

# Group Field Trip Offerings Summer 2021



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Tamarack summer field trips are back! Although times remain challenging, we have pulled together a few offerings to help get your groups outside. As lower capacity and higher restrictions are in place due to the ongoing pandemic, we will continue to err on the side of safety. Please be as flexible as you can when registering.

- ➔ Registration begins Monday, April 5, at 9 a.m. Please call (651) 266-0360. Leave a message if necessary. Calls will be returned in the order received.
- ➔ We will accommodate groups on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays only
- ➔ Discovery Hollow and other self-guide field trip options can be booked for June 8 – August 26, 2021
- ➔ All other field trips can be booked for July 5 – August 19, 2021

## Important Things to Know Before Scheduling:

- **BUILDING IS CLOSED** – Our building remains closed, so there will be no indoor facilities available. All activities are conducted outside this summer.
- **OUTDOOR RESTROOMS** – We have outdoor porta-potties available in key locations around the building, play areas, and garden. Indoor restrooms are not available at this time.
- **DISCOVERY HOLLOW NATURE PLAY AREA** – Discovery Hollow is available to groups by reservation only; access will be limited. This space is heavily used by the public, day camp, and visiting groups simultaneously. We highly recommend face coverings for everyone in Discovery Hollow, but we will not be able to enforce masks or physical distancing in this space. Please do not use Discovery Hollow without a reservation.
- **FACE COVERINGS** – We are asking all groups to be prepared to wear face coverings that cover the nose and mouth at certain times during their visit. If you have specific questions about requirements, please contact us.
  - **Arrival** – everyone should be wearing a face covering for their meet-and-greet with our staff
  - **Program** – everyone should be wearing a face covering; breaks will be provided
  - **Discovery Hollow** – we highly recommend face coverings for everyone
  - **Self-Guided Trails** – use of face coverings is at the group leader's discretion
- **ADULT CHAPERONE REQUIREMENT** – To help manage physical distancing and mask recommendations, we are asking all youth groups registered for a program to bring 2 adults for every 12 kids. Discovery Hollow and self-guided groups will need a minimum of 1 adult for every 10 kids.
- **GROUP SIZE LIMITS** – We can serve groups of up to 56 people (kids and adults) in some capacity as space and resources allow. Not every field trip option is available to every group size, and the calendar will dictate availability. Please read the offerings carefully and get on our calendar early.
- **GROUP LEADER CONTACT INFORMATION REQUIRED** – Please provide contact information (name, phone, email) for the person(s) leading your group on field trip day at least 2 weeks before your scheduled visit.
- **PAYMENT DUE 2 WEEKS BEFORE VISIT** – If there is a fee associated with your field trip option, payment will be due at least 2 weeks before your visit. We accept checks and credit card payments. If you cannot meet this payment deadline, please make a plan with us in advance.
- **CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS** – Groups may cancel up to 2 weeks before a scheduled field trip and receive a refund; a 20% cancellation fee will be charged. No refunds for cancellations made less than 2 weeks ahead. (Exceptions will be made for extreme circumstances like severe weather and COVID-related issues.)
- **SIGNED AGREEMENT** – As part of the scheduling process, we ask each group to review and electronically sign a user agreement. Completing this agreement tells us you have read and understand the field trip requirements, and that your group agrees to enforce these procedures and policies while visiting Tamarack Nature Center.

## **Field Trip Options for PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- **Option A:** Play Time in Discovery Hollow
- **Option B:** Nature Escapades Program
- **Option C:** Self-Guided Trail Time
- **Option D:** Nature Play + Nature Escapades Program
- **Option E:** Nature Play + Self-Guided Trail Adventure

### **Option A: Play Time in Discovery Hollow**

**Group Size:** up to 28 people (kids and adults)

**Length:** 2 hours

**Time:** 10 a.m. – Noon OR 1 – 3 p.m.

**Available:** June 8 – August 26; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday only

*If your group is looking for playtime in Discovery Hollow Nature Play Area, this option is for you! Shelter-building, climbing, water fun, sand play, and garden exploration are all at your fingertips in this popular play space.*

### **Option B: Nature Escapades Program**

**Group Size:** up to 28 people (kids and adults); minimum 2 adults per 12 kids

**Length:** 45-90 minutes, depending on age and group needs

**Time:** 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.

**Available:** July 6 – Aug 19; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday only

*Get ready...our naturalists are taking you on an outdoor adventure! We have a variety of fun-filled activities and hikes to serve a variety of groups, preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Play games, explore trails and habitats, and maybe even plant some seeds! **NOTE:** This option does not include time in Discovery Hollow Nature Play Space and Garden.*

