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KIDS EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS AT NATURE CAMPS IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARKS THIS SUMMER

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Does your child enjoy discovering nature and exploring the outdoors? Then St. Charles County Parks' nature camps are the perfect place for them to experience it all this summer!



Children ages 7–12 can choose from full- and half-day sessions at three different St. Charles County Parks.

The fun begins the week of June 11–15 with an all-day Nature Camp adventure at Indian Camp Creek Park near Wentzville. Youth ages 9-12 discover nature using sensory awareness and science with safe, hands-on experimental activities. Participants will take a hike, explore a creek, build a shelter, find wild edibles, discover their crafty side, play games, and make new friends along the way! Campers meet daily from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. and should bring a water bottle and sack lunch each day except on Friday, when camp counselors prepare a special lunch for everyone. Cost of camp is \$100 and registration is required. Wear closed-toe shoes every day and be prepared to get wet and dirty. The camp is held outdoors, rain or shine.

For the younger kids, join us for two week-long, half-day Park Explorer Kids Club programs, June 18–22 at Broemmelsiek Park near Defiance and on July 9–13 at Quail Ridge Park near Wentzville. Children ages 7–11 learn about the environment, prairies, trails, and waterways through nature-themed games, crafts, activities, and special friends of the park. Explorers meet daily from 8:30–11:30 a.m. and will receive a special lunch prepared by camp counselors on Friday. Cost of camp is \$45 per person and registration is required. Each session is limited to 24 participants. Wear closed-toe shoes every day and be prepared to get wet and dirty. The camp is held outdoors, rain or shine.

To register for Nature Camp and or Park Explorer Kids Club summer camps, call the parks department at 636-949-7535 or register online at www.stccparks.org. When registering online, click on the “Activity Registration” and browse through the list of events for your favorite camps.

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About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department offers unique parks, diverse facilities and a broad range of programs and special events for all ages. The County currently operates 12 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and The Historic Daniel Boone Home. Veterans Tribute Park, our newest park development between Pitman Hill and Kisker roads is expected to open in 2018.



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For more information and specifics about each park, visit www.stccparks.org.

About St. Charles County

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County.

Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including Citi, MasterCard Worldwide, Boeing and General Motors. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop.

For more information, please visit www.sccmo.org.