



MAJESTIC VIEW

NATURE CENTER

15 YEARS

SUMMER 2017 PROGRAMS

Most programs require registration online

JULY 2017 CLASSES

Disappearing Wildlife: MVNC Campfire Series

Thursday, July 6, 6:30-8 p.m.
All ages, \$5/person, \$15/family.

Bring the whole family to learn about endangered species up close and personal! Did you know the three species most at risk of this illegal activity are tigers, rhinos and elephants? Kids and adults will be amazed to see confiscated wildlife items, and experts from U.S. Fish and Wildlife tell all about the illegal items coming in and out of our ports. You will also learn about the Native American Eagle Feather Program. Take in this fascinating topic fireside, and roast a marshmallow to end the program. Sign up in advance.

Telescope Night

Friday, July 7, After dark.
All ages, Free.

If the clouds are few and far between, look for Naturalists from Majestic View Nature Center and Lookout Mountain Nature Center down in Olde Town near the water fountain. We will have a telescope pointed to the coolest celestial body in the sky that night. Come take a peek!

Garden Insects – The Good, the Bad & the Ugly

Saturday, July 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Adults & Teens, \$5.

Are bugs in your garden eating your vegetables, nibbling your roses? Do you miss the butterflies? Learn the difference between beneficial and harmful insects from a CSU-trained Master Gardener. Review the best and least environmentally harmful methods to deal with pests and how to attract more pollinators and other beneficial to your garden. Sign up in advance.

Walking With Nature

2nd Wednesday of the summer months. Gather at 6:15 p.m., start at 6:30 p.m. All ages, \$3/person, \$9/family.
July 12, Churches Ranch
Meet at Bird's Nest Disc Golf Park, 17925 West 64th Parkway

Join Arvada native, Dean Bernard, on a walk along one of Arvada's 150 miles of trails. Adults and children will enjoy walking at a casual pace lasting 1- 1 ½ hours. Dean has lots of stories about the history of the area. We will be watching and learning about the urban wildlife that we might run across. Dress for the weather and be sure to bring water. Pre-register so that we have a way of contacting you in case the walk needs to be rescheduled because of weather.

Enchanted Garden Picnic and Tour 🍷

Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
All ages, Free.

Bring the whole family to bask in the sunny garden and take time to sniff the flowers. Costumed pixies and butterflies, gnomes and elves welcome! Kids will enjoy seed planting, flower themed crafts, and hands on learning in the garden. Adults will be interested in a tour of the Majestic View gardens by a CSU Master Gardener. Enjoy a festive snack and drink as we learn to appreciate the marvelous work of Mother Nature

and her green thumbed helpers. Sign up in advance.

Tennis and Nature Camp with Apex

Monday-Friday, July 17-21, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Ages 6-13 yrs., \$130/\$145.

Meet at the Majestic View Park tennis courts for an hour of tennis instruction, drills, and games. Then off to the Nature Center for fun, hands-on educational nature activities. Pickup is back at the courts. Register with the Apex Tennis Center at **303-420-1210** or michelec@apexprd.org.

Mad Science Camp: Super Sleuth Academy

Monday-Friday, July 24-28, 9 a.m.-12/4 p.m.
Ages K-6th Grade., \$199 half/\$289 full day.

James Bond? MacGyver? Austin Powers? Do you think you have what it takes to discover "who done it"? If so, this camp is for you! Secret communications and detective crime science, the inner workings of security systems, and even mysteries to solve are part of this exciting week. Each day we seek out and find the answer to many of life's mysteries! Sign up in advance.

Horses and Naay-ture at The Arvada Indoor Equestrian Center

Monday-Friday, July 24-28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Ages 5-8 yrs., \$435.

Get hands-on with horses while you gain experience on how to be safe and have fun. Our day camps cover a wide range of topics from riding and vaulting to barn management. Enjoy some time with the horses, then an hour connecting with nature through fun and educational activities with Majestic View Nature Center staff. This camp is a great way to get outdoors, exercise, and learn, all while building self-confidence. The Arvada Indoor Equestrian Center (7650 Indiana St., Arvada 80007) is devoted to educating all equine enthusiasts. Call **720-394-0191** to register.

Tai Chi at Majestic View

Mondays, July 24- August 28.
Beginning 6:15-7:15 p.m., **Continuing** 5-6 p.m.
Adults, \$60 for 6-week session.

Adapted from the Sun form, this Tai Chi is slow, easy flowing and centering. Join us outside in the beautiful setting of the gardens and lake at Majestic View (or inside the Nature Center if inclement weather). Bring water and wear comfortable clothes. Patricia Douglas is certified through Tai Chi for Health Institute. Register in advance.

Drop in Discovery

First Thursday and Third Monday at 10 a.m.
All ages, Free.

Investigate the amazing natural world from the Nature Center. Explore different themes using hands on activities, books, puzzles, crafts, and other interactive items. No need to sign up in advance, just swing by and enjoy!

"Oh No! Is my class available?"

Please register at least three days in advance to allow instructors sufficient time to prepare.

Classes that do not meet the minimum registration three days before class may be canceled. www.arvada.org/nature.

SEPTEMBER 2017 CLASSES

Telescope Nights

Friday, September 1, After dark.
All ages, Free.

See July's Programs for description.

Monarch Warrior Workshop

Saturday, September 2, – 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
All ages, Free.

