

Dan Nicholas Park Nature Center

2015 Summer Day Camps

For summer 2015 we have revamped our day camps to make them more exciting than ever. You can pick and choose which day camp topic interests you the most. You can spend the day learning how to be a professional animal keeper and take care of native North Carolina animals (and a few exotics), spend the day learning more about the earth with fun-packed study of the earth sciences, or spend the day learning outdoor survival skills and how to really get back to nature.

We will limit each day camp to 20 participants, rising 4th – 8th grades only.

A \$20 daily fee includes lunch/snacks. Day camps run from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Drop off at the big parking lot by the playground.

Contact Mike Lambert 704-216-7833 or Michael.Lambert@rowancountync.gov

June 24th

AMATEUR ANIMAL KEEPER DAY CAMP - Learn how professionally trained animal keepers do their jobs.

Shadow animal keepers doing their daily routines; prepare animal diets; clean animal habitats and stalls; learn about animal enrichment/make paper mache balls to stuff with treats and goodies; take a behind the scenes tour at bears; make animal paintings and see animals using their creative talents; hear a veterinarian talk about animal care and disease prevention; watch a snake handling demonstration; watch a raptor handling demonstration.

July 15th

EARTH EXPLORER DAY CAMP - Learn All About The Earth with Fun study of Earth Sciences

Geology – experience finding your own stones and gems at the Gem Mine sluice
Biology – learn about native animals; see a live reptile program; see a live raptor program; see a live mammal program; touch and hold some program animals
Hydrology – learn about water quality on a stream walk; ride paddle boats on Lake Murtis; get wet in the splash pad (bring swim suit and towel)

July 29th

OUTDOOR SKILLS/WILDERNESS SURVIVAL DAY CAMP – Learn outdoor and wilderness survival skills and secrets

Learn by doing basic outdoor/survival skills – outdoor survival basics; wilderness hiking; tracking and animal signs; flint knapping; primitive weapons, shelters and tools; finding water; compass navigation; learn to identify venomous animals and poisonous plants