



Get outdoors! Discover the Wonders of Lincoln Marsh



School's Out

Gone Fishing

Spend spring break studying fishing! Learn the proper, safe way to rig a line, bait a hook and cast. Try to catch a whopper when we practice what we've learned! Poles and bait are loaned to each student. *Program is held outdoors; please dress appropriately.* Bring a snack and a drink. (LT)



Location: Rathje Park Limit: 12

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
8-14	3/27-3/28	Tu,W	9A-12P	\$46/\$58	124333-01

Spring Adventure

Adventure at the Lincoln Marsh on your day off from school! Discover spring happenings, go on a scavenger hunt and play games. *Program held entirely outdoors; dress appropriately.* Bring a snack, sack lunch and a drink. (LT)

Location: Lincoln Marsh Limit: 16

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
5-9	3/30	F	9:30A-3P	\$33/\$42	124334-01

Northside Park Adventure

Explore Northside Park Lagoon while paddling a canoe through the lagoon. Continue the adventure using GPS units (provided) to find hidden treasures at Northside Park. (MK)

Location: Northside Park Canoe Cabin Limit: 12

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
8-12	4/6	F	9A-12P	\$20/\$25	210379-01

Nature Play Days – Spring Series

Together we'll sing, fiddle, jiggle and journey into the wild, encountering nature through free play. We'll use self-guided stations to explore a new theme each session, so come often! Foster an appreciation for the natural world in your tiny explorer. Children must be accompanied by a nonpaying adult. *Program is held entirely outdoors; please dress appropriately.* (LT)

Location: Lincoln Marsh Limit: 10 pairs

Take both Spring Series Nature Play Days classes at a discounted rate. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee+	Class #
Spring Series					
18 months-3	4/13-5/4*	F	9:30-10:30A	\$12/\$16	210232-01
Session 1 Plants					
18 months-3	4/13	F	9:30-10:30A	\$7/\$9	210232-02
Session 2 Birds					
18 months-3	5/4	F	9:30-10:30A	\$7/\$9	210232-03

*No class 4/20, 4/27. +with nonpaying adult

Nature-Telling **FREE!**

It's nature story-telling time as children ages two to five, along with an adult chaperone, are invited to join a naturalist from the Lincoln Marsh at the Wheaton Public Library to listen to a nature-themed story and participate in a related craft and/or activity. *To register, please call the Wheaton Public Library's children's department at 630.868.7540.* (TJ)

Location: Wheaton Public Library, Children's Department (lower level)

Limit: 15 pairs

Age	Day	Time
2-5*	2nd Tuesday of each month	11-11:30A

*with adult

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Nature Tots

Join your child for an exploration of animals and nature. Hands-on activities, crafts, games and stories. Each week we'll discover a different joy of nature, foster a sense of wonder and curiosity about all things wild. *Program held entirely outdoors; please dress appropriately.* (LT)

Location: Lincoln Marsh

Limit: 10 pairs

Nature Tots Spring Series

Take all 4 Spring Nature Tots classes listed here at a discounted rate. This series includes all Thursday afternoon Nature Tots classes in April. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee*	Class #
3-5	4/5-4/26	Th	1-2P	\$24/\$32	210238-01

*With nonpaying adult.

Nature Tots – Billowing Beauties

Discover the beauty of clouds in this program. We'll learn about different clouds, then take a hike to see how many we can spot. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
3-5	4/5	Th	1-2P	\$7/\$9	255284-01

Nature Tots – I Spy A Crawdad

Did you know a crawdad and a crayfish are the same thing? Come see if you can spy a crayfish as we search for them in this exciting program. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
3-5	4/11	W	10-11A	\$7/\$9	255285-01
3-5	4/12	Th	1-2P	\$7/\$9	255285-02

Nature Tots – We Love Our Planet

Let's celebrate Earth Day and our wonderful planet with activities and a craft. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
3-5	4/19	Th	1-2P	\$7/\$9	210241-01

Nature Tots – Animal Babies

Spring is time for babies in the animal world! Come learn all about these youngsters of the animal kingdom. Maybe you'll see one when we take a hike through the marsh. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
3-5	4/25	W	10-11A	\$7/\$9	255286-01
3-5	4/26	Th	1-2P	\$7/\$9	255286-02



Wheaton Park District's Lincoln Marsh Natural area joins Chicago Wilderness to launch a regional initiative called Leave No Child Inside, with the goal of improving children's health and fostering generations of children who care enough about nature to protect it. Join the campaign to Leave No Child Inside and sign up for a nature program that promotes nature exploration by children and their families at Lincoln Marsh Natural Area.