Did you know that the Monarch population has declined by 90% in the last 20 years? Small changes in our lives could make big differences for America's most iconic butterfly. Come anytime between 10-12:30 to this open house, or stay for the whole time. Festivities include information sessions on monarch and milkweed biology and conservation updates, touring the butterfly plants in the garden with a CSU Master Gardener, butterfly and plant experts from the Butterfly Pavilion, face painting, butterfly game and crafts, giveaways, and more! The butterflies need you! Sign up in advance.

Hands Dirty Feet Wet – Outdoor Nature Playdates

Tuesday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
All ages, Free.

See July's Programs for description.

Explore the Ocean through Art

Wednesdays, September 13-November 15, 4-5:30 p.m.
Ages 6-12 yrs., \$90 for 10-week session.

The ocean is one big artistic masterpiece: spiraling tails of sea horses, colors of the reefs, sharp lines of fins and whimsical tentacles. Splash into fun as you learn to draw, paint, and sculpt using the wealth of life from the ocean as inspiration. Bring a healthy after-school snack. Instructor: David Sullivan.

Preschool Fun with Animals

Wednesdays, September 13-October 4, 10-10:45 a.m.
Ages 3-6 yrs., \$18 for four-week session.

Jody Weiland teaches about butterflies, frogs, raccoons and bears. Enjoy a glimpse into their wonderful worlds, using books, stories, crafts, and games. Sign up early!

Walking With Nature

2nd Wednesday of the summer months. Gather at 6:15 p.m., start at 6:30 p.m. All ages, \$3/person, \$9/family.

September 13, Growing up in Arvada in the 50's

Meet at the Olde Town Plaza, 5726 Olde Wadsworth Blvd.

See July's Programs for description.

Growing Great Garlic

Tuesday, September 19, 7-8:30 p.m.
Adults, \$10.

The secret to delicious lasagna, hummus, and mashed potatoes? Garlic of course. October is a good time to plant garlic, so come learn about good varieties for the Front Range, growing techniques, and storage tips. Taste a few different garlic preparations and leave with some scrumptious recipes to try. Taught by Pioneer Farmsteads. Sign up in advance.

Cosmos Campfire: MVNC Campfire Series

Wednesday, September 20, 7-8:30 p.m.
All ages, \$5/person, \$15/family.

Bring your sense of cosmic wonder as we search the night sky for planets, star clusters, and constellations. Let fellow naturalists from Lookout Mountain Nature Center help increase your celestial knowledge to make your own discoveries from any backyard. Please bring blankets to lie on for star-gazing and dress for cooler night temps. Sign up in advance. Note the time, as it is later than normal.

Treasure Hunting - Gold Panning for Beginners

Saturday, September 23, 9-11 a.m.
Ages 6 yrs. – adult, \$12.

Honor Arvada's historic gold strike by joining Johnny Walker from Clear Creek Prospecting Supply to search for precious metals in Clear Creek. Learn about the history of gold in Colorado, local geology, and mineral identification from a life-long prospecting enthusiast! Enjoy the beauty of the creek as it rushes on to Arvada and whatever you find, you keep, including the love of panning and treasure hunting! Meet at the parking area at Denny's (3291 Youngfield Service Rd, Golden, CO 80401) and if the weather is bad, pan for gold right from the comfort of Majestic View Nature Center. Sign up in advance, and come ready to get wet.

Arvada's History, Then and Now

Tuesday, September 26, 6:30-8 p.m.
All ages, Free.

Take an armchair journey back in time as we reveal Arvada's history. This fascinating power-point presentation features the still visible Native American artifacts from this area, revisits our farming roots, harkens back to the time of the Wadsworth Drive-in theater, and the last stop is present day as we know our city with its complex infrastructure. A great way to reconnect with the area's past, and understand how we got where we are today! Sign up in advance.

Now I See You, Now I Don't

Saturday, September 30, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Ages 3-6 yrs., \$5.

Explore one of nature's greatest defenses - camouflage! Who is lurking in the tall grasses? Who defies discovery in the pile of leaves? It's amazing what animals might be right under your nose! Kids will delight in using their keen eyesight to try to unmask nature's best magicians. Taught by Charlotte Sandkuhler. Sign up in advance.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Water Wise! The Science and Conservation of Water - Outreach

Free for Arvada 6th grade classes. Topics include: the importance of water, the water cycle, Arvada resident water use and source, conserving water. Students conduct a water conservation contest at home. Teachers, call us to set up a presentation in your classroom.

Elementary Exploration Program

A Scientific & Cultural Facilities District Tier III grant assists in funding this program, a Pre-K-6th grade science curriculum in which students learn environmental education concepts utilizing the 80-acre park and facilities. Students participate in multiple hands-on activities. Topics are specific to grade level and science standards based.



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Wild Wonders - Pre-K and K May include Butterflies, My Five Senses, Feathered Friends, or How Do Plants Grow?

Amazing Animals - 1st and 2nd grades May include Fascinating Fish Facts, Meet a Mammal, Amphibians and Reptiles, or What Makes a Bird a Bird?

Incredible Insects - 3rd grade May include What Makes an Insect?, Life Cycles, Insects Up Close and Personal, Insect Safari, or Critter Trail.

Ecosystem Experience - 4th through 6th grades May include Exhibit Round Robin, Mammals Study, Wetland Walk, Prairies, or Enviroscope.

Elementary Exploration is offered weekday mornings and can accommodate up to 70 students per program. The cost is \$4.00 per student.

Call **720-898-7405** for further information and to schedule a field trip for your group.