



# MARION COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

## Firewise Nature Camps

**Monday-Friday | June 6 – Aug. 5 | Weekly Fee - \$100 per child | Ages 6-12**

Firewise Nature Camp, our series of nature-related camp programs, is the place to be for summer fun. Children ages 6-12 can explore the wonders of nature through weekly themes with hands-on activities, arts and craft projects, hikes and games, as well as special guests and field trips. Additionally, campers will learn about wildfire safety and how to develop safe, fire-wise practices in their daily lives. Firewise Nature Camp is based out of Brick City Adventure Park (1211 SE 22nd Road, Ocala). Nature camp programs will run from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Before-and-after care (7:30-8 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.) is included in the weekly fee. Registration begins April 1.

### WEB OF LIFE

**June 6-10** — Plants, insects, animals, water, soil and fire are all linked together into an intricate web of life that makes our hammocks and wetlands survive. Through exploratory field trips, we will begin to untangle the web and see how everything depends on each other. Join us for a week packed with exploration, fun hikes, games, arts and crafts.

### EXTRA ORDINARY FIND

**June 13-17** — Getting down and dirty! Exploring a cave, climbing rocks, and digging for fossils making discoveries just like an archeologist. Join us for a week of muddy, sweaty and dirty activities from games to hikes, and arts and crafts as we discover some of earth's wonders.

### SLITHERING RELATIVES

**June 20-24** — Investigators needed to help discover and identify slimy, slippery, slithering, creepy-crawling worms, frogs and lizards. Join the squeals as we discover the important habitats each creature requires for the basic needs of food, water, shelter and space. Exploring habitats while expanding your knowledge with fun activities from hiking to games, arts and crafts.

### IZZY WHIZZY – LET'S GET BUSY

**June 27-July 1** — What's so magical? Learn about one of the most revolutionary changes in nature. Encounter the struggles to reach a new identity. Let's explore the magical transformations in the life of bugs and insects. From cockroaches to butterflies, come join a week packed with fun exploration, nature hikes, games, arts and crafts everyone will enjoy.

### MAGNETIC PERSONALITY

**July 5-8** — Is something tugging on you? Let's explore this strange strong pull of the sun expanding its horizons while pulling in on spinning worlds of partner planets. Rise above with exploration into charged particles glowing with energy. Actively explore looking for magnetic fields around a room with compasses. Join the explosive fun of energy through nature in hikes, games, arts and crafts.

### STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT

**July 11-15** — Space: mystical, exciting, tantalizing. What's out there? Looking into the night sky, illuminating figures seem to appear. Become star-seekers, astronomers, classifying stars dancing across the night sky around mythical animals and people. Explore how these illuminating stars help guide your way on land or sea. Blast off into a week filled with lots of fun games, hikes, and arts and crafts.

### NAVIGATING THE OCEAN BLUE

**July 18-22** — Explore navigating the ocean blue to find untold treasures. Discover ways to get from point A to point B with the help of the night sky. Learn what was used to help the pirates navigate during the daylight hours.

### INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

**July 25-29** — On a hunt you discover a water hole where many animals come to drink. In the older days this help you find food and water to survive. Come explore a single drop of water on its incredible journeys to rivers, lakes, glaciers, clouds, plants, animals, soil and groundwater.

### SPARK NEW IDEAS

**August 1-5** — Explore what camping out is all about. Learn the basics, including how important the campfire is and what you need to do to be bear aware!

## Outdoor Recreation Camps

### ARCHERY CAMP

**Monday-Friday / 9 a.m.-noon**  
**Ages 9-15 / \$50 per child**  
**Session I June 27- July 1**  
**Session II Aug. 1-5**

Archery is an exciting sport for children, that teaches them hand-eye coordination, develops their patience and builds confidence. This camp will touch on all of that under safe supervision. Different target mediums will be used to make the sport fun and interesting.

### KAYAK / PADDLEBOARD MINI-CAMP

**Monday-Thursday / 8 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**Ages 10-15 / \$80 per child**  
**Session I June 13-17**  
**Session II July 18-22**

Learn the basic skills of kayaking, as well as the latest Stand-Up Paddling (SUP) sport. Program will include instruction and local outings in the area. Participants meet at Brick City Adventure Park. Please understand that rain may be a factor in the weekly plans. Friday will be used as an alternate rain-day.

### FISH CAMP

**Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Ages 9-15 / \$140 per child**  
**Session I June 6-10**  
**Session II July 25-29**

Youth will learn bank/boat fishing, boating safety, types of tackle, casting tips, knot-tying, fish identification, cleaning and preparing fish, fishing rules and etiquette and more. All youth will receive a rod and reel, tackle box and tackle. The final day will include a family fish fry. Fee includes gear. Participants meet at Brick City Adventure Park. Before-and-after care (7:30-8 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.) is included in the weekly fee.

### EXTREME ADVENTURE CAMP

**Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Ages 9-15 / \$175 per child**  
**Session I June 20-24**  
**Session II July 5-8**  
**Session III July 11-15**

A fun-filled week of outdoor adventure that takes it to the extreme with kayaking, paddle boarding, tubing, hiking, ropes challenge, zip lining or tree climbing. Participants meet at Brick City Adventure Park. Before-and-after care (7:30-8 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.) is included in the weekly fee.



Registration for all camps begins April 1 unless specified. All summer camps require pre-registration. Search, register and pay for Marion County Parks and Recreation programs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from any device connected to the internet at [www.marionparksrec.org](http://www.marionparksrec.org).

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