

# Robinson

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# NATURE CENTER



Howard  
County

RECREATION & PARKS



SUMMER 2016  
**NATURE CAMP  
GUIDE**

## How to Register

Online:

[www.howardcountymd.gov/nature](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/nature)

Phone: 410-313-0400

(9 AM-5 PM, W-Sa; Noon-5 PM, Su)

Fax: 410-313-4660

TTY: 410-313-4665

Mail: Howard County Recreation & Parks

7120 Oakland Mills Road

Columbia, MD 21046

Walk-in: Robinson Nature Center

6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia

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## Payment Information

Include payment with your registration form

– a check or money order payable to the

Howard County Director of Finance, or credit card

information. (We accept American Express, Discover,

MasterCard and VISA.) Please sign the waiver on your

receipt and bring it to the first session.

## Lil' Acorns Mini-Camp

### (Parent/Child) flickr

**2-3 yrs / 3 days, start dates in next column / \$60**

**per session (includes one child and one adult);**

**\$30 per session (each additional adult)**

Does your child love to explore, but isn't ready to explore without you? Hold your lil' acorn's hand in a mini-camp experience. Parents and grandparents, delight in this opportunity to share with your youngster the natural sounds, smells and sights on trails, near a river and surrounded by furry and feathered friends.

We'll orient you to our new outdoor Nature Place

discovery zone so you can enjoy imaginative play.

Fee includes snacks each day. See next column for themes.

9:30-11:30 AM / W-F

RP4817.801	Forest Friends	Jun 8
RP4817.802	In, Around & Under the Water	Jun 15
RP4817.803	Forest Friends	Jun 22
RP4817.804	Forest Friends	Aug 10
RP4817.805	In, Around & Under the Water	Aug 24
RP4817.806	Forest Friends	Aug 24

### Testimonial:

*I enrolled my daughter in the Lil' Acorns camp and we loved it! We enjoy the nature center already and have been members since she could walk, it's one of her favorite places to go. The class was spectacular! The teachers were enthusiastic and kind, the class size was perfect and the activities were at a level that challenged the toddlers a bit but still held their attention. We definitely plan to enroll in other camps in the future. Thank you guys for providing such an awesome experience at camp and every other day we come to the center. - Lindsay Edmonds*

## Lil' Pine Cones Mini-Camp

### flickr

**4-5 yrs / 3 days, start dates below / \$78 per session**

Nature is a wonderful place for a young child to make new discoveries. If your children are ready to explore the world around them – trails, rivers, plants and animals – treat them to a mini-camp. Create nature crafts and learn nature songs. Investigate the woods through short trail walks and the night sky through a planetarium presentation. Play in our new outdoor Nature Place discovery zone. Fee includes snacks each day. See below for themes. Please register only once for each theme.

W-F / 9 AM-noon

RP4818.801	Amazing Animals	Jun 8
RP4818.803	Water Wonders	Jun 15
RP4818.804	Water Wonders	Jun 22
RP4818.805	NEW! Nature Puppets & Play	Jun 29
RP4818.806	NEW! Nature Puppets & Play	Aug 3

W-F / 1-4 PM

RP4818.802	Amazing Animals	Jun 8
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*Cherish fun, new nature discoveries this summer!*

## **NEW! Sensory-Friendly Lil' Nature Explorers Mini-Camp flickr**

**4-6 yrs / 3 days starting Aug 17 / \$78**

In this exciting camp, children who benefit from sensory-friendly accommodations explore nature and make new discoveries in a way that best meets their needs. If your child is ready to explore the world around him/her – trails, rivers, plants and animals –

treat them to this special mini-camp. See live animals, create nature crafts, and investigate the woods with hands-on activities. Discover the wonders of the night sky through a planetarium presentation. Play in our new, outdoor Nature Place discovery zone. Fee includes snacks each day.

RP4818.807      9 AM-noon      W-F

### **Love Nature All Year Long**

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- Student (with school ID)      \$20 / \$40 (NR)
- Individual      \$25 / \$50 (NR)
- Family (household)      \$50 / \$100 (NR)

*Add an additional \$50 to any annual pass level to enjoy Friends of Robinson Nature Center benefit. See back cover.*



Learn all about native Maryland animals!