**Get Outdoors
& Discover the
Wonders of Lincoln
Marsh Natural Area!**

Wetland, woodland and prairie ecosystems nestled within 146 acres are highly valued for recreation, education and environmental reasons. Lincoln Marsh provides valuable benefits to the community including storm water storage, water quality improvement, wildlife habitat, as well as recreational and educational opportunities for thousands of people annually.



Check out our Spring Family Programs on page 23!

Explore...

- 2 miles of trails
- Teams and Ropes Challenge Course
- Adventure Programs
- Environmental Education & Nature Interpretation

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Kids N Critters

Discover the who, what and whys of animals and nature. We explore a different theme each week through hands-on activities, crafts, games and stories. *Program held entirely outdoors; please dress appropriately.*

Location: Lincoln Marsh

Limit: 10

Kids N Critters Spring Series

Take all 4 Spring Kids N Critters classes at a discounted rate. This series includes all of the Kids N Critters classes in April. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
4-6	4/3-4/24	Tu	10-11A	\$24/\$32	210233-01
4-6	4/4-4/25	W	1-2P	\$24/\$32	210233-02

Junior Naturalists

Join the "nature nuts" in our Junior Naturalists program, ages 6 to 11. Investigate the natural world while spending time with a Lincoln Marsh naturalist. We combine activities and explorations that answer every child's science and nature questions. *Programs are held entirely outdoors; please dress appropriately.* (LT)

Location: Lincoln Marsh

Limit: 10

Junior Naturalists Spring Series

Take all 4 Spring Junior Naturalists classes shown here at a discounted rate. This series includes all Junior Naturalists classes in April.

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
6-11	4/5-4/26	Th	4:15-5:15P	\$24/\$32	210327-01

Kids N Critters – Cloud Discovery

Become a cloud detective! Search for different clouds, learn how they are formed and how each one is different. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
4-6	4/3	Tu	10-11A	\$7/\$9	255282-01
4-6	4/4	W	1-2P	\$7/\$9	255282-02

Kids N Critters – Catch a Crayfish

Have you ever caught a crayfish? You'll get a chance in this class, as we learn about crayfish and look for them where they live. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
4-6	4/10	Tu	10-11A	\$7/\$9	255281-01
4-6	4/11	W	1-2P	\$7/\$9	255281-02

Kids N Critters – Earth Day Every Day

Join us as we celebrate our wonderful planet and the day honoring it, Earth Day, through activities and a craft. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
4-6	4/17	Tu	10-11A	\$7/\$9	210236-01
4-6	4/18	W	1-2P	\$7/\$9	210236-02

Kids N Critters – Growing Pains

It's tough growing up in the wild! Learn about baby animals. Go on a hike and try to spot the youngsters in the Marsh. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
4-6	4/24	Tu	10-11A	\$7/\$9	255283-01
4-6	4/25	W	1-2P	\$7/\$9	255283-02



Junior Naturalists – Cloud Chasers

Discover how each cloud is unique as we explore clouds. We'll even make our own cloud in a bottle. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
6-11	4/5	Th	4:15-5:15P	\$7/\$9	210392-01

Junior Naturalists – Crayfish Hunt

Learn all about crayfish, then go on a crayfish hunt. Can we catch some in our nets? (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
6-11	4/12	Th	4:15-5:15P	\$7/\$9	210391-01

Junior Naturalists – Celebrate the Earth

Come celebrate Earth Day with us through activities and lending the Earth a helping hand. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
6-11	4/19	Th	4:15-5:15P	\$7/\$9	210330-01

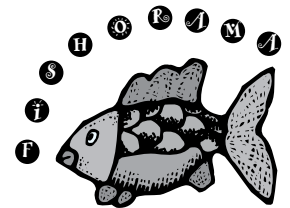
Junior Naturalists – Hawks

Soar with the hawks, as we discover the wonders of these magnificent birds. (LT)

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
6-11	4/26	Th	4:15-5:15P	\$7/\$9	210393-01

Save the Date for the 22nd Annual Fish-O-Rama

Saturday, June 16 | 8-11A
New Location at Northside Park!



Interested in bringing your scout group to the Lincoln Marsh?
Visit www.lincolnmash.org for scout badge program information.

