August 19-23: Pond Cyclers (Bike Camp)

Get your feet wet and your hands dirty exploring ponds from sandy banks to tangled plants. Hunt for minnows, Frogs, water striders, and many more amazing creatures in the underwater world of our local wetlands.

For more information about bike camps, visit our Bike FAQ!

For more information about water safety, visit our Camp FAQ!

Monday: Aquatic Algae and Ecosystems
Drop-off and pick-up at Avery House Nature Center
- Investigate and connect with key aquatic Algae
- Discover the microscopic base of the pond food chain using plankton nets to find Zooplankton species
- Create a Shrinky Dink Diatom
- Explore snails and clams - how they feed, filter, and move.

Tuesday: Pond Habitat Exploration
Drop-off and pick-up at Sunset Park
- Ages 9-13 option to bike to Clemens Log Pond and Mary’s River Park in Philomath.
- Ages 5-8 will bike Dunawi Creek and Mary’s River confluence.
- Building ponds with beavers and see how nutria live with them.
- Fun in the mud and on the hunt for pond life

Wednesday: Bogs and Aquatic Creatures
Drop-off and pick-up at Crystal Lake Sports Park and Boat Ramp
- Catch fish, observe osprey. Macro invertebrates.
- Prepare to get muddy as we test our balance on fallen logs over the Crystal Lake pond!
- Wild time messy day with mud, duckweed, and sticky aquatic plants (Keens and nylon)

Thursday: Wetland Wonders
Drop-off and pick-up at Stewart Pond (on HP’s Campus)
- Follow the tracks and trails in the mud.
- Hunt for live daytime pond predators.
- Bike to Jackson Frazier Wetland

Friday: Visit to Oregon Department of Fisheries & Wildlife
Drop-off at Peavy Arboretum, pick-up at Adair Park
Family Camp Out
  *All ages Student / Family overnight camp out at Adair Park (optional)

Friday Family Fun Camping event - Nocturnal Wetland Life
Starts Friday 5:00pm Ends Saturday morning at 10:00am
  ● Go netting for small fish, crayfish, and more. Then try your hand at Catching a frog!
  ● Bike the Cadwell Creek Trail to Adair ODFW
  ● Wade into the pond with ODFW biologists.
Nocturnal pond life, nighttime wetland predators with raccoons, bats, beavers, and more
  ● Camping gear will be transported from Peavy to Adair Park by CEC staff as needed
  ● Dinner on Friday night hotdog/veggie pups and sides
  ● Oatmeal breakfast bar at 8:30am saturday
  ● Pick up and pack up at 10am saturday

Evening Activities include:
9:00 dusk bats: Native American bat creation story, bat art, bat and moth trail
Open 8:30-10:30: Nocturnal eyes: Raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, and other eyes in the dark
10:00 Night hike: Make special flashlight lenses and go on a hike in the dark