

# Nearby Nature

## Summer Daycamps Summary



- Small classes, max 12 kids, ages 3-11
- Experienced educators, all outdoors
- Week-long camps, half and full day options
- Nature, adventure, discovery, art, science, play
- Home base for most camps Alton Baker Park
- Flexible early arrival/late pickup for most camps
- Member discounts and scholarships available!
- Information/Costs: 541-687-9699 or [nearbynature.org/daycamps](http://nearbynature.org/daycamps)
- COVID-19 Safety Policies at [nearbynature.org/covid-safety-plans](http://nearbynature.org/covid-safety-plans)

### Key to Summary

- ❖ = All Day Camp
- ◆ = Half Day Camps that can be linked by free Lunch Care to make Full Day Camp
- ⊗ = Bilingual Spanish & English
- = Full Spanish Immersion
- ▷ = Bike Camps

Minnows = ages 3-4

Dragonflies = ages 4-5

Tree Frogs = ages 6-8

Blue Herons = ages 8-11

### June 21-25

**HOOT, HOWL & HUM (Dragonflies)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Celebrate the sounds of nature in this naturally noisy camp. Hoot like owls, howl like coyotes, and hum like bees! Play in our Sound Garden and tap out tunes on instruments you make from recycled and natural materials.

◆ **TINY WORLDS (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Take an up-close look at nature nearby – on a tiny scale! Use magnifiers and microscopes to check out the wild and wiggly world in a drop of water, dig in the dirt to discover the micro-critters who live beneath your feet, and discover how trees talk! *\*Combine this camp with Call of the Wild in the afternoon for an all-day experience!*

◆ **CALL of the WILD (Tree Frogs)**, 1-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Release your inner actor, comedian, or musician in this fun nature theater camp! Spend the week acting like animals, singing songs, and playing theater games in the Hazelnut Hollow. Make music on our Star Stage, create masks from recycled and natural materials, and explore the wild side of the park on a float down the canoe canal! *\*Combine this camp with Tiny Worlds in the morning for an all-day experience!*

❖ **RAPTORS and the RIDGELINE (Blue Herons)**, 9am-4pm, Ridgeline Trail (morning) and Cascades Raptor Center (afternoon): Discover where raptors roam in real life as you hike and explore along the Ridgeline Trail each morning with staff from Nearby Nature. In the afternoon, hang out with Cascades Raptor Center staff and learn about all-things-raptor through games, art, and meetings with real live hawks, owls, and more! *Note: Kids in this camp must be prepared, with proper footwear, and excited to go on daily hikes of one- three miles along the Ridgeline Trail.*

## **June 28-July 2**

**INCHWORMS (Minnows)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Dig in the dirt, taste garden goodies, and hunt for creepy-crawlies in the Learnscape. Wiggle like worms, sing songs with Bella Butterfly, and create colorful plant art!

**FURRY & FANTASTIC (Dragonflies)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Beavers and squirrels and moles, oh my! Learn about park mammals as you hunt for hidden homes, search for tracks and traces, and check out real animal pelt and bone specimens. Tell critter tales and create wild animal art!

◆ **CREEPY CRAWLY SLITHERY SLIMY (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Snakes and lizards and spiders, oh my! Discover all that slithers, crawls, and creeps in the park. Check out real reptiles and amphibians up close, create slippery-slimy crafts, and weave a giant spider web! *\*Combine this camp with Mess with Mud in the afternoon for an all-day experience!*

◆ **MESS with MUD (Tree Frogs)**, 1-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Discover what's going on in the world beneath your feet through the magic of mud. Mix it, model it, squish it, and shake it! Learn about Oregon geology, go on a park fossil hunt, and make critters out of clay. *\*Combine this camp with Creepy Crawly Slithery Slimy in the morning for an all-day experience!*

## **July 5-9**

◆ **FLUTTER & FLOAT (Dragonflies)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Get up and go as you look for critters that float on water or flutter through air. Build a mini boat from natural materials, catch bugs, watch birds in the Learnscape Nest, and create fanciful wings. *\*Combine this camp with Natural Treasures in the afternoon for an all-day experience!*

◆ **NATURAL TREASURES (Dragonflies)**, 1-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Dig into nature's treasure chest as we create finger paints from flowers, Earth Art from our stones and cones collection, and critters from cool stuff we find in the forest. Enjoy edible art

created from Learnscope Garden goodies! *\*Combine this camp with Flutter and Float in the morning for an all-day experience!*

❖ **RIVER, RHYTHM & RHYME (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Whirl like the world as you learn yoga flows and drum beats in this camp with an ear for the Earth. Create instruments from recycled stuff and get inspired by the river to rap rhymes on our Star Stage. Listen for birds and go with the flow as you float with your friends in the canoe canal.

