



Children's Summer Programs

Yampatika's summer programs provide children hands-on opportunities to explore their natural surroundings in a safe, professional atmosphere. Each program is theme-based and designed to inspire environmental stewardship through education. Programs are age-specific and led by experienced Naturalists. No two programs are alike, so feel free to enroll your child for each camp in his or her age group!

YAMPATYKES FOR 5 YEAR OLDS

AGE: 5 YEARS

DATES: JUNE 29 – JULY 3, JULY 6 – JULY 10, JULY 27 – JULY 31

TIMES: MONDAY – FRIDAY 9AM–12PM (NNON).

LOCATION: YAMPATIKA

COST: \$110 MEMBERS/\$125 NON-MEMBERS*

Curiosity about the natural world begins at a young age. Let your little one explore their natural surroundings in a safe and engaging environment. This camp is limited to 8 Yampatykes.

YAMPATYKES FOR 6 YEAR OLDS

AGE: 6 YEARS

DATES: JUNE 29 – JULY 3, JULY 20 – JULY 24, AUG 10 – AUG 14

TIMES: MONDAY – FRIDAY 9AM–12PM (NOON).

LOCATION: YAMPATIKA

COST: \$110 MEMBERS/\$125 NON-MEMBERS*

This program builds on Yampatykes for 5 year olds, providing more in-depth opportunities for guided exploration and discovery. This camp is limited to 8 Yampatykes.

NATURE EXPLORERS' CAMP

AGES: 7 - 8 YEARS

DATES: JULY 13 – 17, JULY 20 – 24, AUGUST 3 – 7

TIMES: MONDAY – FRIDAY 9AM– 3PM

LOCATION: DROP-OFF AND PICK UP AT YAMPATIKA.

COST: \$225 MEMBERS/\$245 NON-MEMBERS*

Immerse your child in an interactive program focused on the natural world. Each week will be packed with activities that encourage discovery, creativity, and inquiry. Campers learn about the area's natural and cultural history through off-site field trips. This camp is limited to 10 Nature Explorers.



JUNIOR NATURALISTS' CAMP

AGES: 9 – 11 YEARS

DATES: JULY 13 – 17, JULY 27 – JULY 31, OR AUGUST 10 – 14

TIMES: 9AM– 3PM

LOCATION: DROP-OFF AND PICK UP AT YAMPATIKA.

COST: \$225 MEMBERS/\$245 NON-MEMBERS*

Kids already possess the tendency to observe and document nature. To build on those skills, a Yampatika Naturalist will guide your child in learning the techniques that they may use throughout their lifetime to be a Naturalist. Campers learn how to use scientific monitoring techniques and equipment at a field site. This camp is limited to 10 Junior Naturalists.

WILDERNESS PIONEERS

AGES: 12 – 14 YEARS

DATES: JULY 7 – 10 (TUESDAY – FRIDAY, OVERNIGHT ON THURSDAY) /

AUGUST 4 – 7 (TUESDAY – FRIDAY, OVERNIGHT ON THURSDAY)

TIMES: 9AM–3PM

LOCATION: DROP-OFF AND PICK UP AT YAMPATIKA.

COST: \$270 MEMBERS/\$300 NON-MEMBERS*

New in 2009, Wilderness Pioneers will focus on teaching your child the skills he or she needs to safely explore our area's public lands. Map, compass and GPS will be used. Wilderness ethics and Leave No Trace practices will be taught to promote stewardship while enjoying the back country. This program ends with a pack in, pack out overnight and is limited to 12 Pioneers. In partnership with Friends of Wilderness.

_____*NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE_____

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Summer 2009 Programs



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Nature Hikes • Kid's Camps • Field Classes

For program details and registration,
please call Yampatika at 871-9151 or visit us
online at www.yampatika.org.



Weekly Nature Hikes

VISTA VERDE GUEST RANCH

THURSDAYS, JULY 2ND – SEP. 17TH **TIME:** 10AM–NOON

LOCATION: VISTA VERDE **COST:** FREE! (BUT WE LOVE DONATIONS!)