## Animal Trackers Mini-Camp flickr

**6-8 yrs / 3 days, start dates below / \$78**  
**(Additional option: pay + \$30 to add supervised lunches and movies to this camp)**

Do you love creatures, critters and things that crawl? This mini-camp is full of live animal encounters with reptiles, birds, sea life and more. Learn about amazing animals native to Maryland and take short hikes through the woods to search for animals in their natural habitats. Add optional supervised lunches with movies in the NatureSphere planetarium for an extra treat. For a full camp day (9 AM to 4:30 PM), extend the fun by enrolling in the lunch and our *River Explorers I Mini-Camp* in the afternoon (next column). If enrolling in lunch, bring a non-perishable lunch (no nut products) and a beverage.

<u>W-F</u>		
RP4866.801	Jun 29	9 AM-noon
RP4867.801	Jun 29	Noon-1 PM (lunches and movies)
RP4866.802	Aug 10	9 AM-noon
RP4867.802	Aug 10	Noon-1 PM (lunches and movies)

## River Explorers I Mini-Camp flickr

**6-8 yrs / 3 days, start dates below / \$85**

Some words of advice on a hot summer day: don't stay dry! Join us for fun times in these half-day adventures splashing through the Middle Patuxent River at Robinson Nature Center. We investigate streams, look for frogs and other river critters, create our own river crafts, and play in the water. Fee includes snacks each day. Bring a towel, bathing suit, closed-toe water shoes, and a change of clothes and shoes. Children must be able to change their own clothes. Add an optional supervised lunch with a movie in the NatureSphere planetarium for an extra treat. For a full camp day (9 AM to 4:30 PM), extend the fun by enrolling in a morning session of the *Animal Trackers Mini-Camp* (left).

RP4819.801	Jun 15	1-4:30 PM	W-F
RP4819.802	Jun 22	1-4:30 PM	W-F
RP4819.803	Jun 29	1-4:30 PM	W-F
RP4819.804	Jul 27	1-4:30 PM	W-F
RP4819.805	Aug 10	1-4:30 PM	W-F
RP4819.806	Aug 17	1-4:30 PM	W-F

### Testimonial:

*My 7-year-old participated in your River Explorers Mini-Camp and had the BEST time! He has already begun asking about signing up for it again this year. – Allison Hutzell*

## NEW! Sensory-Friendly Nature Explorers Mini-Camp

**6-8 yrs / 3 days starting Aug 17 / \$78**

If your child benefits from sensory-friendly accommodations, this camp allows them to explore nature and make new discoveries in a way that best meets their needs. Your child traverses trails, explores a river, and discovers native plants and animals in this special mini-camp. Create nature crafts, meet our live animals, see the stars in our planetarium, and investigate and play in our new Nature Place discovery zone. Fee includes snacks each day.

RP4818.808	1-4 PM	W-F
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### Testimonial:

*My favorite part was building the huge bird nest. It was very, very, very fun. I want to go to camp every day and see my friends. - Michael*

## Nature Games – It's On! flickr

7-9 yrs / 4 days, start dates below / \$195

Turn off the computer and see how you measure up in the Nature Games. Make new friends as you work together in fun, challenging, team-building activities. Find your way through natural obstacle courses, solve nature brain teasers and compete in outdoor team games. Try your luck in natural materials building competitions. This camp challenges you from your head to your tippy-toes. Special field trip on Thursday to Port Discovery Children's Museum (included in camp fee), featuring three floors of interactive fun. Bring a non-perishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage.

RP4821.801 Jul 5 9 AM-4 PM Tu-F

RP4821.802 Jul 19 9 AM-4 PM Tu-F

## Epic Water Ventures Mini-Camp flickr

8-10 yrs / 3 days starting Jul 6 / \$169

If you like hanging out on the water, take it to a whole new level! Enjoy adventures in the Middle Patuxent River with new and old friends. Learn about different aspects of the river and the river's connection to the Chesapeake Bay while creating your own treasure map, and then hunt for our buried treasure. Compete in water games and use your engineering skills to see who can build the best boat to float downstream! Get a chance to sail the Chesapeake Bay with Baltimore Harbor's Urban Pirates through a special field trip on Thursday (included in camp fee). Pack a non-perishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage. Bring a towel, bathing suit, closed-toe water shoes and a change of clothes and shoes.

