

Spring 2009 Preschool Programs

February 18 • Feathers, Beaks and Funny Feet

Birds are some of our most accessible and fascinating wildlife, frequent visitors to our own backyards. We will learn what makes the birds different by looking at their colorful feathers and the different tools that birds have for doing different jobs. Children can look at specimens, then go for a walk in fabulous Bidwell Park to see the wildlife. They'll also get an opportunity to meet one of our own resident birds, the cute Western Screech Owl Oskar, and make their own bird craft.

March 18 • Bloomin' Bidwell Park

At this time of year, Bidwell Park comes alive with carpets of multicolored flowers. In this program, children will look at some of these brilliant beauties and learn why plants go to the fuss of making them. We will go for a walk to see what's blooming, do a flowery craft, and meet one of our animal friends.

April 22 • Beautiful Butterflies

Spring in Bidwell Park means a profusion of butterflies and caterpillars. We'll learn about the amazing life cycle of the butterfly and go for a walk to look for residents like the Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly and their caterpillars. We'll meet an animal friend and make our very own butterfly to take home.

May 20 • Babes in the Woods

Why are baby animals so cute? How are animal kids' lives different from ours and how are they the same? We'll explore these questions and go for a hike through the Park to look for new animal families. We'll also meet our favorite furry friend, Blackberry the rabbit, and make our own baby animal craft.

About Preschool Workshops

The Chico Creek Nature Center's Preschool Workshops allow us to offer quality environmental education to children ages 3-5. Workshops are designed to give young children their first introduction to nature through games, crafts, group discussion, and up close observation. We provide a caring yet fun environment where both children and adults can enjoy learning about nature. A parent or guardian must attend workshops with children.

Schedule and Fees

All Preschool Workshops are scheduled on Wednesdays from 10am-11am and meet inside The Chico Creek Nature Center.

Each workshop costs \$10 per child. It is important to enroll your child early as we limit each workshop to 15 children. To enroll your child, please fill out the registration form and return it with payment.

REGISTRATION FORM • Preschool Workshops -SPRING 2009

1st Child Name (write above line) Age

2nd Child Name (write above line) Age

Parent or Guardian Name Home Phone Number

Address State Zip

Check Workshop(s) you wish to Attend:

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RELEASE and MEDICAL FORM

I, the parent/guardian of _____ agree to have my child participate in the program indicated on this form. I assume all risks to my child associated with the program held at the Nature Center and in Bidwell Park. The program may include wading and/or swimming in the creek, hiking, and other nature, craft, and outdoor adventure activities. All natural areas contain poisonous plants and animals as well as other natural hazards. I agree to hold harmless the Chico Creek Nature Center and their officers and employees and any co-sponsor of the activity from and against all liability for accident or injury to my child arising out of participation in this program. I understand that if my child should become sick or injured and her/his parents can not be contacted, a licensed physician has my permission to treat the sickness or injury.

For each child, list any allergies, physical limitations, or special conditions we should be aware of: _____

Photograph Release Form

Program participants may be photographed for Nature Center publicity materials. **If you DO NOT want your child included in these photographs, please check this box**

PARENT or GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE