

Story County Conservation Nature Camps 2020

Waterbugs

July 27-31, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Naturalist: Beth Waage



Explore the wild, muddy, squishy world of water. Campers will learn how water connects us all as they discover Story County ponds, wetlands, streams, and rivers through hands-on activities, art, stories, games, and journaling. We may visit the following nature areas as weather and water levels allow:

McFarland Park: Pond, prairie, forest, and creek—we'll experience several habitats and the toads, birds, and bugs that live there.

Cooper's Prairie Marsh: This restored marsh northeast of Ames is a natural "jungle" of cattails, sedges, rushes, muskrats, blackbirds, and dragonflies.



****Expect that your child will be VERY wet or dirty when you pick them up (including Monday)****

Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor: We'll flip rocks in the riffles and shallows of the creek, and explore how water moves.

Emma McCarthy Lee Park: Explore a shaded gravel bar and wade the shallows as we discover how our community cares for water.

REMINDERS: * Wear **long pants and closed-toe shoes** (no flip flops) that can get wet and dirty. Hats are recommended. * Bring a **full water bottle** and small backpack. * Story County Conservation staff will not apply bug spray or sun block. Please apply before arrival. * A snack will be provided each day.

IMPORTANT: If your child needs a booster seat while traveling in the van, please label it and leave it with the naturalists on **Tues, Wed, and Thurs** as the campers will be traveling off-site.



Parents and siblings may join us on Friday at 11:00 a.m. for an end of camp celebration at McFarland Park in the Conservation Center.