



# LISTENING AND LEARNING

Environmental Education is about learning skills, developing character and making friends. It teaches self-reliance, a love for nature and the outdoors and the development of attitudes and practices that build character and leadership.



## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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### WONDERBUG DISCOVERIES (AGES 18 MONTHS- 3 YEARS WITH PARENT) (ACY)

This parent-child nature discovery program is highly sensory-based involving themed storybooks, songs, hands-on time, and outdoor time with exploratory walks through the Purdy Nature Preserve. Each week will focus on a different theme or topic in nature. A portion of each class will be held outdoors, weather permitting, so dress accordingly!

### ECO-KIDS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY)

Join us to learn all about the wonders and beauty of nature! Each class includes an activity, game, story and craft related to the animal theme of the week, as well as time outdoors exploring nature. Please dress for the weather as we will spend a portion of each class outdoors!

### POND ADVENTURES (AGES 4-9 YEARS) (ACY) SUMMER I SESSION ONLY

Learn about frogs, tadpoles, turtles, aquatic insects and more in this hands-on class. Dress to get your feet wet and muddy! Class includes outdoor activities as well as crafts, games, and stories.

### LET'S TAKE A HIKE (AGES 4-9 YEARS) (ACY) SUMMER II SESSION ONLY

Join us for short hikes on the Purdy preserve while we learn each week about different animals that call the preserve their home, including deer, chipmunks, and songbirds. There will be time to explore both on and off the trail and for games and other activities as well!

### ARCHERY 101 (AGES 8-16) (ACY)

Learn the basics of archery in this class including the "11 steps to becoming a successful archer." Class follows the NASP guidelines and is taught by an NASP Certified Instructor. All equipment is provided. Class will be held outdoors.

### ADVANCED ARCHERY (AGES 10-18) (ACY)

This advanced class builds off the lessons learned in Archery 101 and adds further opportunities to improve shooting skills. Participants must have completed Archery 101 at least once and have the instructor's permission before registering. All equipment is provided, but archers may bring their own bows. Class will be held outdoors.

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Wonderbug Discoveries	ACY	18months-3 years	F	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$21	\$35
Eco Kids	ACY	3-5 years	R	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$32	\$46
Pond Adventures	ACY	4-9 years	T	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$32	\$46
Let's Take a Hike	ACY	4-9 years	T	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$32	\$46
Archery 101	ACY	8-16 years	MW	4:30 PM	5:15 PM	\$35	\$45
Advanced Archery	ACY	10-18 years	MW	5:30 PM	6:15 PM	\$35	\$45

### **SCHOOL PROGRAMMING**

The Apple Creek YMCA and Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve is now accepting field trip registrations for the 2017-18 school year for grades K-12. Local schools may book trips on a number of different topics including plants, animals, forestry, pond study and much more. Programs will be tailored to each school's curriculum needs and will be led by YMCA naturalists. Call 733.9622 for details.

### **LEADERS FOR GIRL, BOY AND CUB SCOUTS OR OTHER YOUTH GROUPS**

Scouts of all ages may schedule time with the Naturalist to fulfill requirements for outdoor related try-its, achievements or badges they are working on. Cost for a 1-2 hour session is \$2 per child. Programs can be held at your normal meeting location or at the Y.

### **TEAMBUILDING (ACY)**

Attention Middle School teachers- the Apple Creek YMCA is now offering a 4 1/2 hour teambuilding program for grades 6-8. Please call for more details or to book a date for this high energy, fun filled day! Program can also be altered for High School, College, or Corporate groups.

### **BECOME A PRESERVE VOLUNTEER**

Volunteers are needed for many outdoor related tasks such as mowing, tree trimming, trail maintenance and more. Call 733.9622 for more details on how you can help shape the Bruce B. Purdy Nature Preserve.