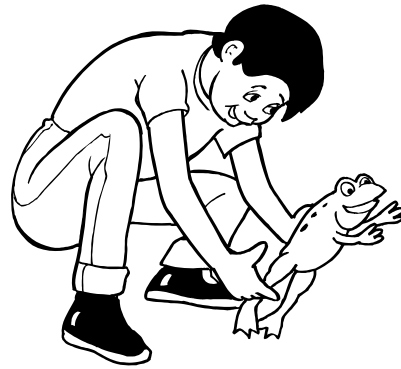


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# HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS



## AT LYMAN WOODS

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## T.I.M.B.E.R. PACKS

TIMBER packs include everything you need for your self-guided journey of the 150 acres and over 2 miles of trails through the forest, wetlands, and prairies of Lyman Woods. Each pack has a different theme and contains tools for your adventure, including identification books, magnifiers, biofacts, and activities to challenge your group.

### *Trees*

Check out the tops of the trees with binoculars, and use identification books and seed, twig, and leaf samples to discover trees!

### *Insects*

Get up close and personal with our 6-legged friends with magnifiers, bug boxes, and identification guides!

### *Mammals*

Examine a real pelt and skull, and become wildlife detectives searching for mammal tracks and signs through Lyman Woods!

### *Birds*

Search the woods for birds using binoculars, identification guides, and bird calls. Examine feathers and check out a real owl pellet!

### *Early Residents*

Discover Lyman Woods through the eyes of an early resident with the help of stories and artifacts. Learn about the animals and people that came before us!

There is no charge to borrow a pack, but a valid driver's license is required to check out TIMBER Packs.

## REGISTRATION & FEES

Programs are 90 minutes

Fee: \$5.50/child

Minimum group size is 7  
(Smaller groups may register, but they must pay the minimum fee.)

Minimum Age: 6 years

All programs meet at the Interpretive Center. Please dress to go outdoors.

An outdoor picnic area is available to groups free of charge. The picnic area must be reserved in advance.

Please register at least two weeks in advance.

Call the Interpretive Center at (630) 963-9388 for more information or to register for programs and reserve the picnic area and TIMBER Packs.

Don't see what you're looking for?  
Call us to discuss how we can accommodate your group's needs.

## MORE THAN A WALK IN THE WOODS!

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Bring your group to Lyman Woods for an unforgettable outdoor adventure! Take part in one of our exciting educational programs and then explore the nature trails on your own. Whether you are learning about bugs or rocks, our knowledgeable and fun naturalists will lead the way!

### WILLIAM F. SHERMAN, JR. INTERPRETIVE CENTER

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The Interpretive Center is your starting point for your exploration of Lyman Woods. The Interpretive Center is a green building exemplifying environmentally-friendly building practices. Discover native landscaping, a butterfly garden, and rain gardens outside the Center. Don't forget to look up to spot native prairie plants growing on the roof! Inside the Interpretive Center you will find changing exhibits and activities, programs, restrooms, drinking fountains, and first aid. Feel free to ask questions to our talented naturalists.

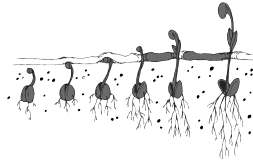
## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

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### Sow a Seed

*(Spring, Summer, and Fall)*

Discover the changes seeds make on their journey to becoming plants like huge oak trees! Get a close-up look inside a seed before heading out on the trail to observe what's growing at Lyman Woods. Learn about plant life cycles and the fun ways seeds get spread around!



### Wetland Wonders

*(Spring, Summer, and Fall)*

Every living thing needs water. Hike to the wetlands in search of turtles, frogs, and muskrats. Look for aquatic invertebrates using dip nets, and find out how the health of a wetland can be determined by looking at the critters that live in it!

### Incredible Insects

*(Spring, Summer, and Fall)*

In the air, on the ground, or under a log- insects are all around us! Trek through the woods and prairie to capture, observe, and release the buggy creatures we can find. Learn about the important roles these mini-beasts play in the big scheme of things.



### Daytime Astronomy

*(Year-round)*

Look to the sky and learn about our closest star- the Sun! Learn about Earth's place in the solar system through fun activities and games. Using a telescope, search the sky for the sun and even a daytime moon! *(Telescope viewing is dependent on sky conditions.)*

### Weather Watch

*(Year-round)*

What causes our daily and seasonal weather changes?



Look to the atmosphere and beyond for the answers! Investigate the unique conditions of the day using scientific tools as we hike through the woods.

### Classy Critters

*(Year-round)*

Learn the basics of identifying and classifying animals through touchable biofacts and hands-on activities. Explore the differences between invertebrates and vertebrates, and then discover the differences between the basic vertebrate groups.

### Fascinating Forests

*(Year-round)*



Forests are one of our most valuable resources. Hike through Lyman Woods to explore a forest ecosystem, and search for the animals that reside in the woods. Examine the inner workings of a tree, discover the enemies that threaten trees, and find out what we can do to conserve the forest.

## FAMILY PROGRAM

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### Nature at Night

*(Year-round)*

Explore Lyman Woods at night! Walk the trails listening for the sounds of the forest at night and learn about the amazing nocturnal animals that live in Lyman Woods. End the evening telling legends, star-gazing, and roasting marshmallows around a campfire.

