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Explore Local Waters with Fishing and Nature Camps

Wanna play hooky while school is out? Learn to fish at Riverbend Park’s Freshwater Fishing Fun Camp for 8-to-12 year-olds. Spend a week learning to use tackle, fishing for sunfish and catfish and bass, and learning about catch-and-release fishing. Prices range from \$279 to \$349. Also at Riverbend Park, check out the Fishing Adventures camp, where 12-to-15 year-olds fish from shore and boats using spinning tackle. Seek out smallmouth bass on the Potomac River, journey to the Chesapeake Bay, and get an introduction to fly-fishing, all for \$359 to \$449. Camps start on a variety of dates now until September 2, 2016. To see all of the Fairfax County Park Authority’s aquatic, boating and fishing camps, visit <http://go.usa.gov/xqvEQ>.

Younger kids can check out Reptile Rangers Camp at Huntley Meadows Park. Four-to-six year-olds will spend mornings exploring reptiles and other cold-blooded animals and having fun learning about the cool characteristics of creatures like snakes, turtles, and frogs. Activities include hikes to the wetland, arts and crafts, games, animal encounters, and hands-on activities. The one-week camps start on July 11, August 1, and August 15. The cost is \$190 for county residents, \$205 for out-of-county. Register for this camp at <http://go.usa.gov/xqvmh>.

For six-to-nine year-olds who want to learn more about a very important ecosystem, the Wetlanders Camp at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Huntley Meadows, or Riverbend Park lets campers get wet in streams catching salamanders, crayfish and more. Choose from camps close to you beginning August 1, 15 and 22. Conduct science experiments, explore the amazing properties of water, and get muddy as you figure out how to keep a model community from being flooded. Create fun water crafts, including a hydro bracelet, and play games with Clean Water Partners as a guest presenter. Register for Wetlanders Camp at <http://go.usa.gov/xqvyz>.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center is at 7701 Royce Street in Annandale, Va. The phone number is 703-941-1065. Huntley Meadows is at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. in Alexandria, Va. The park’s number is 703-768-2525. And Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills Street in Great Falls, Va. That park’s phone number is 703-759-9018.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.