▷ ❖ **PEDAL POWER (Blue Herons)**, 9am-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Learn all about how bikes go as you cycle along the Willamette River. Help take apart an old bike to see how it works, make bike part art, and learn basic bike maintenance skills. Discover how to use paper and online maps to pedal yourself to some of Eugene's best outdoor adventure spots! *\*You must be able to cycle up to ten miles per day, and have or borrow a helmet that fits, a bike lock, and a working bike for this camp. Bike/lock/helmet loans may be possible on advance request.*

## July 12-16

**MAGIC FOREST (Dragonflies)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Wander woodland trails, build forts in the Magic Forest, and, and get to know the trees in our Learnscope. Tell tall tree tales, build fairy houses, and make wood gnomes from forest finds.

⚙️ ❖ **ARTE de la TIERRA (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Enjoy both art and nature in this fun bilingual Spanish/English camp. Build and create with everything from sticks to stones, clay to cones – all while learning in a second language! *\*Combine this camp with Explore en Español in the afternoon for an all-day experience!*

⚙️ ❖ **EXPLORE en ESPAÑOL (Tree Frogs)**, 1-4 pm, Alton Baker Park: Investigate the park and our gardens and learn the Spanish words for what you discover in this fun bilingual Spanish/English camp. Hike in the forest, catch bugs, and float on the canoe canal! *\*Combine this camp with Arte de la Tierra in the morning for an all-day experience!*

❖ **WEB WEAVERS (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-4pm, Hendricks Park: Diversity is woven into the web of life! Wander park trails and discover the amazing variety of living things that make a forest strong, from the tallest trees to the tiniest fungi. Weave your own powerful community as you create colorful collaborations and build together with everything from sticks to stones, clay to cones. Enjoy creative exploration and expression through cooperative play and kid-friendly yoga.

▷ ❖ **WHEELS & WINGS (Blue Herons)**, 9am-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Explore the Willamette riverside by bike and watch water wildlife at Delta Ponds and other local

birding hot spots. Learn about native songbirds and raptors, check out our nest collection, and make feathered masks. Float on the canoe canal like ducks! *\*You must be able to cycle up to ten miles per day, and have or borrow a helmet that fits, a bike lock, and a working bike for this camp. Bike/lock/helmet loans may be possible on advance request.*

## **July 19-23**

**CRAWLY CRITTERS (Minnows)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Go on a crawly critter safari through our Learnscape garden and park forests! Sing the worm bin boogie, play bug games, and create critter crafts.

**BUSY BUILDERS (Dragonflies)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Make nests, weave webs, and build beaver dams in this fun camp all about creative critters. Play with giant blocks in our Nature's Builders Playspace, learn about earth-friendly human homes, and build your own mini shelters using lessons learned from animals!

❖ **MAGICAL MOUNT PISGAH (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-4pm, Mount Pisgah Arboretum: Ever wonder how leaves change from green to glorious in the fall? How a tiny seed turns into a terrifically tall tree? Journey into the magic and mystery of nature as we explore the woodlands and waterways of Mount Pisgah. Play in the Coast Fork, do a Gnome Roam, and make fairy houses in the forest!

❖ **ROCK OUT at MOUNT PISGAH (Blue Herons)**, 9am-4pm, Mount Pisgah Arboretum: Explore the rocky roots of Mount Pisgah as you explore the trails of this fabulous park. Discover the stories of our local landscapes as you hike to the summit, visit the park's cool nature study stations, and splash in the Coast Fork of the Willamette River. Play Mountain Melt and the Rolling Rock game and use what you learn about rivers and rocks to build and explode your own volcano!

