”

Canoe Trip
(Ages 12+): July 28—30

Join CNC naturalists for a three day/two night canoe trip on the Namekagon and St Croix Rivers. We’ll canoe about 17 miles and camp along these rivers. Canoes, paddles, food, cooking equipment, tents, transportation, and PFDs are supplied. Canoeing experience not required.

Times: Tues 9:00 am—Thurs 4:30 pm

Program Fee: $235 or $225 for “Friends of CNC”

Junior Naturalists
(Week long day camps for children ages 5-11)

Nature Nuts
(Ages 5 & 6): June 22—26

Pioneers
(Ages 7 & 8): July 6—10

Make crafts, play games, and explore CNC’s trails everyday as we learn about the many plants and animals that make their home at CNC. Participants must bring their own snacks, and families are invited to a picnic on Friday at noon.

Times: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Program Fee: $105 or $95 for “Friends of CNC”

Explorers
(Ages 9-11): July 20—24

Explore nature with us as we hike, create projects, meet friends, and visit the beach nearly every day. Participants should bring their own bag lunches, snacks, and a water bottle. On Thursday campers will pack up for a canoe adventure at a nearby lake and camp-out at CNC Thursday night through Friday morning. Families are invited to a picnic on Friday at noon.

Times: Mon—Wed 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Program Fee: $169 or $179 for “Friends of CNC”

Canoe Trip
(Ages 12+): June 29 & July 8

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Times: 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

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Child’s Name: ____________________________
Program: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________
Cost: ____________________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $ __________

Adult Name(s): ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City, State, Zip: ____________________________
Telephone: ____________________________
Day: ____________________________
Evening: ____________________________
Email address: ____________________________
Form of payment (circle one):
Cash (in person only)        Check        Credit Card
Card#: ____________________________ exp. __________
CSC/CV - 3 digit code: __________
Signature: ____________________________

Mail registration & payment to:
Carpenter Nature Center
12805 St. Croix Trail S.,
Hastings, MN 55033

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CAMP PROGRAMS

Scholarships may be available. For more information, please call 651-437-4359