

# SUMMER CAMPS 2025

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST AT 12PM

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGED CAMPS

### Wiggly Caterpillars

**Age:** Students entering 4yo Preschool  
**Dates:** May 28 & 29 or July 28 & 29  
**Time:** 9am - 12pm **Cost:** \$45

How does a caterpillar transform into a butterfly? Why are some smooth while others are fuzzy? Let's learn more about these baby butterflies and their incredible life cycle.

### Butterfly Investigations

**Age:** Students entering TK/K  
**Dates:** June 11 & 12 or July 8 & 9  
**Time:** 9am - 12pm **Cost:** \$45

Big, bold, and beautiful - butterflies are fascinating insects. What are their wings made of? How do they drink nectar? Let's grab our nets and take a closer look at these fluttering friends.

### Snake Tails & Turtle Trails

**Age:** Students entering 1st & 2nd grade  
**Dates:** June 3 - 5 or July 22 - 24  
**Time:** 9am - 3pm **Cost:** \$95

Do all reptiles shed their skin like snakes? How long can aquatic turtles hold their breath? Join us as we study these cold-blooded creatures and become reptile scientists! Lunches included.

### Tadpole Camp

**Age:** Students entering 3rd & 4th grade  
**Dates:** June 16 - 19  
**Time:** 9am - 3pm **Cost:** \$125

Where's the best place to look for tadpoles? How do these wiggly creatures survive in their habitat? Get ready to romp around local wetlands in search of these alluring critters. Lunches included.

### Survival Skills 101

**Age:** Students entering 3rd & 4th grade  
**Dates:** July 15 - 17  
**Time:** 9am - 3pm **Cost:** \$95

Learn how to survive in the wild! Campers will make shelters, purify drinking water, cook with a solar oven, practice plant and wildlife identification skills, and more! Lunches included.

### Fish Camp

**Age:** Students entering 1st - 3rd grade  
**Dates:** June 10, July 10 or August 12  
**Time:** 9am - 3pm **Cost:** \$25

At this partnership camp with ISU Extension, campers participate in a day of outdoor fishing fun! Investigate underwater invertebrates, learn about the parts of a fish and try to reel in as many as you can catch! Please bring a life vest and sack lunch.

### Wizardsing World

**Age:** Entering 3rd - 5th grade  
**Date:** July 9  
**Time:** 9am - 3pm **Cost:** \$15

Discover the wizardsing world of Harry Potter while also learning about nature and science!

Please register Feb 10th at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/dickinson/>



[www.iowalakesidelab.com/youth-programs](http://www.iowalakesidelab.com/youth-programs)



# MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL-AGED CAMPS

## Frog Camp

**Age:** Students entering 5th & 6th grade  
**Dates:** June 23 - 26  
**Time:** 9am - 3pm **Cost:** \$125

Did you know frogs use their eyes to help them swallow their prey? They also absorb water through their skin! Be prepared to get wet and muddy as we head to the wetlands to learn more about these fantastic creatures!  
Lunches included.

## A Pirate's Life for Me

**Age:** Students entering 5th - 9th grade  
**Dates:** August 4 - 6  
**Time:** 9am - 3pm **Cost:** \$155

At this collaborative camp between Lakeside Lab and Okoboji Sailing Center, spend time on both land and water while learning valuable navigation skills, seeking treasure, and becoming a pirate on West Lake Okoboji! Campers spend mornings at Lakeside and afternoons sailing with OSC instructors. Lunches included.

## Girls in STEM PJ Party

**Age:** Girls entering 6th - 9th grade  
**Dates:** July 31 - August 1  
**Time:** 9am - 9am **Cost:** \$50

Lakeside, ISU Extension and Dickinson County Conservation are excited to partner and bring you an all-girls, overnight camp focused on learning more about science, technology, engineering and math. Girls will engage in hands-on activities, team building challenges and even have the opportunity to meet local women from STEM fields. All meals included.

## Wild Boys Overnight

**Age:** Boys entering 6th - 9th grade  
**Dates:** July 18 - 19  
**Time:** 9am - 9am **Cost:** \$50

Join us for our first all-boys, overnight camp focused on survival skills in the wild! Boys will engage in hands-on activities, team building challenges, career exploration and have the opportunity to meet local natural resources professionals in the area. Learn about water purification, fire building, navigation and more to see if you have what it takes to survive in the wild. All meals included.

## Leaders-in-Training Program

**Age:** Students entering 9th - 12th grade

High schoolers who enjoy working with younger children, love the outdoors and would like to give back to their community will find a great fit in this camp program. The Leaders-in-Training (LIT) program is designed to provide opportunities for older campers to increase their leadership skills by sharing their passion, knowledge and enthusiasm for the natural world with younger campers. LITs will assist camp staff in providing a safe, caring and exciting experience for campers. This program does require an application process and all LITs will participate in a training prior to the summer. For more information please email [kamurray@iastate.edu](mailto:kamurray@iastate.edu).



## Lakeside Lab & Okoboji Sailing Center Collaborative Camps

Please register at [okobojisailingcenter.org](http://okobojisailingcenter.org)  
**Registration opens March 7th**

**Age:** Students entering 5th - 9th grade  
**Time:** 9am - 3pm

Spend time on both land and water while exploring various STEM topics! Campers spend half the day at Lakeside and half the day sailing with Okoboji Sailing Center instructors.

### Where did these lakes come from?

June 12 - 13

**Herpetology**  
June 19 - 20

**Junior CLAMP-ologists**  
July 10 - 11

**The Bees & The Breeze**  
July 24 - 25



**Financial assistance is available!**

To apply, or for more information, visit [iowalakesidelab.org](http://iowalakesidelab.org) or contact Education Coordinator, Ashley Scheve at [ashley-scheve@uiowa.edu](mailto:ashley-scheve@uiowa.edu) or (712) 337-3669 ext. 7.

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