



Connect Kids with Nature



Nature Guelph, in close partnership with the Grand River Conservation Authority, provide two hands-on education programs for young nature lovers: Young Naturalists (ages 6–10) and Naturalists-in-Training (ages 11–16). Each program is offered in two sessions: Fall/Winter and Winter/Spring.

All activities run at the Guelph Lake Nature Centre (unless otherwise noted) and are administered by the talented staff at the Nature Centre along with enthusiastic Nature Guelph volunteers.

Guelph Lake Nature Centre

7677 Conservation Road, Guelph, Ontario N1H 6J1

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering with Nature Guelph to help deliver these programs, please contact youthprograms@natureguelph.ca

Close up. Hands on.

Nature Guelph
Youth Programs 2018–19



Young Naturalists (NATs)

Ages 6–10

Fall/Winter 2018

\$50

- Sep. 29 Impressive Insects**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Discover a wide diversity of insects as we explore the meadow and forest.
- Oct. 13 Edibles Wilds**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Identify some of our easy-to-find, local edible plants.
- Oct. 27 Caving**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Explore the curious caves at Rockwood Conservation Area.
- Nov. 10 The Grand Escape**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Our very own twist on the Escape Room adventure!
- Nov. 24 Sciensational Ssnakes!**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Join us for a hands-on experience with reptiles and amphibians.
- Dec. 8 Winter Birds & Banding**
9:00 am–11:00 am Dave Lamble will teach us how to band some of our resident birds.
- Dec. 29 Christmas Bird Count for Kids**
9:00 am–11:00 am Participate in an awesome citizen science project and test your birding skills!

Winter/Spring 2019

\$60

- Jan. 12 Winter Tree Identification**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Take a walk in a winter wonderland and get to know the trees.
- Jan. 26 Tracking & Porcupine Hunt**
10:00 am–12:00 pm During this winter tracking adventure, we will look for porcupines at The Arboretum.
- Feb. 9 Predator-Prey Game**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Become an animal in the food chain and find out what it takes to survive.
- Feb. 23 Snowshoe Hike & Owl Prowl**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Enjoy a peaceful winter evening walk on snowshoes, and call for owls along the way.
- Mar. 9 Campfire Social**
11:00 am–1:00 pm Enjoy games, stories, and tasty campfire treats. Bring along the whole family!
- Mar. 23 Maple Syrup**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Details to be confirmed.
- Apr. 6 Turtle Day**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Let's meet some of Ontario's turtles and find out what we can do to help them!
- Apr. 19 Frog Frolic**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Wade into the swamp at The Arboretum to find some of our spring singers.

Naturalists-in-Training (NITs)

Ages 11–16

Fall/Winter 2018

\$50

- Sep. 29 Edible Wilds, Natural Dyes and Other Human Uses for Plants**
10:00 am–12:00 pm We'll make cordage, dye fabrics with plants, and taste yummy wild delicacies!
- Oct. 13 To Be Confirmed**
- Nov. 10 Buddy Teaching & The Escape**
9:30 am–11:30 am Help us organize and run a fun escape room activity for our NATs.

- Dec. 8 Bird Banding**
9:00 am–11:00 am Dave Lamble will help us band some of our resident feeder birds.

- Dec. 29 Christmas Bird Count for Kids**
9:00 am–11:00 am Participate in an awesome citizen science project and test your birding skills!

Winter/Spring 2019

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- Jan. 12 Survival Skills**
10:00 am–12:00 pm What would you do if you were lost in the woods in a life-or-death situation?
- Feb. 9 Predator-Prey Game with NATs**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Become an animal in the food chain and find out what it takes to survive.
- Mar. 9 Geocaching & Campfire Social**
11:00 am–1:00pm A family geocaching adventure followed by games, stories, and tasty campfire treats.
- Apr. 6 Invasive Species**
10:00 am–12:00 pm Aliens surround us! Learn about what you can do to stop their spread.

Check out our website for event updates and special considerations for attire and equipment. For more information and to register: natureguelph.ca/programs/kids-programs

