



CHOOSE YOUR *Adventure*

Summer 2025 Day Camps

Franke Park Day Camp • Camp ACTiVenture • Farmin' Fun Day Camp
Kids for Nature Zoo Camp

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FORT WAYNE
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Franke Park Day Camp

Franke Park Day Camp provides children with enjoyable outdoor experiences that foster cooperation through learning, playing, working, problem solving, and socializing together. Campers enjoy a wide range of activities including hiking, fire building, outdoor cooking, swamp study, nature walks, arts and crafts, games, mudsliding and more! Franke Park Day Camp has been serving the children of this community with an emphasis on basic camping skills and nature education since 1946.

Any individual 4-17 years of age may register for Franke Park Day Camp, regardless of sex, color, national origin, religion, or disability. (Please see the 2025 Advanced Camper brochure when registering campers 12-17 years of age.) Due to space limitations, campers 4-12 years of age may attend only one session of camp.

**All campers must be of minimum age by June 1, 2025.
Campers are limited to one camp session.**

Registering for more than one camp session will result in cancellation of the additional session(s) and a refund less processing fees.

LOCATION

Franke Park, 3411 Sherman Blvd.

Campers should be dropped off and picked up at the Nature Lodge in Franke Park. The day camp parking lot is located between Pavilion #2 and the playground.

AGES

Camp is open to children ages 4-11. Campers must be of minimum age by June 1, 2025. Campers are grouped by age: 4-5, 6-8, 9-11.

HOURS

M-F	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
AM Camp Care	7:00-9:00 a.m.
PM Camp Care	4:00-6:00 p.m.

FEES

Camp Session.....	\$150
AM Camp Care	\$25
PM Camp Care.....	\$25

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Parks & Recreation Department offers scholarships for qualified youth. See page 6 for details.

SESSIONS

#1	June 9-13
#2	June 16-20
#3	June 23-27
#4	July 7-11
#5	July 14-18
#6	July 21-25

CAMP CARE

Camp Care will be held Monday-Friday before and after the regular day camping program. The morning session (7:00-9:00 a.m.) features breakfast, games, arts and crafts, and nature hikes. The afternoon session (4:00-6:00 p.m.) includes arts and crafts, games, and nature hikes, as well as a light snack. Space is limited.

CAMP BUDDIES

Children who wish to attend camp together must indicate this on the registration form, however, due to the volume of registrations and the lottery processing system, we cannot guarantee placement in the same session.

WHAT TO BRING

- Sack lunch (non-refrigerated)
- Canteen or water bottle
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Book bag
- Complete change of clothes
- Plain white t-shirt for tie-dyeing
(Please mark your name on the tag.)

QUESTIONS?

Questions regarding Franke Park Day Camp may be directed to the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department at (260) 427-6000. The Day Camp Office will be staffed from June 2-July 25 and may be reached at (260) 427-6725.

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**Day Camp registration begins March 24.
Use the registration form on page 7 or register on-line at www.fortwayneparks.org.**

Farmin' Fun Day Camp

Come spend a week on the farm! Our Farmin' Fun Day Camp provides a stimulating, healthy and beautiful environment where you will learn about plants, animals and life on the farm. Campers will be able to continue the cycle of farm-to-table in our teaching kitchen. The camp integrates hands-on farming such as animal care, cooperative games, wagon rides, nature exploration and more for a memorable and diverse summer camp experience. You will care for farm animals; hike in the woods; play in the creek; wash, dye and felt wool from one of our sheep; enjoy hayrides around the farm and much more! Campers are limited to one camp session. Counselors-in-Training may register for multiple camp sessions.

LOCATION

Farmin' Fun Day Camp is held at Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd. in Fort Wayne.

AGES

Camp is open to children ages 4-17. Campers must be of minimum age by June 1, 2025.

HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
AM Camp Care 7:00-9:00 a.m.
PM Camp Care 4:00-6:00 p.m

FEES

All fees are for a 1-week session

Ages 4-11	\$150
Ages 12+ (FIT)	\$150
Ages 13-17 (CIT)	\$135
CIT (5-6 weeks flat rate)	\$540
AM Camp Care	\$25
PM Camp Care	\$25

SESSIONS

#1	June 9-13
#2	June 16-20
#3	June 23-27
#4	July 7-11
#5	July 14-18
#6	July 21-25

CAMP BUDDIES

Children who wish to attend camp together must indicate this on the registration form and both children must request it. Due to differing camp curriculum campers are grouped by ages: 4-5, 6-8 and 9-11 years. We will do our best to place the campers together as requested, but due to the volume of registrations and the lottery processing system, grouping cannot be guaranteed.

WHAT TO BRING

- Sack lunch
- Snacks
- Canteen or water bottle
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Long pants/change of clothes
- Swimsuit, towel, water shoes

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Parks & Recreation Department offers scholarships for qualified youth. See page 6 for details.

F.I.T.

"Farmers in Training" is designed to provide children ages 12 and older a more active role in the care of livestock, vegetable gardening, hands-on beekeeping, and campfire cookouts on Fridays. Farmers in Training also help harvest for the Farmers' Market on Wednesdays in addition to participating in games and other fun activities.

C.I.T.

"Counselors in Training" is for campers 13-17 years of age who have completed 2 weeks of F.I.T. Counselors in Training are role models for the younger campers. The program is designed to train youth how to be confident leaders among their peers. C.I.T.s will have opportunities to learn important teambuilding, leadership, and agriculture skills as they assist camp counselors in leading activities such as beekeeping, gardening and animal care. Each camper will be required to provide two references to complete their registration.



Farmin' Fun Day Camp questions may be directed to the Parks and Recreation Office at (260) 427-6000.

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Camp ACTIVenture

The Botanical Conservatory's Camp ACTIVenture engages campers in active, adventurous fun! This exciting day camp incorporates off-site excursions to city and state parks, rivers, trails and other recreation destinations where campers experience northern Indiana adventures such as biking, bouldering, zip lining, kayaking, fire building, hiking, orienteering or cooling off in freshwater sources. Camp ACTIVenture integrates values exploration and nature play to foster individual accomplishment, community belonging and character development. Natural elements of earth, air, water and fire are also explored through safe, outdoor challenges that educate and thrill. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each session. Space is limited to 12 campers per week. Registration begins March 24.



LOCATION

The Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory is the basecamp of Camp ACTIVenture at 1100 S. Calhoun Street in downtown Fort Wayne, IN. Staff-led excursions to other Northeast Indiana destinations are within walking distance or a 1-hour driving range.

AGES

Designed for children 9-13 years of age. Campers must be of minimum age by June 1, 2025.

HOURS

Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
AM Camp Care	7:00-9:00 a.m.
PM Camp Care	4:00-6:00 p.m.

FEES

Camp Session.....	\$360
AM Camp Care.....	\$25
PM Camp Care.....	\$25
Snack provided	

SESSIONS

Camp ACTIVenture, weather permitting, includes biking, zip lining, indoor bouldering, kayaking, fire building, cooling off in freshwater sources and hiking.

Week #1	June 9-13
Week #2	June 16-20
Week #3	June 23-27
Week #4	July 7-11
Week #5	July 14-18
Week #6	July 21-25

Please note: Registration is limited to 2 weeks per camper. Registering for more than 2 camp sessions will result in cancellation of the additional session(s) and a refund less processing fees.

WHAT TO WEAR

- Comfortable walking shoes with ankle strap
- Weather appropriate apparel

WHAT TO BRING

- All completed waivers and registration forms
- Non-refrigerated sack lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Swimsuit and towel
- Full change of clothes
- Sunglasses
- Hat for sun protection
- Backpack for all personal belongings

HOW TO REGISTER

Register online at www.fortwayneparks.org or use the registration form in the brochure to register by mail, fax or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department beginning March 24. Before registering, please review all provided information including the refund policy. Questions may be directed to BotanicalPrograms@cityoffortwayne.org.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Parks & Recreation Department offers scholarships for qualified youth. See page 6 for details.

