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December 2024

Welcome

Welcome to the Summer School Holiday Program.

Our spring school holiday program was full of fun activities, we explored lots of new places and saw some amazing plants and anima Spaces filled up quickly, due to the popularity of the programs, so please book in early to avoid disappointment.

We thoroughly enjoy seeing you throughout the school holidays and we are excited to bring you our summer school holiday program In this issue:

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Spring school holidays snapshot



Summer Holidays

Summer are upon us and we are currently in the Noongar season of Birak, the fire season.

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Take a look at our fun nature based school holiday programs here. Get to know your patch and spend time in nature these s



MONDAY 8 JAN

Turtley Awesome Wetlands 9.30-11am 4-7yrs

LD Lake Douglas

TUESDAY 9 JAN

Water for Wildlife *

9.30-11am 4-7yrs CREEC

Animal encounter

WEDNESDAY 10 JAN

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Banksia Buddies * 9.30-11am 4-7yrs

RTNKP

Animal encounter

THURSDAY 11

The Art of Birds

9.30-11am 8-14yrs ESBS Drop off activity

Dolphin Discovery 9.30-11am 4-7yrs PW Point Walter

SATURDAY 13 JAN

Twilight in the Forest

6-9pm Family event 6+ PHDC

Please note: Optional camping at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre camp ground.

MONDAY 15 JAN

Intertidal Investigations

9.30-11am 7 - 12yrs BB Burns Beach

TUESDAY 16 JAN

Turtle Conservation #*

9.30-11am 8 - 14yrs AQWA

WEDNESDAY 1

Splash Quest: Wi Water @ Baigup \

9-10.30am 8-15yrs AP A.P Hinds Reserve Drop off activity

FRIDAY 19TH JAN

Wildlife Ninja School

*Activity has an animal encounter

9.30-11am 4 - 7yrs PHDC

SATURDAY 20 JAN

Family Splash Quest: Wildlife by Water @ Garvey Park

9-11am Family event 6+ **GP Garvey Park** Single Kayak booking 8+

Double Kayak booking 6+

#drop and leave activity

FRIDAY 2 FEB

Wetland Animals of the

6.30 - 8.30pm Family Event 6+ LS Lightning Swamp

CREEC Canning River Eco E **HLDC** Herdsman Lake Disc RTNKP Rio Tinto Naturesca PHDC Perth Hills Discovery GP Garvey Park | AP A.P H AQWA Aquarium of Weste BB Burns Beach | PW Poir **ESBS** Eric Singleton Bird Sa LS Lightning Swamp **DL** Lake Douglas

For more information on these programs including costs, an activity break-down and to book, head to our website. If you have any questions about the upcoming program, please contact us via email at knowyourpatch@dbca.wa.gov.au

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Featured Activities

Here are some of our top activities for summer.

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The Art of Birds

Come and join us at Environment House for a nature art experience. We will head to Eric Singleton Bird Sanctuary located next door and have fun exploring nature and gathering information about the wetland birds for our art. There is a wide variety of bird species in the wetland. After that, we will head back to Environment House and enjoy a special art lesson on the outdoor deck with our talented artist and nature lover.

Book online here.

Ages: 8 - 14yrs

Where: Environment House, Bayswater When: Thursday 11th January 2024

Time: 9.30am - 11am

Cost: \$15



Turtley Awesome Wetlands

The native south-western snake necked turtle is a fascinating reptile which inhabits our river and wetlands. Sadly, it faces many threats and we can all do our part to protect them.

Join us at Lake Douglas at the South Perth Foreshore on this fun and interactive activity as we explore the turtley awesome life of these interesting creatures, investigate their unique features and explore the environment in search for them! Finish the morning by making your own crafty turtle.

Note: we cannot guarantee we will see a turtle during this activity.

Book online <u>here.</u> Ages: 4 - 7yrs

Where: Lake Douglas, South Perth

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Time: 9.30pm - 11am

Cost: \$7



Twilight in the Forest - Family Event

Bring your family to our twilight spectacular at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre. We will discover nocturnal wonders and visions of the cosmos during this interactive night time experience.

Take part in an interactive exploration of nocturnal insects led by invertebrate expert David Knowles. You will get the chance to participate in a special insect trapping session using scientific equipment, with plenty of chances to take photos of these extraordinary night time creatures.

We'll explore the impact of light pollution through the perspectives of dedicated scientists and come together for a starry discussion, telescope observations of the moon and an introduction to our superb Western Australian landscapes and wonders of the southern night sky's, inspired by Dr Goldsmith's latest astrophotography book "Visions of the Cosmos".

To enhance your twilight experience, we're also treating the whole family to a sausage sizzle.

Camping options available (at an extra cost) when booking if you wish to stay in the forest overnight.

This is a family event

Book online here.

Ages: 6+yrs

Where: Perth Hills Discovery Centre When: Saturday 13th January 2024

Time: 6pm - 9pm Adult cost: \$39 Child cost: \$29 Subscribe Past Issues

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Wetland Wonders

Join us at Herdsman Lake Discovery Centre for an exciting hands-on program about wetlands and what makes them so special!

We will be scooping for aquatic creatures, play bird bingo and take you on a guided nature walk through the Paperbark Swamp so you can experience our wetland wonders.

Book online here.

Ages: 4 - 7yrs

Where: Herdsman Lake Discovery Centre (WA Gould League)

When: Thursday 18th January 2024

Time: 9.30pm - 11am

Cost: \$20

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Splash Quest: Wildlife By Water - Baigup Wetlands

This summer dive into this kayaking adventure on the Swan River starting at A.P Hinds Reserve in Bayswater. We will be exploring the Baigup wetlands (subtropical and temperate coastal saltmash) from the water, so be on the lookout for over 100 water bird species that have been seen here. Challenge your strength, balance and agility. Don't worry if it's your first time on a kayak, we've got your back!

DROP OFF activity

Ages: 8 - 15yrs

Where: A.P. Hinds Reserve, Bayswater

When: Wed 17th January 2024

Time: 9am - 10.30am

Cost: \$30

Book here online.

Family Activities and New Locations

January 20th Saturday - Family Splash Quest: Wildlife By Water - Garvey Park, Ascot

Join us for a kayaking adventure at Garvey Park. Did you know the Ashfied flats (opposite Garvey Park) is the largest remaining rive around it. You will also get to challenge your strength, balance and agility and play some water games in this fun family event. Please

Book here for single kayak. Book <u>here</u> for a double kayak.

February 2nd Friday - Wetland Animals of The Night: Lightning Swamp, Bayswater

Join us with the City of Bayswater at Lightning Swamp for a twilight walk in search of nocturnal wetland animals. Starting with a anim nocturnal creatures will we see? Book here online.

Summer school holidays locations:

- Canning River Eco Education Centre, Wilson
- Herdsman Lake Discovery Centre, Wembley Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park
- Perth Hills Discovery Centre, Mundaring
- Garvey Park, Ascot
- A.P. Hinds Reserve, Bayswater Eric Singleton Bird Sanctuary, Bayswater Lightning Swamp, Bayswater Aquarium of Western Australia, Hillarys

- Burns Beach Foreshore Park, Joondalup
- Lake Douglas, South Perth Point Walter, Bicton

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With Covid-19 amongst the Western Australian community, we want to ensu

If you, your children or another household member have been advised to isolate, are awaiting a Covid-19 test result or hav has the right to turn any participants away who may be displaying Covid-19 symptom

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