## **July 26-30**

◆ **EARTH MOVERS (Dragonflies)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Move your body like the rocking and rolling Earth as we explore in the park and Learnscape! Whirl like the wind, grow tall like trees, and roll like the river as we learn kid-friendly yoga moves. Make music on our Star Stage and create instruments with gifts from the earth – stone, wood, water, and more! *\*Combine this camp with Color Crazy in the afternoon for an all-day experience!*

◆ **COLOR CRAZY (Dragonflies)**, 1-4 pm, Alton Baker Park: Go wild with colors! Go on a garden colors treasure hunt and create rainbow art from flowers. Build a bright critter creation to take home and meet a colorful Kinder Critter. *\*Combine this camp with Earth Movers in the morning for an all-day experience!*

▷ ◆ **LET'S GO (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Get up and GO! Bike, hike, and float your way to all corners of the park in this fun camp for kids who like to *move!* Spend two mornings biking, two hiking, and one floating on the canoe canal. *Note: Kids must be able to ride a bike without training wheels for a distance of three miles (with breaks) for this camp. They must also have/borrow a working bike (with hand brakes), a bike lock, and a helmet that fits. Bike/lock/helmet loans may be possible on advance request. \*Combine this camp with Bug Safari in the afternoon for an all-day experience!*

◆ **BUG SAFARI (Tree Frogs)**, 1-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Crickets and beetles and flies, oh my! Get to know insects as we catch bugs in the grass, forests, meadows, and ponds. Use nets, screens, and magnifiers to find and identify hidden creatures in the compost, soil, and gardens. Make your own cool insect out of recycled materials. *\*Combine this camp with Let's Go in the morning for an all-day experience!*

❖ **GARDEN GOURMETS (Blue Herons)**, 9am-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Slice, dice, mix, and mash your way through a week of tasty treats using goodies from our Learnscape gardens. Make paper you can plant, brew herbal teas, and roast veggies in a solar oven. Enjoy a camp cook-off and make mini murals to hang in our Pollinator's Playground.

## **August 2-6**

**FEATHERED FRIENDS (Dragonflies)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Get to know the birds that fly in the sky nearby. Check out real feathers and nests, explore bird habitats, learn beak techniques, and hear fine-feathered stories. Sing like a bird, build nests, and visit with our Kinder Critter, Ollie Owl!

● ❖ **La NATURALEZA SILVESTRE (en Español) (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-4pm, Hendricks Park: Discover what's wild outside in Hendricks Park in this full immersion Spanish nature camp. Spin like a spider, sing like a bird, and sneak like a snake! Hike park trails in search of animal tracks and traces, trek through the tall trees, and watch for woodland wildlife. Check out real pelts, bones, and feathers. *\*Note this camp will be conducted entirely in Spanish. Participants must be able to follow directions and use basic Spanish.*

❖ **FOREST FORTS Session 1 (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Hunt for animal homes in the park and get inspired to build your own special shelters. Create giant block towers in the Nature's Builder's Playspace and build forts in the Magic Forest. Design crazy castles from recycled cardboard boxes and mini build gnome homes in the Learnscape. *(Note there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> session of this camp being offered August 9-13.)*

▷ ❖ **RIVER ROLLERS (Blue Herons)**, 9am-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Explore the Willamette River watershed by bike! Pedal along the rolling Willamette River and learn about river rock geology. Float the canal, wade along the waterside, and check out mini-islands. Get a close look at the heart of an old mountain when you visit Skinner Butte and check out the famous rock columns! *\*You must be able to cycle up to ten miles per day, and have or borrow a helmet that fits, a bike lock, and working bike for this camp. Bike/lock/helmet loans may be possible on advance request.*

### **August 9-13**

**WIGGLERS & WADDLERS (Minnows)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Quack, chomp, ribbit! Check out who's moving and grooving in and near the water in our park. Create puddles to play in and tell wiggly water tales. Dance with Frannie Frog!

**EARTHKEEPERS (Dragonflies)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Bake with sunlight, build recycled art, and play Poohsticks at the park canal! Forage for garden goodies in the Learnscape, tell tales in the Hazelnut Hollow, and make tunes from trash.

❖ **FOREST FORTS Session 2 (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Hunt for animal homes in the park and get inspired to build your own special shelters. Create giant block towers in the Nature's Builder's Playspace and build forts in the Magic Forest. Design crazy castles from recycled cardboard boxes and mini build gnome homes in the Learnscape. *(Note this is a 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the same camp being offered August 2-6.)*

❖ **WILD THINGS at MOUNT PISGAH (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-4pm, Mount Pisgah Arboretum: Spend the week pretending to be a different wild animal every day! Learn to hide like a heron, build like a beaver, and swim like a salmon. Sing fun animal songs and play animal games. Check out real bones, feathers, furs and visit park nature exhibits. Cool off in the Willamette's Coast Fork!