Family Programs

Wading and Scooping

The wetland at the Lincoln Marsh is alive with frogs, tadpoles, aquatic insects, turtles and a host of other critters. Come wade along its edges equipped with nets, to catch and study the wildlife of this valuable ecosystem. All creatures are released at the end of program. Recommended for ages 3 and over. *Program is held entirely outdoors; please dress appropriately.* Bring an extra pair of shoes and a towel for clean up. Children must be accompanied by a **registered** adult. (LT)

Location: Lincoln Marsh **Limit:** 25

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
All ages	5/12	Sa	10-11A	\$7/\$9	210506-01
All ages	5/20	Su	1:30-2:30P	\$7/\$9	210506-02

Easter Egg Geocache Hunt

Hunt for easter eggs using GPS units (provided). Inside each egg, find a treat or a prize! Children must be accompanied by a nonpaying adult. *Program is held entirely outdoors; please dress appropriately.* (MK)

Location: Lincoln Marsh **Limit:** 25

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
All ages	4/7	Sa	10-11:30A	\$11/\$14	210543-01

Beginner Canoeing

Learn the basics of canoeing, including maneuvering, strokes, safety, portaging and entering a canoe. This class will meet once a week for 4 weeks. (MK).

Location: Northside Park Canoe Cabin **Limit:** 12

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
10 & over	5/2-5/23	W	4:45-6P	\$36/\$48	210542-01

Vertical Challenge

Challenge your personal limits. Work with a partner to get across balance logs, cargo nets, burma bridges and multi-vines while being 25 feet off the ground. (MK)

Location: Lincoln Marsh **Limit:** 14

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
12 & over	5/6	Su	2-5P	\$25/\$33	210314-01

Geocaching

Want to bring your family or friends out to geocache at a time that's convenient for you? Call 630.871.2810 for options and pricing.

Bring your birthday party group to Lincoln Marsh. We have exciting, hands-on programs available. Call 630.871.2810!

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Earth Day Eco-Art

Celebrate Earth Day using recycled materials to make artistic creations. Decorate a reusable lunch bag to take home. **Recommended for ages 4 and up.** *Program held entirely outdoors; please dress appropriately.* Children must be accompanied by an adult, but only those making the crafts are required to register. Join us before the program from 9 to 11 a.m. for our annual Garlic Mustard Grab volunteer project! (LT)

Location: Lincoln Marsh **Limit:** 16

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
All ages	4/21	Sa	11A-12P	\$10/\$13	210533-01

Garlic Mustard Grab

Help us remove garlic mustard from the Lincoln Marsh! This plant invader competes with our native grasses and wildflowers for space and sunlight in our woodlands. Garlic Mustard Grab is perfect for individuals, families and scouts who want to lend a hand with a community conservation project. (TJ)

– All volunteers must sign a Wheaton Park District volunteer waiver.

Have questions? Contact Terra Johnson at 630.871.2810 or terraj@wheatonparks.org.

Location: Lincoln Marsh **Limit:** 50

Age*	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
All ages	4/21	Sa	9-11A	\$0/\$0	210401-01

*Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Darkness Detectives

Peeps, croaks, whistles and hoots fill the nocturnal airways of the Lincoln Marsh. Take a short hike through the woods to the watery edge of the wetland. Look and listen for night-rovers such as frogs, toads and marsh birds. Then gather round the campfire and enjoy a marshmallow roast. Recommended for ages 4 and up. *Program held entirely outdoors; please dress appropriately.* Children must be accompanied by a **registered** adult. (LT)

Location: Lincoln Marsh **Limit:** 25

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
All ages	4/27	F	7:30-9P	\$9/\$12	210501-01

Twilight Voyage

Paddle the lagoon, listen to crickets and birds, smell the crisp spring air. Enjoy an evening of canoeing and smores with the family. Register each person individually and children must be accompanied by **registered** adult. Maximum of 3 people per canoe. (MK)

Location: Northside Park Canoe Cabin **Limit:** 12

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
6 & over	5/18	F	6:15-7:45P	\$10/\$13	210505-01

Geocaching – Family

Search for hidden treasure at the Lincoln Marsh using GPS! GPS units provided. Children must be accompanied by a **registered** adult. *Program is held entirely outdoors; please dress appropriately.* (MK)

Location: Lincoln Marsh **Limit:** 25

Age	Dates	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Class #
6 & over	5/19	Sa	1-2:30P	\$10/\$13	210515-01