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Kids for Nature

Spend a WILD week at the Fort Wayne Zoo! You'll explore the zoo, visit friendly animals, meet zoo keepers and make new friends in this unique summer adventure. See complete camp descriptions at fwzoo.com.

Register NOW for Zoo Camps at fwzoo.com

Registration for Kids for Nature Zoo Camp began February 4 and is currently underway. Sessions marked through (and possibly others) have already reached capacity.

PreK-K (ages 4+) (1/2 day)

Zooper Senses

M-F	8:30-11:30 or 12:30-3:00	\$150
6/2-6	6/16-20 6/30-7/4*	7/14-18

* morning session only this week

Animals in Action

M-F	8:30-11:30 or 12:30-3:00	\$150
6/9-13	6/23-27 7/7-11	7/21-25

PreK-K (ages 4+) (full day)

Animal Tales

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
5/26-30	6/9-13 6/16-20	6/30-7/4
7/7-11	7/21-25	7/28-8/1

Animal Builders

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
5/26-30	6/2-6 6/16-20	6/23-27
6/30-7/4	7/7-11	7/14-18

Nature's Artists

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/2-6	6/9-13 6/16-20	6/30-7/4
7/14-18	7/21-25	7/28-8/1

Grades 1st & 2nd

Ecosystem Explorers

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/2-6	6/9-13 6/16-20	6/30-7/4
7/7-11	7/14-18	7/21-25

Animal Acrobats

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/9-13	6/16-20 6/23-27	7/7-11
7/14-18	7/21-25	

Creative Critters

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
5/26-30	6/2-6 6/16-20	6/23-27
6/30-7/4	7/14-18	7/21-25

Wild Kitchen

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/2-6	6/9-13 6/23-27	6/30-7/4
7/7-11	7/14-18	

Grades 3rd & 4th

Animal Olympics

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/2-6	6/9-13 6/16-20	6/23-27
7/7-11	7/21-25	

Animal Legends

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/9-13	6/16-20 7/7-11	7/14-18
7/21-25		

Zoo Sleuth

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/2-6	6/16-20 6/23-27	6/30-7/4
7/14-18	7/21-25	

Exhibit Engineers

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/2-6	6/9-13 6/23-27	6/30-7/4
7/7-11		

Grades 5th & 6th

Zoo Careers

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/2-6	6/16-20 6/30-7/4	7/14-18

Junior Zoologist

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/9-13	6/23-27 7/7-11	7/21-25

REGISTER ONLINE and see descriptions of each camp at fwzoo.com. No phone registrations will be accepted. Questions? Call the Education Department at 427-6800, ext. 301 or contact us by e-mail at education@fwzoo.com.

Age & Policy

Children must be in the camp for their current grade level (no exceptions). When registering, select the grade your child is currently enrolled in.

Before and After Camp Care

Before and After Camp Care is available for Kids for Nature Camp. For more information contact the Zoo Education Department at 427-6800, ext. 301 or education@fwzoo.com.

Kids for Nature Campership Fund

Assistance is available for families unable to afford zoo programs. To apply for a Kids for Nature Campership for your child, contact us at 427-6800, ext. 301 or education@fwzoo.com.



How to Register

Registration for Day Camps Begins March 24 On-Line, by Mail, Fax, Drop Box or In Person

(Exception: Kids for Nature Summer Camp registrations are handled by the Fort Wayne Zoo. Registrations are being accepted NOW. Sign up online at fwzoo.com. See note below for details).

5 Easy Ways to Register

1) On-Line

Register on-line at fortwayneparks.org or by using our mobile app (available in your app store). If you do not already have a user ID and password or have forgotten them, call 427-6000 or e-mail kimberly.weldon@cityoffortwayne.org. On-line registrations are processed as you register with no time delay.

2) By Mail

Complete the day camp registration form in this brochure (or a copy of it) and mail to the address above. Please use a separate registration form for each camper.

