

Story County Conservation Nature Camps 2020

Waterbugs

June 8-12, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Naturalists: Bekah Beall, Jerry Keys



Explore the wild, muddy, squishy world of water. Campers will learn how water connects us all as they discover Story County ponds, wetlands, streams, and rivers through hands-on activities, art, stories, games, and journaling. We may visit the following nature areas as weather and water levels allow:

McFarland Park: Pond, prairie, forest, and creek—we'll experience several habitats and the toads, birds, and bugs that live there.

Cooper's Prairie Marsh: This restored marsh northeast of Ames is a natural "jungle" of cattails, sedges, rushes, muskrats, blackbirds, and dragonflies.



****Expect that your child will be VERY wet or dirty when you pick them up (including Monday)****

Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor: We'll flip rocks in the riffles and shallows of the creek, and explore how water moves.

Emma McCarthy Lee Park: Explore a shaded gravel bar and wade the shallows as we discover how our community cares for water.

REMINDERS: * Wear **long pants and closed-toe shoes** (no flip flops) that can get wet and dirty. Hats are recommended. * Bring a **full water bottle** and small backpack. * Story County Conservation staff will not apply bug spray or sun block. Please apply before arrival. * A snack will be provided each day.

IMPORTANT: If your child needs a booster seat while traveling in the van, please label it and leave it with the naturalists on **Tues, Wed, and Thurs** as the campers will be traveling off-site.



Parents and siblings may join us on Friday at 11:00 a.m. for an end of camp celebration at McFarland Park in the Conservation Center.