

HARRIS NATURE CENTER



2024  
SUMMER  
DAY  
CAMP

Harris Nature Center  
3998 Van Atta Road  
Meridian Township  
[meridian.mi.us/hnc](http://meridian.mi.us/hnc)



# Enjoy a 1-day, 2-day or 4-day adventure at the Harris Nature Center this summer!



**All Day Camps at the Harris Nature Center are nature themed with an emphasis on conservation.**

**Camps are arranged and designed with age appropriate activities. Personal attention is given to each child by a dedicated Harris Nature Center naturalist.**

**All campers will receive a Harris Nature Center camp shirt.**





# Preschoolers

4 and 5 years old

**2-Day Camps**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**\$50**

## Cool Critters

Cold-blooded reptiles and amphibians are the stars of this camp! Campers will meet live critters and enjoy fun nature activities.

**Tue-Wed, June 25-26**

**Tue-Wed, July 23-24**

**Tue-Wed, Aug 6-7**

## Crafty Critters

Campers will be busy with nature crafts while learning about animals through fun games and activities.

**Thu-Fri, June 27-28**

**Thu-Fri, July 25-26**

**Thu-Fri, Aug 8-9**



Please send your preschooler with a snack.



**4-Day Camps**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**\$100**

## Bug Buddies

Buddy up with bugs of all shapes and kinds! We'll look under rocks, in the water and down in the dirt to discover all about the these tiny critters living in our park.

**Tue-Fri, June 18-21**

**Tue-Fri, July 16-19**

## Wild About Animals

Fur, feathers, scales and slime! Campers will enjoy spending the week learning about all types of animals including those that live at HNC!

**Tue-Fri, July 9-12**

**Tue-Fri, July 30-Aug 2**

# Entering Kindergarten & 1st Grade

**1-Day Camps**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**\$50**

## **Sensational Nature**

From plants to animals to sights and sounds, campers will explore all aspects of nature through crafts, activities and more!

**Tue, June 25 OR Tue, Aug 6**

## **Animal Babies**

Cubs, ducklings, fawns, tadpoles and owlets... Kids will enjoy learning all about baby animals at camp.

**Wed, June 26 OR Wed, July 24**

## **Insect Adventures**

Campers will love finding and learning about insects during this camp.

**Thu, June 27 OR Thu, Aug 1**

## **Turtle Time**

Learn about Michigan turtles! Find out where they live, what they eat, and other fun facts about these reptiles!

**Fri, June 28 OR Fri, Aug 2**

## **Frogs and Friends**

How are frogs and toads different? What's an amphibian? Campers enjoy a day that is all about frogs!

**Tue, July 23 OR Fri, Aug 9**

**2-Day Camps**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**\$100**

## **Animal Seekers**

Together we will explore the park, looking for the many animals that live in the forests, fields & along the river.

**Tue-Wed, July 9-10**

**Wed-Thu, Aug 7-8**

## **Nature's Artists**

Campers will discover their artistic side while exploring the outdoors & creating nature inspired arts & crafts.

**Thu-Fri, July 11-12**

**Tue-Wed, July 30-31**

## **Feathery Friends**

Birds have many amazing talents! Enjoy learning all about Michigan birds during this camp.

**Thu-Fri, July 25-26**

**4-Day Camp**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**\$200**

## **Amazing Animals**

Campers will meet many of the nature center's resident animals & observe animals in the wild too!

**Tue-Fri, June 18-21**

**Tue-Fri, July 16-19**

# Entering 2nd & 3rd Grades

**1-Day Camps**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**\$50**

## **Animal Trackers**

Where did they go and why? Follow the signs of different animals through the woods, learning about them as you go.

**Tue, June 25 OR Wed, July 24**

## **Birds, Birds, Birds**

In flight, in water, or on the land! We'll explore bird habitats, use binoculars and learn all about birds.

**Wed, June 26 OR Tue, Aug 6**

## **River Wonders**

What lives in and around the river? During this camp we will learn about the Red Cedar River habitat and find out what lives there!

