

SUMMER CAMPS 2026

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 2ND AT 12PM

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGED CAMPS

Habitat Explorers

Age: Students entering 4yo Preschool
Dates: June 1 & 2 or July 8 & 9
Time: 9am - 12pm **Cost:** \$45

Prairies, wetlands and forests - oh my! Join us as we discover what resources make a habitat and compare what different plants and animals need to survive!

Let's Get Muddy!

Age: Students entering TK/K
Dates: June 3 & 4 or July 28 & 29
Time: 9am - 12pm **Cost:** \$45

Time to unleash your wild side and explore the wonderful world of mud. Campers will explore, play and make crafts out of mud. Come ready to get dirty and have fun!

Dino Discovery

Age: Students entering 1st & 2nd grade
Dates: June 9 - 11 or July 14 - 16
Time: 9am - 3pm **Cost:** \$95

Stomp, roar, and explore! Campers will step into the shoes of paleontologists as they uncover fossils, learn about different kinds of dinosaurs, and go on outdoor adventures. Lunches included.

Tadpole Camp

Age: Students entering 3rd & 4th grade
Dates: June 15 - 18
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.

Nature Detectives

Age: Students entering 3rd & 4th grade
Dates: July 21 - 23
Time: 9am - 3pm **Cost:** \$95

Put your detective skills to the test as we explore mysteries hidden in the natural world! Campers will investigate animal tracks, find clues, and use real field tools to uncover what's happening outdoors. Lunches included.

Fish Camp

Age: Students entering 1st - 3rd grade
Dates: June 8, July 7 or August 6
Time: 9am - 3pm **Cost:** \$25

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

Wizard Workshop

Age: Entering 3rd - 5th grade
Date: June 17 or July 8
Time: 9am - 3pm **Cost:** \$20

Discover a world of magic and wonder while also learning about nature and science!

Please register Feb 16th at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/dickinson/>



www.iowalakesidelab.com/youth-programs

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MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL-AGED CAMPS

Frog Camp

Age: Students entering 5th & 6th grade
Dates: June 22 - 25
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.

Girls in STEM PJ Party

Age: Girls entering 6th - 9th grade
Dates: August 30 - 31
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.

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.

Junior CLAMP-ologists Sailing Camp

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

Join the Cooperative Lakes Area Monitoring Project (CLAMP) as a Junior CLAMP-ologist! At this collaborative camp between Lakeside and Okoboji Sailing Center, spend time on both land and water while learning about water quality in the lakes area! Campers spend mornings at Lakeside and afternoons sailing with OSC instructors. Lunch included.

Wild Boys Overnight

Age: Boys entering 6th - 9th grade
Dates: July 24 - 25
Time: 9am - 9am **Cost:** \$50

Join us for an 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.



Lakeside Lab & Okoboji Sailing Center Collaborative Camps

Please register at okobojisailingcenter.org

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. Lunches included.

Lake Legends
June 11 - 12

Beneath the Surface
June 18 - 19

A Pirate's Life for Me
July 9 - 10

Lift Off & Set Sail
July 16 - 17



Financial assistance is available!

To apply, or for more information, visit iowalakesidelab.org or contact Education Coordinator, Ashley Scheve at ashley-scheve@uiowa.edu or (319) 335-2803.

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