

Kids & Nature: "Little Cedar Theater"

6 - 1 hour sessions, ages 6-12
Thursdays: 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7
4:30-5:30 pm
\$42 (\$46 non-resident)



Attention young aspiring Naturalists! Do you love nature and enjoy sharing stories with family and friends? Then join us as you learn about nature and how to perform telling imaginative stories using creative dramatics. The class will culminate with a unique opportunity for the young naturalists/actors performing at the Nature Center's special event "Whimsical Woods" on October 8. Instructor: Park Naturalist Molly Postlewait. **Pre-registration required. #206**

Tractor-drawn HAYRIDES

Through the parks!

Enjoy the crisp autumn air while on a hayride. With fall's cool breezes not far off, it's time to make arrangements for the hayride season.

- 45 minute to one hour hayride
- One hour campfire
- Apple cider and marshmallows

\$6 per person

Children 2 or younger are free

Minimum charge is \$65

**Locations: Heritage Park or
Shawnee Mission Park**

Reservations required: please call (913) 831-3359, Monday –Friday, 9am-4pm or in person at Antioch Park, Building D.

Pre-registration required

~~ PUBLIC HAYRIDES ~~

1308 Sunday, September 25th, 2:30 p.m.

1309 Sunday, November 6th, 2:30 p.m.

1 hr. ride and 1 hr. campfire - \$6 per person
Marshmallows and cider provided.

Pre-registration required.

Halloween: Whimsical Woods

Saturday, October 8th, 1:00pm - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per person

Ages 11 and under

(must be accompanied by Parent/Guardian)



There's nothing scary about this enchanted forest. Enjoy a walk on the trail with the award-winning Nature Center staff. Costumed characters will delight and entertain audiences of all ages. Meet with the Good Fairy and Forest Friends. Live animals, stories, songs and surprises will highlight childhood favorites. In case of inclement weather, program will be held indoors. Group sessions begin every 15 minutes with program length approx. 1 hour.

Advance reservations required.

Monarchs & Wildflowers

Saturday, September 10th, 10:00am –Noon

Fee: \$4 per person

Recommended for ages 8 and up

(must be accompanied by Parent/Guardian)

Celebrate the Monarch butterflies' amazing annual migration. Join us in tagging these fascinating insects. Learn about these amazing insects and other native butterflies. See the beautiful wildflowers that attract them.

Advance reservations required.



Halloween: Haunted Kansas

Saturday, October 22nd, 6:30pm– 9:00pm

Fee: \$5 per person



(Recommended for ages 8 & up and all children must be accompanied by Parent/Guardian or one adult chaperone per group of 5)

As darkness falls, walk through the trails of Ernie Miller Park and listen to the stories of long ago. Characters from the past will share legends around the campfire. Expect a shiver down the spine and a mild case of goose bumps for those who dare enter the forest on this autumn evening. Group sessions begin every 15 minutes with program length approx. 1 hour ending at 9:00 pm. Last session will be at 8:00pm. This is an outdoor event, dress appropriately. In case of inclement weather program will be held indoors.

Advance reservations required.

Animal Tales- Storytime at Ernie Miller Nature Center

All programs begin at 10:30am and last 30 minutes.

Fee: \$2 per person (including adults)

Ages 2-6 with Adult

Visit the Nature Center for stories, songs, and surprises geared to preschool children. Come listen and learn. Meet a special animal friend every time. All children must be accompanied by an adult. *Note: The program on September 21st will celebrate Johnny Appleseed's birthday.*

Wed. 9/7	Friends in the Prairie
Wed. 9/14	Looking at Birds
Wed. 9/21	Johnny Appleseed
Wed. 10/5	Animal Action
Wed. 10/19	Fall Fun
Wed. 11/2	Busy Beavers
Wed. 11/16	Turkeys
Wed. 12/7	Winter Wonders
Wed. 12/21	A Visit with Santa



Winter Solstice Celebration

Saturday, December 17th, 6:30pm-8:00pm
Fee: \$6 per person (including adults)

Take a break from the busy holiday festivities as we hike through the woods, along little Cedar Creek to witness the natural display of winter's quiet time. Warm up by the fireside and listen to the ancient stories about the longest night of the year. Visit live owls and discover animal mysteries of survival during the long winter. Gather round for campfire treats of toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate. Please note: Portions of this program will be outdoors. Please dress for the weather.

Advance reservations required.

Storytelling:

Tellabration ★ 2011

Saturday, November 19th, 10:30-11:30 am
Fee: \$3 per person (including adults)

Want to hear a good story? Come celebrate the International Day of Storytelling at the Ernie Miller Nature Center. Hear nature stories with live animals. These stories will combine the themes of environmental awareness and ancient myths. They will delight audiences of all ages.

Advance reservations required.

~~ REGISTRATION INFORMATION ~~

Advance reservations required = if fee required, money paid at door day of program. Call the Nature Center at 913.764.7759 to reserve your spot.

Pre-registration required = money must be paid in advance of the program. You can register online or by phone at 831.3359 or register online at www.jcprd.com. Reference the code # listed.

Pick up the Johnson County Park and Recreation ACTIVITIES catalog for more information on upcoming classes, special events and programs happening around the District.

- Go Green: Worm Bin Workshop (pg 7)
 - Go Green: Compost Bin Workshop (pg 47)
 - Map & Compass: Orienteering Workshop
 - Birding: Owl Prowl (pg 7)
 - Tree Climbing (pg 7)
 - Fishing: Beginning Fly Casting (pg 47)
 - Fishing: Fly Tying (pg 47)
 - Preschool: Night Hike (pg 19)
 - Breakfast with Santa (pg 19)
 - Preschool: Fall Fun Series (pg 19)
- JCPRD has many family friendly special events. Check out pages 7-12 for more details!



Ernie Miller Nature Center
909 N. Highway 7
Olathe, KS 66061
913.764.7759

(Closed Noon to 1 p.m. for lunch year round)
Monday - Saturday 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm
(Closed Sundays from June 1 - Sept. 1)

Winter Hours-Starting Nov. 1
Monday - Saturday 9 am to 4:30 pm
Sunday 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Park Trails Open Dawn to Dusk Daily

Fall 2011

Special Events



Ernie Miller Nature Center



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What do YOU do for fun?