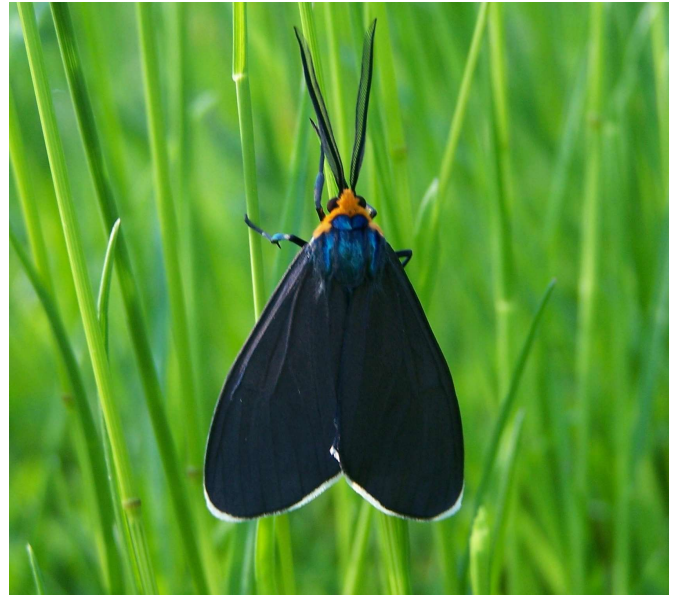


Nature *Discovery*

Summer 2021 Day Camps

After a pandemic-related hiatus last year our summer day camps are back! These camps offer high-quality Michigan wildlife education experiences in a rural setting specifically targeting students who exhibit a strong interest in the natural world. This year, as COVID restrictions are eased, we are limiting the enrollment each week to only 5-6 students. The limited roster provides a low student-to-teacher ratio and also promotes a friendly, less inhibited atmosphere. Parents are amazed at the breadth of natural knowledge that gushes from students who have taken these camps! Each week is labeled with the recommended age range. A student who is a year outside the age range for a specific week may be accepted based on the ages of the other children enrolled for that week as well as the parent's assessment of the child's abilities.



Our popular live collection of Michigan reptiles and amphibians, the largest in the state, is kept in our small, bi-level nature center from which the camps are conducted. No matter which week your child attends, the collection is accessible every day. The camps are designed such that a student has an opportunity, over several summers of attendance, to gain a broad background in Michigan natural science. With notice, parents are invited to participate on any camp day(s) at no charge.



FEES for the various weeks are listed at the bottom of each week's description. Some have additional travel fees. A non-refundable (NR) deposit is required to reserve a space on the roster. A roster space is not guaranteed until the deposit is received. The balance is due on the first day of the camp. Do not send a check prior to a telephone or e-mail correspondence. Availability must first be confirmed.

Check the following pages for descriptions of each camp. Carol will also be teaching science classes for 2nd to 8th grade students at Lansing Community College East. See the LCC section for details.



Michigan Field Birding (10 yrs & older)

June 14-17; 8am to 2pm. ROSTER IS FULL

In this whirlwind 4-day adventure we will try to encounter as many birds as possible in a variety of locations and habitats. Each day we'll head in a different direction within an hour drive of Williamston to see up to 90 species, many of which you don't find just anywhere. Birders will keep their own personal checklists. Bring a good pair of binoculars. (Jim can recommend some. Compact binoculars are NOT recommended.) Serious birders only, please. FEE: \$300, plus \$20 travel fee (\$150 NR deposit).

Nature Discovery (7 to 9 yrs)

June 21-24 or July 26-29; 9am to 3pm.

This week offers students engaging exposure to a range of Michigan wildlife through a mix of inside and outside activities, including hands-on studies with our huge collection of live Michigan frogs, salamanders, turtles, and snakes, in addition to bird-watching, insect collecting, tree, shrub, vine, and wildflower identification, pond life studies, and more. We will also take short drives around the neighborhood to experience a diversity of habitats and wildlife. FEE: \$300 (\$150 NR deposit).



Budding Naturalists (5-6 yrs)

June 28-July 1; 9am to 12pm.

Young naturalists will enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor nature activities, including hands-on visits with our captive reptiles & amphibians, and excursions on our nature trails featuring wildflower and tree identification, catching insects to identify, inspect and feed to our turtles, frogs and salamanders, bird watching and more. A snack is served each day.

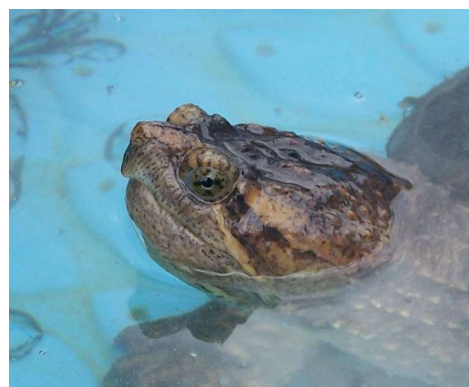
FEE: \$160 (\$80 NR deposit).

Michigan Reptiles & Amphibians

(10 yrs & older)

August 2-5; 9am to 3pm.

Four days of Michigan frogs, salamanders, turtles, lizards and snakes in the classroom and in the field. Students will handle snakes, and help feed and maintain all the animals on hand while learning about them at the same time. We'll also go on field excursions in our van to find and identify as many wild herps as possible. Students will keep checklists of their finds. FEE: \$300 plus \$20 travel fee (\$150 NR deposit).



To Enroll...

Call Jim & Carol at 517.655.5349 or email us at naturedisc87@gmail.com.

After availability is confirmed, send a deposit check to secure your reservation. Ask us about payment by credit/debit card. Remember, enrollment each week is limited to only 5 or 6, so sign-up early!

Lansing Community College



Carol will also be teaching 4-day summer science camps for students entering grades 2-8 at LCC's East Lansing Campus. Check out the schedule below, which offers hands-on, fun learning with Chemistry, Physics, Math, Engineering, Natural Science, and Machine Building. Morning classes, 9am-noon. Afternoon classes, 1-4pm.

July 12-15 AM: Fun with Physics (Gr 2-3). PM: Wetland Explorers (Gr 4-8)
July 19-22 AM: Rockets & Robots (Gr 6-8). PM: Classroom Arcade (Gr 4-5)

For details or to register for Summer Youth Camps, visit lcc.edu/seriousfun.



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