3) By FAX

FAX your completed registration form to (260) 427-6020. Available 24 hours a day.

4) Drop Box

If our office is closed, you may drop your registration in the 24-hour drop box located at the front entrance of our building at 705 E. State Blvd.

5) In Person

Register in person at the Parks and Recreation Department, 705 E. State Blvd., Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

We cannot accept day camp registrations over the phone. Upon registering for camp, you will receive a receipt which serves as your confirmation. Please refer to the important camp information and medical forms available at fortwayneparks.org. We kindly ask that you review these documents in advance to ensure a smooth and enjoyable camp experience for your child.

Kids for Nature Camp Registration

Registration for Kids for Nature Summer Camps is currently underway. Register on-line at fwzoo.com. Please direct questions to education@fwzoo.com or 427-6800 ext. 301.

Parks & Recreation Refund Policy

Full refunds less a processing fee of \$5 or 10% (whichever is greater) will be granted to individuals if requested one business day before the camp session begins. Refunds requested less than one day prior to the start of the camp session may be granted only for illness or medical reasons. These refunds will be pro-rated and issued in the form of a credit to your account with us, which may then be applied to a future purchase. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing refunds. Credit card refunds are credited to your account immediately.

Things to Know Before You Sign Up

- Registration for day camps opens on March 24. Registrations will be processed in the order they are received. Space is limited and placement in any given session cannot be guaranteed. If the session(s) for which you have registered is full, you will be notified by phone so you may choose another session, be placed on a waiting list or request a refund.
- Online registrations will be available at 12:00 a.m. on March 24. Online registrations are processed in real time with no delay.
- We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Checks should be made out to Board of Park Commissioners. If you are registering for other Parks and Recreation programs in addition to day camp, please submit a separate check for the camps.
- Campers to be of minimum age by June 1, 2025.
- Both Franke Park Day Camp and Farmin' Fun Day Camp limit campers to one session. (Exception: CITs may register for unlimited sessions of Franke Park Day Camp and Farmin' Fun Day Camp). Campers may sign up for 2 sessions of Camp ACTI-Venture.

Youth Scholarships

The Parks & Recreation Department offers scholarships for qualified children as funds are available. Youth (17 years and younger) may apply for ONE Youth Scholarship up to \$75 to use for ONE class/camp/program (excluding Zoo camps/programs) per calendar year. To apply for a scholarship, you must provide a copy of your family's most recent IRS Tax Return form (Social Security number blacked out) or an official letter from your state indicating qualification for Food Stamps. This documentation must be submitted along with your camp registration form and payment for any remaining balance above the \$75 scholarship (online registration is not available when applying for scholarship). Questions regarding the scholarship program should be directed to rob.hines@cityoffortwayne.org



2025 REGISTRATION FORM for Franke Park, Farmin' Fun & Camp ACTiVenture

Please use a separate registration form for each camper.

Camper's Name _____ Sex: M F Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade (2025-26) _____
Parent/Guardian _____ Phone # (h) _____ (w) _____ (cell) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail Address _____

Franke Park Day Camp
 Campers are limited to one camp session. Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice.

Session/Dates	Age 4-5	Age 6-11
#1 June 9-13	___W1	___W1
#2 June 16-20	___W2	___W2
#3 June 23-27	___W3	___W3
#4 July 7-11	___W4	___W4
#5 July 14-18	___W5	___W5
#6 July 21-25	___W6	___W6

If these are full, place in any available session.

Camp Care
 AM \$25 (W1-W6) PM \$25 (W1-W6)

Camp Fee: \$150

FRANKE CAMP FEES: \$ _____

I would like to be in the same group as:
 (Ages 6-8 and 9-11 are grouped separately.)

Farmin' Fun Day Camp
 Campers are limited to one camp session.