**Thu, June 27 OR Thu, Aug 1**

## **Snakes Alive!**

At this camp, learn all about Michigan snakes, their incredible adaptations, and search for them along the trails too.

**Fri, June 28 OR Fri, Aug 2**

## **Animal World**

Campers will meet animals, learn how they are connected in life and have fun exploring nature.

**Tue, July 23 OR Fri, Aug 9**

**2-Day Camps**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**\$100**

## **Grossology**

Explore some of nature's grosser things like owl pellets, how bees make honey and what it's like to be a vulture!

**Tue-Wed, July 9-10**

**Wed-Thu, Aug 7-8**

## **Nature's Artist II**

If you love being creative, this camp is for you! Campers will have fun while creating arts and crafts each day.

**Thu-Fri, July 11-12**

**Tue-Wed, July 30-31**

## **Bug Catchers**

Insects, spiders and invertebrates of all kinds invade this camp and we'll have a great time investigating them all!

**Thu-Fri, July 25-26**

**4-Day Camp**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**\$200**

## **Animal Adventures**

Birds, bats, snakes, turtles and so much more! Campers will be immersed into the habits and characteristics of Michigan wildlife.

**Tue-Fri, June 18-21**

**Tue-Fri, July 16-19**

# Entering 4th - 6th Grades

**1-Day Camps**  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
\$50

## Treasure Hunters

Campers will learn to use a GPS, go letterboxing and create their own geocaching swag!

Tue, June 25 OR Thu, July 11

## Rock Hounds

Discover many fascinating rocks and learn all about Michigan fossils.

Wed, June 26 OR Tue, July 23

## Out of This World

Through experiments and projects, we will have fun learning about clouds, weather and outer space!

Thu, June 27 OR Wed, July 24

## Wildlife Explorers

Kids will connect with animals as they explore their habitats and spend time with the HNC critters.

Fri, June 28 OR Thu, Aug 1

## Welcome to the Wilderness

Learn basic survival skills like identifying useful plants, building a fire and knot tying.

Fri, July 12 OR Fri, Aug 2

**2-Day Camps**  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
\$100

## Reptiles & Amphibians

Learn about Michigan's reptiles and amphibians, search for local amphibians and meet some of HNC's resident reptiles.

Tue-Wed, July 9-10

Thu-Fri, July 25-26

## Predator Camp

Michigan predators can be found on land, in the water, and in the sky! Learn all about their incredible hunting skills.

Tue-Wed, July 30-31

**4-Day Camp**  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
\$200

## Outdoor Adventures

Every day is an adventure! Campers will learn outdoor skills like using a compass and GPS, following animal tracks, fire building and archery.

Tue-Fri, June 18-21

Tue-Fri, July 16-19

Tue- Fri, Aug 6-9



# Camp Registration Information

- Register online at [recreation.meridian.mi.us](https://recreation.meridian.mi.us). Registration opens on March 1st and all camps are open until filled.
- Cancellation Policy: Cancellations before June 1st will receive a 50% refund. Any cancellations beginning June 1st will not receive a refund. If spaces are available, registration can be switched to a different week of camp for a \$20 fee.
- Scholarships are available based on need for Meridian Township residents. For additional information contact Harris Nature Center at 517.349.3866.
- You will receive a confirmation letter and Health History Form at the time of registration. A Health History form is required for each child attending camp and both pages must be filled out. Forms **MUST** be turned in prior to the start of your child's first day of camp and can be uploaded to your registration account or emailed to [hnc@meridian.mi.us](mailto:hnc@meridian.mi.us).
- **The Health History form is valid for the entire summer and will only need to be filled out once per child.**



To register visit  
[meridian.mi.us](https://meridian.mi.us)



# Things to Know Before Coming to Camp



- For each day of camp, please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather. We go outside regardless of rain or shine!
- Please have your child wear closed-toed footwear such as tennis shoes or boots and send a water bottle with them each day.
- Remember to put on sunscreen and bug spray before leaving home.
- For all Kindergarten through 6th grade camps, please send your child with a lunch and a morning snack.
- For preschool camps, please send your child with a morning snack.