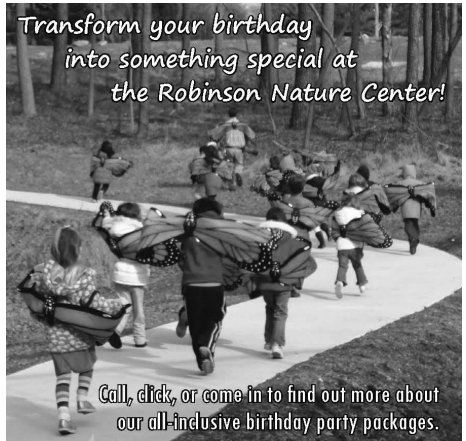
RP4849.801 9 AM-3 PM W-F

To register for a class or event, visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/rap](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/rap) or call 410-313-PARK (410-313-7275).



Enjoy the thrill of Nature Games or Surviving off the Land camps!

Transform your birthday into something special at the Robinson Nature Center!



Call, click, or come in to find out more about our all-inclusive birthday party packages.

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Join your friends and be inspired by nature!

## NEW! Nature – The Next Generation

9-11 yrs / 3 days starting Jul 20 / \$159

Do you like to invent and create? Nature inspires people to design everything from swimsuits modeled off of sharkskin to paint that acts like the naturally dust-repellent lotus flower. Tackle challenges as you work with new and old friends to become the next generation of inventors. Each day, dream up and design your own solutions to some of the world's trickiest problems. Between challenges, collect inspiration for your ideas by enjoying time at the river, in the woods and in our new Nature Place discovery zone. Special field trip on Thursday to the SciTech lab in Baltimore (included in camp fee), where we put our skills to the test. Bring a non-perishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage.

RP4823.801 9 AM-3 PM W-F

## Surviving off the Land Camp flickr

10-12 yrs / 4 days, start dates below / \$185

Do you think you have what it takes to survive off the land? This camp challenges you to survive at different points in history. Learn fire-starting skills or how to identify plants as Paleo-Indians would 10,000 years ago; track animals and build a shelter like the woodland Indian tribes. Make your own bread like the early pioneers. Use modern-day GPS units and compasses to navigate through a forest obstacle course and be the last camper standing. Bring a non-perishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage. (This camp is a prerequisite for the overnight *Surviving off the Land Expedition*.)

RP4850.801 Jul 12 9 AM-3 PM Tu-F

RP4850.802 Jul 26 9 AM-3 PM Tu-F

# Overnight Opportunities

## NEW! Nature's Mysteries Mini-Camp

8-11 yrs / 3 half-days, 1 night starting Jul 13 / \$189

Ease your way into the experience of sleep-over camp with this mini-camp adventure. Each day, we solve a new mystery by piecing together clues found throughout the nature center and in the woods beyond. On Friday night, we solve the biggest mystery of all – and it will require some after-hours detective work! Sleepover on Friday night at the nature center and enjoy dinner over the campfire and breakfast in the morning. Bring a snack (no nut products) and beverage each day. Dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday are included in camp fee.

RP4879.802 1-4:30 PM, W & Th; 1 PM, F-10 AM, Sa

## NEW! Surviving off the Land Camp – Expedition

12-14 yrs / 3 days, 1 night starting Aug 3 / \$217

If you loved our *Surviving Off the Land Camp* and are ready to take your skills to the next level, join up to 11 other teens as you plan an expedition that challenges your survival skills. Hike through beautiful forests. Wade in remote streams. Cook your meals over an open fire. Create a temporary camp in Patapsco State Park and earn service learning hours while clearing land of invasive plants. Construct survival shelters. Camp fee includes transportation, Thursday dinner and Friday breakfast and lunch. Bring a non-perishable lunch (no nut products) and beverage. You must have attended the *Surviving off the Land Camp* (left) within the last two years in order to participate in this camp.

RP4850.803 9 AM-3 PM W-F (overnight Th)



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## Hours

Wednesday-Saturday: 9 AM-5 PM

Sunday: Noon-5 PM

Closed on Mondays & Tuesdays

## Daily Admission

Adults: \$5

Children (3-17 yrs): \$3

Under 3: FREE

\* Wednesdays are complimentary for families and individuals. Group visits are subject to admission fees and must be booked in advance.

## Annual Passes

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## Friends of Robinson Nature Center Membership Levels

Friends of Robinson Nature Center memberships include an annual pass to the nature center, as well as friends-only benefits. For details, please call 410-313-0400.

Patron	\$175
Supporter	\$250
Sustainer	\$500
Lifetime	\$1,000

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