

BURGESS-SHADBUSH NATURE CENTER

Closed Mon

Tues-Thur: 10 AM - 5 PM

Closed Fri

Sat-Sun: 10 AM - 6 PM

July & August 2026

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4101 River Bends Drive, Shelby Twp., MI 48317

GUIDED HIKES

July 26 & August 23 (All Ages)

Join us for a guided hike on our beautiful trails led by one of our knowledgeable naturalists. We will discuss seasonal changes, native flora and fauna, mindfulness practices, and ways to identify signs of animals. Dress appropriately for weather conditions. Subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather. **Free**

12:30-1:30 PM

Sun

7/26

12:30-1:30 PM

Sun

8/23

BAT HIKE

August 1 (Ages 5+)

Enjoy a summer evening outdoors while learning about this amazing creature of the night! After a presentation on bat biology, we will hit the trails and search for bats flying in the night sky. Using an electronic echolocation detecting device, we will be able to see a visual display of each bat call on an interactive, scientific-level spectrogram. Find out which bat species live in River Bends Park in this fun evening event! Registration required. **\$3 resident, \$5 nonresident**

8-9:30 PM Sat

8/1

NEW - TRADITIONAL SKILLS SUMMER SERIES

July 18 (Ages 13+)

Learn traditional skills from expert guest instructors. Designed for teens and older, these programs offer a space for people to slow down and disconnect from technology while learning a new skill.

Mending Clothes

Mending your clothes is one of the best ways to save money, be creative, and prolong the life of your clothes. Join us for a hands-on workshop on visible mending, led by textile artist Meghan of Rosemarine Textiles, where we'll learn the basics of darning a sock, mending jeans or clothing, and sewing a button. Each registration includes a mending kit with hand sewing needles, buttons, tiny scissors, fabric for patching, embroidery floss, and a mending instructional zine, which you can take home to continue your mending journey. You'll also have the opportunity to connect with other makers and get creative! **\$55 resident, \$60 nonresident**

11 AM-2:30 PM

Sat

7/18

HAUNTED NATURE CENTER

Oct. 16 & 17 (All Ages)

Little goblins and ghouls will enjoy this haunt-filled evening at the nature center! This merry-not-scary event will feature spooktacular decorations, costumes, games, candy, live animals, bonfire & s'mores, and more! Enjoy Ventriloquist Richard Paul's "Ha Ha Halloween" show, a hauntingly hilarious program with life size puppets, magic, and music. This event is fun for all ages

This event is fun for all ages. Infants 2 and under are free. Register for a faster check-in experience and to receive event updates. Registration opens at the end of September! **\$5 per resident; \$7 per nonresident.**

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NATURE CENTER
Charter Township of Shelby

Summer Nature Academies

\$60 per resident, \$70 per nonresident

Our specialized Summer Nature Academies are a great way to get children off the couch and into nature this summer! We offer immersive, hands-on outdoor experiences with fun weekly themes led by professional educators and naturalists. If your child loves to explore and learn, our academies are the perfect opportunity!



Puddle Jumpers **FULL** Ages 4-6

This academy is perfect for beginning outdoor adventurers. They will play in mud, go on hikes, make nature-based crafts and meet animal friends.

July 14-16 (9 AM-12 PM)

August 18-20 (9 AM-12 PM)

Little Critters **FULL** Ages 6-8

Perfect for the animal lover in your life, participants will meet and help care for the animal ambassadors who live at the nature center. Through hands-on activities and outdoor exploration, they will also learn about the wildlife of River Bends Park.

July 7-9 (9 AM-12 PM)



Pioneer Pals Ages 8-10

Join us for some frontier fun as we step back in time to the late 1800s! Participants will learn what life was like for pioneer children through games, crafts and hands-on activities. Children will help harvest from the garden, churn butter, and assist in making historical meals over a campfire.

August 11-13 (9 AM-12 PM)

Survival 101 **FULL** Ages 8-10

Participants will leave this academy knowing basic wilderness survival skills! They will learn how to properly pack for a safe hiking trip, build a fire, craft a shelter, tie knots and more. The week will end in an obstacle course challenge!

July 21-23 (9 AM-12 PM)



Zombie Survival **FULL** Ages 10-12

Zombies are attacking the nature center! Participants will hone their wilderness survival skills as they escape the zombie apocalypse. They will learn to cook over a fire, tie knots, construct a shelter, basic archery skills, track animals and more... all while avoiding being eaten! The week will end in an obstacle course challenge!

July 21-23 (2-5 PM)

Naturalists-in-Training Ages 10-12

If your child dreams of being a naturalist, park ranger or just loves nature, this camp is for them! Participants will assist in the daily care of the nature center's animal ambassadors, learn how to identify local flora and fauna, and search for macroinvertebrates in the Clinton River.

The week will end with team building games and a campfire, complete with s'mores!

Aug 4-6 (9 AM-12 PM)



Lil' Archers **FULL** Ages 5-8

This academy will introduce first-time archers to the sport. They will practice handling a bow, shooting targets and following all safety rules. Program designed by a certified USA Archery instructor.

July 14-16 (2 PM-5 PM)

August 11-13 (2 PM-5 PM)

Archery Basics Ages 9-14

Ready, aim, fire! Participants will get an opportunity to learn and practice basic archery skills. They will practice with both long bows and compound bows. Archery games will be used to strengthen sighting ability and win prizes. Program designed by a certified USA Archery instructor.

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