

CAMPS

Nature Play 5-10Y

Come enjoy the splendor of Stevens Creek Corridor in a fun and educational environment. Our camp staff will lead a combination of inside and outside activities through games, crafts, science experiments, and nature exploration. Pairs perfectly with our Science and Nature Camps or as a standalone afternoon activity. No class 7/4. Instructor: Staff

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Codes	Days	Times	Dates	Mtgs	Fees
70311	M-F	2:00pm- 5:00pm	8/7-8/11	5	\$83R/\$100N

Summer Science Fun 8-10Y

Campers will discover the world of science and how it interacts in their daily lives. The Stevens Creek Corridor provides the perfect backdrop to observe science and nature in action. Each week is filled with experiments, games, and adventures including an all-day field trip. Each camper will receive a T-shirt. Camp runs from 9:00-5:00 on the day of field trip. Instructor: Staff

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Codes	Days	Times	Dates	Mtgs	Fees
70296	M-F	9:00am- 2:00pm	7/31-8/4	5	\$159R/\$191N

FAMILY NATURE ACTIVITIES

Introductory Mushroom Identification 13Y

Learn about the biology and ecology of local fungi and develop identification skills in this class taught by Christian Schwarz, author of Mushrooms of the Redwood Coast. The four evening class meetings will include lecture, discussion and hands-on identification activities, while the two 3-hour weekend field trips will give you practice in finding mushrooms in their forest homes, reading the habitat, and learning about mushroom associations with trees. Field trip location to be announced.

Instructor: Christian Schwarz

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Codes	Days	Times	Dates	Mtgs	Fees
73298	Tu	6:30pm- 8:30pm	12/19-1/16	4	\$98R/\$118N

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A Day at the Ranch

6-9Y

Your child can spend an active day outdoors at McClellan Ranch Preserve on a day when no CUSD classes are scheduled. Crafts, stories & games will be included. A morning and afternoon snack will be provided, but participants must bring their own lunch. Instructor: Staff

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Codes	Days	Times	Dates	Mtgs	Fees
73101	F	9:00am- 3:00pm	9/15	1	\$35R/\$42N
73334	М	9:00am- 3:00pm	10/16	1	\$35R/\$42N

Exploring Nature Through Crafts

5-7Y

We'll try a nature-based craft each week and still take time to explore the surrounding nature preserve a bit. Learn to make paper, prints, cornhusks dolls and more. Instructor: Staff

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Codes	Days	Times	Dates	Mtgs	Fees
73103	Tu	3:30pm- 5:00pm	9/5-9/26	4	\$38R/\$46N

Jr. Scientist's Club: Bones, Skulls, & Skeletons 6-9Y

Discover what scientists learn from looking at the bones and skulls of animals through a variety of hands-on investigations. **Instructor: Staff**

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73104	Tu	3:30pm- 5:00pm	10/3-10/24	4	\$43R/\$52N



Knitting with a Naturalist

8-12

Kids will make their own needles, learn to knit, help turn a muddy sheep's fleece into yarn and discover how fiber is obtained from various plants and animals. No class 11/21. Instructor: Staff

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73105	Tu	5:00pm	11/7-12/12	6	\$61R/\$73N

Autumn Explorers

5-7Y

Let's explore and see how trees, insects, birds, and mammals change as the weather becomes cooler and wetter.

Instructor: Staff

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73106	Th	3:30pm- 5:00pm	10/12-11/2	4	\$43R/\$52N

Jr. Scientist's Club: Hot & Cold

6-9Y

Kids will explore how temperature affects matter through handson investigations in the Environmental Education Center. We'll head outside to relate what we discover about temperature to weather and other natural phenomena and to get some fresh air and exercise. Instructor: Staff

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	Th	3:30pm- 5:00pm	11/30-12/14	4	\$43R/\$52N

Young Naturalists Program

NEW 7-8G

The Young Naturalists Program is an opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students to explore the natural world in the company of others who also like being outdoors. The program will be challenging, but fun, and will encourage students to think like scientists as they learn about local plants and animals and conduct citizen science projects. No class: 11/10, 11/24. Instructor: Staff

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Codes	Days	Times	Dates	Mtgs	Fees
73292	F	3:30pm- 5:00pm	9/29-12/1	8	\$50R/\$60N



DROP IN ACTIVITIES

Natural Fibers

5Y+

Discover the diverse world of natural fibers. Watch as demonstrators spin, dye, weave, knit, and make cordage out of plant and animal fibers. Try a few hands-on activities yourself. **Instructor: Staff**

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Days	Times	Dates	Mtgs	Fees
Sa	12:00pm- 3:00pm	11/11	1	FREE

Natural History Book Club

NEW 16Y+

Do you enjoy reading books on natural history, science, or environmental issues? Enjoy discussing books on these topics with others? McClellan Ranch Preserve is launching a Natural History Book Club with *The Hidden Life of Trees: What they feel, how they communicate, discoveries from a secret world,* by Peter Wohllebe. Questions? Email us at mcclellan@cupertino.org Instructor: Staff

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Days	Times	Dates	Mtgs	Fees
Tu	7:00pm	8/8	1	FREE

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Open House at the Nature Museum

Stop by the Nature Museum at the Environmental Education Center for a free visit and up close experience with live animal and nature displays. Fridays: 3pm-5pm, Saturdays: 11am-3pm, Sundays: 11am-3pm.

Help with the Meadow Restoration

Volunteers, under the guidance of Grassroots Ecology staff, have been working hard to reintroduce native plants to the riparian meadow at McClellan Ranch. This important work improves habitat for local wildlife. If you would like to help out in the meadow and other Cupertino park areas along Stevens Creek, you may register for a habitat restoration event by visiting the Grassroots Ecology website, www.grassrootsecology.org, and clicking on the calendar to bring up event information. For more information contact Jeremy Merckling at jeremy@grassrootsecology.org.

Help care for McClellan Ranch Preserve

Helping Hands is a volunteer program for ages 14+ that works to keep McClellan Ranch Preserve and the Stevens Creek Corridor beautiful by picking up litter, maintaining trails, removing invasive plants, and planting and caring for native plants. To learn more, email mcclellan@cupertino.org.

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We'll be announcing additional fall events and activities, letting you know about seasonal changes, and local wildlife sightings.