

EARTH RANGERS CAMP

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In summer camp spirit,

Jill Flaherty
Earth Adventures Camp Supervisor



Weekly Field Trip Notes

- FOOD:** Bring a **packed lunch and a water bottle**; drinking water will be provided.
- CLOTHING:** Wear the "Earth Rangers" **t-shirt** for identification purposes; also **WEAR light-weight long slacks, socks and comfortable athletic shoes** for camper comfort in the woods.
- EQUIPMENT:** Please **DO NOT** bring snacks, toys, games or money. Remember to bring stick, lotion or pump **insect repellent** and **sunscreen**.
- WEATHER:** In the event of rainy weather, come to camp with appropriate **rain gear**.
- TRANSPORTATION:** Campers will be traveling by bus from Emily Oaks to field trip sites, and will return to Emily Oaks by 3:15 to be bussed home or picked up by parents as usual at 3:30 p.m.
- OTHER:** Please note that these are all-camp trips. No other program will be held at the camp site.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 14: At 9:45 a.m. your camper will be leaving Emily Oaks Nature Center and traveling by bus to **Fort Sheridan** in Highland Park. There the campers will explore the trails, bluffs and ravines of the forest preserve. Your camper will be returned to Emily Oaks by 3:15 p.m. to be bussed home or picked up by parents as usual at 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21: At 9:45 a.m. your camper will be leaving Emily Oaks Nature Center and traveling by bus to **Somme Woods** in Northbrook. There the campers will participate in an outdoor restoration workshop as volunteers, helping cut brush and/or collect seeds under the guidance of Jeff Weiss, Emily Oaks Nature Center's Land Management Coordinator. Your camper will be returned to Emily Oaks by 3:15 p.m. to be bussed home or picked up by parents as usual at 3:30 p.m. *Please bring an extra water bottle and work gloves.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 25 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26: Your camper is invited to participate in a **campout at Illinois Beach State Park** in Zion. Please bring your camper to Emily Oaks with his/her gear that morning. The Rangers will be bussed to Illinois Beach, where they will camp in a youth group area, explore the trails, and participate in nighttime camp activities. Time permitting, the campers may have the opportunity to swim in Lake Michigan, supervised by our lifeguard-certified canoeing leader. The campers will be returned to Emily Oaks on Wednesday afternoon by 3:00 p.m. to be bussed home or picked up by parents at 3:30 p.m. *Raindate: June 26-27. See separate campout supply list and cookout menu.*

FRIDAY, JUNE 28: At 9:45 a.m. your camper will be leaving Emily Oaks Nature Center and traveling by bus to **Dammrich Rowing Center** in Skokie. There the campers will participate in an all-day canoe trip on the North Branch of the Chicago River. As during canoeing on the Emily Oaks pond, all campers are required to wear a personal floatation device and all equipment will be provided. Your camper will be returned to Emily Oaks by 3:15 p.m. to be bussed home or picked up by parents at 3:30 p.m. *Shorts may be worn on this outing. Bring a hat and sunglasses, if desired.*

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