

# LANDMARK PARK Spring Break Camps 2012

## **Monday, March 26**

The Shape of Things (4-5 year olds)

The natural world is full of different shapes of all types and sizes. Join us as we tour the park's nature trail and boardwalk, exploring various shapes in nature through sight and touch. We will play games and create crafts to emphasize the connections between shapes and nature.

Living History (6-8 year olds)

Spend the morning tending to the farm animals and the garden, doing chores and playing games like children from the early 1900s. Campers will have the chance to meet and feed the animals of Landmark Park and learn about the important roles they played on the farm.

## **Tuesday, March 27**

Get in Touch with Trees (4-5 year olds)

Does the bark of a pine tree feel the same as the bark of an oak tree? Why are some leaves smooth while others have spikes? Come explore your sense of touch and discover why touch is important to all animals, including humans. We will collect different tree parts and discuss the importance of each while meeting new friends and enjoying the park.

What's for Dinner (6-8 year olds)

Have you ever stopped to wonder where the food you eat comes from? We will spend the morning exploring the food webs and food chains found on the Wiregrass Farmstead and in Cedar Creek through games and other activities. The farm animals depend on us for food and water but in the wild it is eat or be eaten!

## **Wednesday, March 28**

Birds of Prey (6-8 year olds)

Landmark Park is home to several different species of birds of prey including hawks and owls. Why do owls hunt only at night while hawks are active during the daytime? We will spend the morning searching for signs of these magnificent birds, including feathers and owl pellets.

The Peppermint Beetle (9-11 year olds)

Animals use their sense of smell in all sorts of ways including scent marking and hunting. Join as we explore all the smells associated with spring. We will identify the importance of the sense of smell for humans as well as the animals calling Landmark Park home. Campers will take part in activities that bring them closer to nature through the exploration of the park's natural resources and exciting science experiments.

## **Monday, April 16**

Animals on the Farm (4-5 year olds)

Spend the morning with Elbert the goat, Janis the cow and

her calf and the other animals that live on the Wiregrass Farmstead. From making a mud puddle for the pigs to giving hay to the mules we will make sure they have what they need all while enjoying games and crafts.

Slithering Snakes (6-8 year olds)

Join us for a reptile adventure and learning experience as we explore the importance of reptiles in conservation and the ecosystem along with our scaly friend's homes, diets, and their often confusing behavior. We will discover the different habitats around Landmark Park and learn important facts like how to differentiate between venomous and non-venomous snakes, how to handle a snake encounter, and how to identify potential snake habitat. Campers will also enjoy getting to know our endangered Indigo snake and lively corn snake.

## **Tuesday, April 17**

Animal Charades (4-5 year olds)

Chickens beat their wings, cows chew their cud and the mules swoosh their tails. The animals on the farmstead and the animals near Cedar Creek all have behaviors unique to them. Some animals even mimic the behaviors and movements of other animals to stay safe. Spend the morning exploring animals and the special ways they communicate, hunt for food and defend themselves through movements.

Trees as Habitats (6-8 year olds)

From their leafy branches to their tangled roots, trees provide a habitat for a host of plants and animals. This camp will inspect various tree species throughout the park and identify the types of birds, insects, and mammals that live on or around the tree. We will discover how plants and animals depend on trees in many ways through games, crafts and other activities

## **Wednesday, April 18**

Now You See Me, Now You Don't! (6-8 year olds)

Camouflage is a tool used by many animals to keep safe and hidden from predators looking for a meal. Spend the morning searching for hidden animals found around Cedar Creek and discover the wonder of how camouflage and other survival techniques help to keep animals safe.

The Fallen Log (9-11 year olds)

We all have the opportunity to recycle plastic, paper and aluminum, but did you know some of the world's greatest recyclers live in the woods? Spend the morning gaining an understanding of how decomposition takes place as we develop a better appreciation for microhabitats and communities. By exploring dead and decaying plant matter throughout the park's forest we will have fun digging, collecting and exploring in new and unfamiliar areas.

# Learning has never been this much fun!

During March 26-28 and April 16-18, day camp programs will be offered at Landmark Park. All sessions begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon. The cost of each program for members is \$15 (\$20 for general public), which includes all instructional materials. Children may be registered for more than one session. Camps are limited to 15 children per session, and all registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration for Landmark Park members begins Monday, February 13 at 9 a.m. in the Interpretive Center. Registration opens to the general public on Monday, February 20 at 9 a.m. You may register by mail, phone or in person. Please use the registration form included with this brochure, making separate copies for each child. The registration fee(s) must accompany the form in order to reserve a space for your child. For more information, contact the park office at 334-794-3452.

## Registration Form

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Payment:

check (payable to LANDMARK PARK)

Mastercard

Visa

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with check or credit card info to: SPRING BREAK CAMPS, Landmark Park, P.O. Box 6362, Dothan, AL 36302

Please make copies of this form if necessary. ONE PERSON PER FORM.

### MEDICAL RELEASE (Please read and sign)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the Landmark Park Spring Break Day Camps. In case of an accident requiring medical treatment, I authorize my child to receive such treatment as the attending medical personnel deem appropriate. I also agree not to hold the Dothan Landmarks Foundation or any persons acting in its behalf responsible for injuries suffered by my child during activities sponsored by the Dothan Landmarks Foundation.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_