

## Young Naturalist Program Schedule

*You can sign up for individual events online for the Young Naturalist Program. We must receive your event registration before the Monday of each week or two weeks before the kayak trip.*

Date	Time	Location	Title	Description
June 28	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Smithville Park	Ecological Connections	Everything in the forest is connected in some way, whether we can see it or not. In this brand new topic, we will explore the interdependence of plants, animals, and fungi and how communication takes place through the “wood wide web.”
July 5	<i>off for holiday</i>			
July 12	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Amico Island	Conservation and Bioethics	We will use maps to navigate to specific locations in the park. At each location, there will be questions relating to some of the most important issues in conservation and bioethics. Students will record their own answers in their journal. A brief discussion will follow with a walk around the red trail.
July 14 or 16	<b>8:30pm</b>	Smith’s Woods	Nocturnal Observations	Take advantage of this special opportunity to explore the park at night! We will be looking for “life that glows” with UV flashlights. Rain date July 16. Participants must bring their own safety goggles.
July 19	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Crystal Lake	Key to ID	Explore the rugged trails of Crystal Lake while using dichotomous keys to correctly identify the flagged species of plants. Wear hiking shoes for steep slopes.
July 26	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Boundary Creek	Butterfly & Pollinator Bioblitz	We will use identification skills from the previous session to perform a biological survey also known as a BioBlitz, focusing on butterflies and other insect pollinators.
Aug 2	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Rancocas Canoe Trail	Kayaking*	Starting at the canoe launch behind BCC, we will kayak 4 miles down the Rancocas Creek, getting a completely different perspective of nature from the water.
August 9	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Long Bridge	Tying it all together	For the last trip, we will use some of the skills acquired throughout the series to tie everything together for a complete outdoor experience.

\*Kayaking fills up fast and always has a precise limited number of allowed participants. **A minimum of 2 previous sessions must be attended** in order to participate in the kayaking session on August 2. There are no kayak lessons offered through the County Parks System. It is highly recommended that the participants have kayaked at least once before attending this trip.