❖ **MOUNT PISGAH'S BUDDING BOTANISTS (Blue Herons)**, 9am-4pm, Mount Pisgah Arboretum: From the smallest flower to the tallest tree, the growing green world has so many stories to tell! Discover how trees talk, plants eat, and pollinators dance as you wander this park's fabulous nature trails. Create a native plant journal and learn about the plants used by Oregon's native Kalapuya people. Wade in the Willamette's Coast Fork, go seed seeking, and create Earth Art with plants.

### **August 16-20**

**MUDDY BUDDIES (Minnows)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Investigate the hidden world below your feet. Bake mud pies at the Dig Inn, build sand castles, and create with

clay. Plant seeds in the garden and make pretend beaver dams in our River Run play space!

◆ **RAINBOW GARDENERS (Dragonflies)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Discover how the sun helps our garden grow like a rainbow! Handpick zesty garden snacks, make rainbows with water, and sing a spectrum of songs. Tell colorful tales, check out our flower forest, and paint with dyes made from garden and forest plants. *\*Combine this camp with Bugs by the Billions in the afternoon for an all-day experience!*

◆ **BUGS by the BILLIONS (Dragonflies)**, 1-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Dip in ponds, dig in the compost, look under logs, and swing nets through meadows as you hunt for creepy-crawlies of all shapes and colors. Create insect art from recycled materials and do the Dragonfly Dance! *\*Combine this camp with Rainbow Gardeners in the morning for an all-day experience!*

▷ ❖ **TALKING STONES TREK by BIKE! (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Learn about the life and lore of our area's native people, the Kalapuya, in this fun biking and park exploration camp. Bike to the Talking Stones and float the canal, which leads to the water highway of the Kalapuya people, the Willamette River. Learn Kalapuya words, play Kalapuya games, and hear Kalapuya stories. *Kids must be able to ride a bike without training wheels for a distance of four miles (with breaks) for this camp. They must also have/borrow a working bike (with hand brakes), a bike lock, and a helmet that fits. Bike/lock/helmet loans may be possible on advance request.*

## August 23-27

**CAMO CRITTERS (Dragonflies)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Explore our Learnscape and the park in search of hiding creatures – from birds to bugs. Play hide and seek games, go on an unnatural hike, and create camouflage costumes.

◆ **THINGS with WINGS (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Discover the wonder of wings as we look for birds in the forests, meadows, and ponds of Alton Baker Park. Harness the power of wind as we create toys that fly and the use wonder of water to float the duck-boats we make from recycled materials down the canoe canal! *\*Combine this camp with Wild in the Watershed in the afternoon for an all-day experience!*

◆ **WILD in the WATERSHED (Tree Frogs)**, 1-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Wade into the world of water in this wet and wild camp! Make drip sandcastles and experiment with watershed models. Go on a critter quest to discover who lives in and near the park's waterways. Hike by the Willamette River, play Mountain Melt, and float down the canoe canal. *\*Combine this camp with Things with Wings in the afternoon for an all-day experience!*

▷ ❖ **WATER CYCLERS (Blue Herons)**, 9am-4pm, Alton Baker Park: Cycle the Willamette River bike paths in search of the best wading, rock-stacking, and stone-skipping spots. Learn about the river's amazing journey from the mountains to the sea and enjoy your own watery ride as you float down the canoe canal! *\*You must be able to cycle up to ten miles per day, and have or borrow a helmet that fits, a bike lock, and working bike for this camp. Bike/lock/helmet loans may be possible on advance request.*

### **August 30-September 3**

**WATER WONDERS (Dragonflies)**, 9am-12pm, Alton Baker Park: Discover the wonders of water! Make drip sandcastles and splatter art. Experiment with our model watershed, play Poohsticks, and cool off in the Learnscape sprinklers.

❖ **HAPPY HARVESTERS (Tree Frogs)**, 9am-4pm, Alton Baker Park: End the summer with a bunch of munchin'! Bake in a solar oven, create yummy garden recipes, and blend smoothies by bike. Build scarecrows, make silly veggie art, and have a rainbow salad making contest. Hike park trails to learn about the nearby web of life and who's harvesting who in nature!

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