### **Option C: Self-Guided Trail Time**

**Group Size:** up to 28 people (kids and adults); minimum 1 adult per 10 kids

**Length:** 2 hours

**Time:** 10 a.m. – Noon OR 1 – 3 p.m.

**Available:** July 6 – Aug 19; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday only

*Here is a budget-friendly way to take a field trip to Tamarack this summer. Explore Tamarack trails and spaces on your own adventure, or we have a selection of free scavenger hunts that will help engage your group during their exploration. **NOTE:** This option does not include time in Discovery Hollow Nature Play Space and Garden.*

### **Option D: Nature Play + Nature Escapades Program**

**Group Size:** up to 56 people (kids and adults); minimum 2 adults per 12 kids

**Length:** 2 hours

**Time:** 10 a.m. – Noon OR 1 – 3 p.m.

**Available:** July 6 – Aug 19; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday only

*Combine options A & B for the best of both worlds. Play in Discovery Hollow AND enjoy a Nature Escapade program with our Naturalists. For this option, everyone will get to experience both offerings, but please be prepared to split your group into smaller pods that can rotate through different activities during the two hours.*

### **Option E: Nature Play + Self-Guided Trail Time**

**Group Size:** up to 56 people (kids and adults); minimum 1 adult per 10 kids

**Length:** 2 hours

**Time:** 10 a.m. – Noon OR 1 – 3 p.m.

**Available:** July 6 – Aug 19; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday only

*Combine options A & C for another best-of-both-worlds opportunity. Play in Discovery Hollow AND explore Tamarack trails on your own adventure. We have a selection of free scavenger hunts that will help engage your group during their exploration. For this option, everyone will get to experience both offerings, but please be prepared to split your group into smaller pods that can rotate through different elements throughout the 2 hours.*

## **Field Trip Options for Older Kids & Adults**

- **Option F:** Orienteering Adventure
- **Option G:** Back-to-Basics Nature Walk

### **Option F: Orienteering Adventure**

**Age:** 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up, great for teen and adult groups too

**Group Size:** up to 28 people (kids and adults); minimum 2 adults for every 12 kids

**Length:** 90 minutes

**Time:** 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.

**Available:** July 6 – Aug 19; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday only

*Looking for a challenging outdoor adventure? Try orienteering! Participants learn to read and interpret a map, use a compass, and then work in teams to find their way along a designated route. Success requires teamwork, effective communication, and decision-making skills to navigate the landscape.*

### **Option G: Back-to-Basics Nature Walk**

**Age:** Teen and adult groups

**Group Size:** up to 28 people (kids and adults); minimum 2 adults for every 12 teens

**Length:** 1 hour

**Time:** 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.

**Available:** July 6 – Aug 19; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday only

*What bird just called? Which animal walked or snacked here? Whose scat is that? What's blooming in the prairie? Curious kids and adults look no further...enjoy a naturalist-led nature walk to find out about flora, fauna, and phenomena of the season.*

## **Animal Outreach Programs for All Ages**

### **Option H: Animal Outreach Program**

**Age:** All ages, great for youth and adult groups

**Group Size:** up to 30 people (kids and adults)

**Length:** 45 minutes

**Time:** 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.

**Available:** July 6 – Aug 19; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday only

*Not enough time or resources to schedule a field trip? Let us come to you! Tamarack's professional naturalists can come to your site and deliver a 45-minute program catered to your group's age and needs. Live animal ambassadors – turtles, salamanders, snakes - will be the stars of the show! **NOTE:** We are not doing indoor programs at this time; group must provide an outdoor space at their site for this program. Face coverings required for all participants.*

## 2021 Summer Field Trip Fees

2021 Summer Field Trips to Tamarack Nature Center Groups up to 28 people (kids and adults)					
	PreK – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade			Older Kids & Adults	
# of people (kids & adults)	OPTION A: Nature Play Only	OPTION B: Nature Escapades Program	OPTION C: Self-Guided Trail Time	OPTION F: Orienteering Adventure	OPTION G: Back-to-Basics Nature Walk
12 or fewer	\$24	\$78	FREE	\$78	\$78
13 – 20	\$32	\$104	FREE	\$104	\$104
21 – 28	\$48	\$156	FREE	\$156	\$156

2021 Summer Field Trip to Tamarack Nature Center Groups up to 56 people (kids and adults)		
	PreK – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
# of people (kids & adults)	OPTION D: Nature Play + Nature Escapades Program	OPTION E: Nature Play + Self-Guided Trail Time
12 or fewer	\$102	\$24
13 - 20	\$136	\$32
21 – 30	\$212	\$50
31 – 40	\$298	\$70
41 – 56	\$382	\$90

2021 Summer Outreach Programs Groups up to 30 people (kids and adults)	
	All Ages
# of people (kids & adults)	OPTION H: Animal Outreach Program
15 or fewer	\$125 + travel fee (\$20-30)
16-30*	\$200 + travel fee (\$20-30)
*Larger groups will split into smaller pods for 2 back-to-back programs.	



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