Session/Dates	Ages 4-5	Ages 6-11	FIT 12+	CIT 13-17
#1 June 9-13	<input type="checkbox"/> W1	<input type="checkbox"/> W1	<input type="checkbox"/> W1	<input type="checkbox"/> W1
#2 June 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/> W2	<input type="checkbox"/> W2	<input type="checkbox"/> W2	<input type="checkbox"/> W2
#3 June 23-27	<input type="checkbox"/> W3	<input type="checkbox"/> W3	<input type="checkbox"/> W3	<input type="checkbox"/> W3
#4 July 7-11	<input type="checkbox"/> W4	<input type="checkbox"/> W4	<input type="checkbox"/> W4	<input type="checkbox"/> W4
#5 July 14-18	<input type="checkbox"/> W5	<input type="checkbox"/> W5	<input type="checkbox"/> W5	<input type="checkbox"/> W5
#6 July 21-25	<input type="checkbox"/> W6	<input type="checkbox"/> W6	<input type="checkbox"/> W6	<input type="checkbox"/> W6

AM Camp Care: \$25 (W1-W6)
 PM Camp Care: \$25 (W1-W6)

Camp Fee: Ages 4-11 \$150
 FIT 12+ \$150
 CIT 13-17 \$135
 CIT 5-6 wks \$540

FARMIN' FUN CAMP FEES: \$ _____

I would like to be in the same group as:

Camp ACTiVenture
 Campers are limited to 2 camp sessions.

Session/Dates	Ages 9-13
#1 June 9-13	<input type="checkbox"/> W1
#2 June 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/> W2
#3 June 23-27	<input type="checkbox"/> W3
#4 July 7-11	<input type="checkbox"/> W4
#5 July 14-18	<input type="checkbox"/> W5
#6 July 21-25	<input type="checkbox"/> W6

AM Camp Care: \$25 (W1-W6)
 PM Camp Care: \$25 (W1-W6)

Camp Fee: \$360

CAMP ACTiVenture FEES: \$ _____

I would like to be in the same group as:

Register on-line at fortwayneparks.org or use the Fort Wayne Parks APP

TOTAL FEES DUE Please make checks payable to Board of Park Commissioners or charge to your credit card.
 Cash Check (# _____) Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx Scholarship (documentation required)

 Credit Card # _____ CVV _____
 Name as printed on card _____ Expires (mo/yr) _____

HEALTH INFORMATION

Does camper have any of the following health conditions? Allergies Heart Trouble Diabetes Epilepsy Asthma Cerebral Palsy Cancer HIV/AIDS
 Physical/Mental/Emotional Disabilities: _____

Please describe in detail reactions/care/instructions regarding the health conditions circled above or any others: _____

Date of most recent tetanus shot: _____ Recent injuries: _____ Current Medications: _____
 Physician's Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____ Hospital Preference: _____
 Emergency Contact (if parent can't be reached): _____ Alternate Emergency Number(s): _____
 Any special medical instructions in the event you cannot be reached in an emergency: _____

I, as legal guardian representing a minor participant, agree to release the City of Fort Wayne, its officers, employees and volunteers from any and all liability for accidents, injuries, losses of and/or damage to his/her person or property that may arise out of his/her participation in or presence at the above activity(s). I am aware of certain risks of possible dangers associated with participation in this activity. I have entered into this agreement of my own free will.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Water Activities Games Science Experiments

Ages 8-12

River Camp

July 28-August 1 • 9 am-4 pm • \$170

Shoaff Park Riverlodge, 6401 St. Joe Rd.

Registration begins March 24 at fortwayneparks.org!

A colorful graphic for 'Summer Activity PODS'. The word 'PODS' is written in large, bold, green letters. Above it, 'Summer Activity' is written in a smaller green font. The background is light blue with white rays emanating from behind the text. Five cartoon characters are depicted: a girl with blonde hair and glasses holding test tubes, a girl with brown hair and a purple cap holding a clapperboard, a boy splashing in water, a boy with a basketball, and a girl with dark curly hair and glasses painting. At the bottom, there is a green banner with white text and star symbols: 'Ages 5-13 * 7 Weeks of Fun * 16 Themes * 5 Locations * \$75'.



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