

## Educational Program Fees

### Dane County Parks - Lussier Family Heritage Center

The following document contains guidance for setting fees for general, environmental, and outdoor education programs for the Lussier Family Heritage Center and Dane County Parks. Staff should maintain a goal to keep program costs as low as possible for programming, while still covering costs associated with LTE (limited term employment) employees and material costs. Discounts, scholarships, and waived fees should be granted to persons or organizations unable to pay the amount, but who wish to participate in the program. Education program fees should not be set to make a profit. When possible, a mix of free and paid educational programs should be available for public and private groups/ participants. Fees beyond the ranges listed below, will be presented and reviewed by the Dane County Parks Commission prior to use.

#### 2023 Category Addition

### Fee Categories

**Field Trip:** These programs may take place onsite (at the Heritage Center or a Dane County Park) or offsite (at the organization location). These programs typically are between 60-180 minutes depending on the topic, which will influence the price. K-12.

**Public Youth Program:** This is a general category that covers all additional programs including but not limited to: StoryTime, Lil' Explorers, Youth Art in the Park, Youth Yoga, Bike Safety, etc. that is open to all members of the public. Costs vary due to material, duration, and LTE costs. Ages K-12.

**Presentation/ Seminar/ Class:** This program type is typically conducted with a speaker (internal or external guest) who may or may not receive some type of compensation for their time. Due to this the cost for this program type may fluctuate greatly to cover the cost for the presenter along with staff (LTE time). 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Adult.

**Multi-Day Course:** A program that spans multiple days or a series of events in which the same participants attend the majority of the activity dates. For example, a Junior Naturalist program may take place twice weekly for four weeks. Another example, a camping course may take place for one or two nights and run continuously. Pricing for this type of program may vary greatly due to the program duration variability (i.e. 2, 4, 6, and 8-week programs or overnight events). Programs will be age specific, but can be for any age.

**Learn To...Program:** This type of program is focused on teaching the basics of a recreation activity such as biking, hiking, camping, fishing, disc golf, etc. These programs require varying experts to assist which may require additional compensation and an increased fee. These program fees should be kept as low as possible for the public, as the goal is to teach a recreational activity to persons who may not have learned how to do this prior. All ages.

**Learn To...Program with Overnight:** This is the same type of program as the "Learn to...Program" but now the addition of an overnight may happen such as learn to camp, backpack, etc. These programs may have a higher fee due to the increased staff (LTE) time necessary to host the learning experience. All ages.

**Wellness Program:** This program type is a fitness and/ or well-being program with a focus on physical or mental wellbeing and may include activities such as yoga, meditation, Tai Chi, or nature bathing. This

type of program may be conducted with a partner organization and/ or need a fee to cover costs associated with bringing in a professional facilitator for this. All ages.

**Guided Walk:** Typically, guided walks should not have a fee. However, at times it may be necessary to cover the cost of a naturalist through Dane County Parks (LTE) or a parks friends group. There may be times that a guided walk is request as a private event (such as for a banquet or gathering), for these a small fee may be required to cover costs of additional work hours. All ages.

**Day Camp:** A day camp program generally runs multiple days per week. A day camp fee should be set per session. Fees need to be flexible as some camp program sessions may be 3-days per week, while other sessions could be 10 days in total. Other sessions could be 5 half days, the fees should be adjusted to reflect the duration and length of each session and practice industry standardization for day camps. Ages K-12.

## 2023 Fee Scale

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Fee Range <i>Per Person</i>	Fee Category	Age Group
\$5 - 11	Field Trip	3K-12
Free - \$11	Public Youth Program	3-18 years
\$10 - 25	Presentation/ Seminar/ Class	9th Grade - Adult
\$25 - 100	Multi-Day Course per week	K-12
\$15 - 30	Learn To...Program	All Ages
\$25 - 75	Learn To...Program Overnight	All Ages
\$5 - 25	Wellness Program	All Ages
Free - \$10	Guided Walk	All Ages
<b>\$200-400</b>	<b>Day Camp</b>	<b>K-12</b>

*\*Please note, the above fees will cover program costs and are below the average cost of environmental and outdoor education programming in Southern Wisconsin compared across 14 public and private organizations.*

## 2023 Summer Day Camp Fee Comparison - Similar Organizations Dane County

Overarching Organization	Camp Name	Age	Fees	Length
MSCR (2022)	Camp Tall Oak	1st - 5th	\$20/day	Week long 8:00am - 5:00pm
	Kids Kamp (Warner Park)	1st - 5th	\$155/week	9 weeks
	Camp Adventure	6th - 9th	\$200 - 240/week	Week Long some include overnight
	Middle School Camp	6th - 9th	\$200/week	Week Long 9:00am - 4:00pm
Henry Vilas Zoo	Kinderfari	4 -5	\$205/week	Week long 8:00am - 11:30am
	Explorers	6 -7	\$350/week	Week long 8:00am - 3:30pm
	Scouts	8 - 10	\$350/week	Week long 8:00am - 3:30pm
	Jr. Zookeepers	11 - 13	\$350/week	Week long 8:00am - 3:30pm
Aldo Leopold Nature Center	Sprouts	4yo - 8yo	\$3,650	11 Weeks 8:30am - 3:30pm
	Tadpoles	5yo	\$1,095	3 Weeks 8:30am - 3:30pm
	Polliwogs	6yo	\$365	1 week 8:30am - 3:30pm
	Wanderers	7yo - 8yo	\$365	1 week 8:30am - 3:30pm
	Explorers	9yo - 10yo	\$365	1 week 8:30am - 3:30pm
	Sampler Camps	4yo - 8yo	\$110	1 week 2 hours/day
UW Arboretum	Young Explorers	K - 1	\$110	W - F, 9:00am - 12:00pm
	Explorers	1st - 5th	\$350/week	Full Day 9:00am - 3:30pm
			\$175/week	Half Day 9:00am - 12:00pm
	Ecotrekkers	6th - 8th	\$250/week	<b>Full Day 9:00am - 2:00pm</b>
Viking Day Camp Stoughton,WI		5yo - 12yo	\$210/week	Full Day 9:00am - 3:30pm
YMCA	Discovery Day Camp	5yo - 13yo	Member: \$265/week	Full Day 7:30am - 5:30pm
			Nonmember: \$335/week	Full Day 7:30am - 5:30pm
Wisconsin Youth Company	Spring Wander		\$400/week	8:00am - 5:00pm
	*Summer prices not available			