



2017 Summer Camp Themes and Descriptions

Session 1 - Wilderness Survival- With the introduction of primitive living skills, together we will learn how to create a shelter just like squirrels, which will protect us from the elements. Blend in with the forest by camouflaging our bodies with mud and debris, and learn how to see and hear like native people around the world. It is sure to be a week of adventure and fun!

Session 2 - Hydrology- Bring your swimsuits, because this week of summer camp is sure to be wet! While we all know that water is essential to life, there are many things to learn about the liquid that makes up 71% of our Earth and 60% of our bodies. Campers will study the water cycle, regional watersheds, and the local aquatic creatures that live in the Florida River through fun and exciting activities and crafts.

Session 3 - Powerful Nature- Wildfires, Tornadoes, and Earthquakes Oh My! Campers will learn about flash floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, blizzards, thunderstorms and wildfires, why they happen and what scientists do to reduce their effects. Enjoy hands-on learning through conducting natural disaster-related experiments and more!

Session 4 - Nature Detectives- Let's use all of our senses to experience the Durango Nature Studies' Nature Center and learn about the animals that call the area home. We will study the biggest and smallest of creatures as we investigate the pond, stream, meadow and forest. Step into the shoes of a scientist and the paws of an animal as we investigate, explore, and discover at the nature center.

Session 5 - Destination Desert- What is a desert habitat like? During this week of JNFC, you'll learn about special adaptations that help living things survive in these arid and hot ecosystems. You'll find out how plants store water, how some animals stay cool in the hot temperatures, and how nocturnal animals save their energy during the day and become active at night. You'll also explore how people are changing desert habitats and how reserves help save deserts from being destroyed.