Explore the beauty of this private guest ranch with a Yampatika Naturalist. *In partnership with Vista Verde Guest Ranch.*

FISH CREEK FALLS

THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, JULY 2ND – SEPT. 5TH

TIME: HIKE 10AM–11AM, ROVING NATURALIST 11AM–1PM

LOCATION: FISH CREEK FALLS UPPER PARKING LOT KIOSK

COST: FREE! (BUT WE LOVE DONATIONS!)

Join a Yampatika Naturalist for an informative tour of this amazing canyon while learning about the area's flora, fauna, geology and history. No sign-up necessary. *In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.*

HIKES ON MT. WERNER – TBD

MINERAL SPRINGS TOURS

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 2ND – SEPT. 3RD

TIME: 9AM–10:30AM

LOCATION: THE DEPOT, 1001 13TH STREET

COST: FREE! (BUT WE LOVE DONATIONS!)

Enjoy a leisurely walk of Steamboat's mineral springs. What name did the Ute Indians give our local springs? Find out on this tour. Partly supported by the City of Steamboat Springs and run in conjunction with the Tread of the Pioneers Museum.

WEEKLY BIRD HIKES

WEDNESDAYS, MAY 13TH – JUNE 24TH **TIME:** TBD 2-3 HOURS

LOCATION: VARIES – CALL YAMPATIKA

COST: FREE! (BUT WE LOVE DONATIONS!)



It's a morning birding stroll in and around Steamboat Springs! Are you new to birding, or looking for new birding locations? Come join our local experts. Offered in partnership with the Yampa Valley Birding Club, the United States Forest Service, and partly funded by the City of Steamboat Springs.

Adult Field Schools

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH **TIME:** 9AM–3PM

LOCATION: CARPENTER RANCH **COST:** FREE (BUT WE LOVE DONATIONS!)

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day with Yampatika, The Nature Conservancy, the Yampa Valley Birding Club and the United States Forest Service. "Celebrating Birds in Culture" is this year's theme. This event is free and open to the public. *No registration required.*

Wildflower Explorations

* SATURDAY, MAY 30TH **TIME:** 9AM–12PM

LOCATION: TBD (TO FIND OPTIMAL FLOWERS!)

COST: \$40 MEMBERS/\$45 NON-MEMBERS

Kick off the wildflower season with an easy spring walk exploring edible and medicinal natives.

* SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH **TIME:** 9AM–12PM

LOCATION: TBD (TO FIND OPTIMAL FLOWERS!)

COST: \$40 MEMBERS/\$45 NON-MEMBERS

As the snow melts explore the beauties in our own backyard focusing on wildflowers in the urban area.

* SATURDAY, JULY 18TH **TIME:** 8AM–4PM

LOCATION: TBD (TO FIND OPTIMAL FLOWERS!)

COST: \$55 MEMBERS/\$60 NON-MEMBERS

Escape the heat of the valley to see wildflowers of the high country. This will be a moderate to strenuous hike at altitude.

* SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH **TIME:** 9AM–12PM

LOCATION: TBD (TO FIND OPTIMAL FLOWERS!)

COST: \$40 MEMBERS/\$45 NON-MEMBERS

As our botanic buddies grasp for a last blast of color, we'll explore the fall foliage and fall edibles.

SUMMER SOLSTICE EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 – 21 **TIME:** OVERNIGHT

LOCATION: MEET AT YAMPATIKA **COST:** \$100

A magical moment as the summer solstice is highlighted by the shadow of the rising sun across ancient Native American pictographs in the breathtaking Canyon Pintado! *Presented in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management.*

PADDLE WITH THE BIRDS

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH **TIME:** 8AM–1PM

LOCATION: MEET AT YAMPATIKA **COST:** \$45 MEMBERS/\$50 NON-MEMBERS

Join local bird expert Dee Bolton for a quiet morning canoe paddle to learn about the Valley's migratory and resident bird species.

MAD CREEK HISTORY AND WILDFLOWER WALK

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH **TIME:** 8AM–1PM

LOCATION: MEET AT MAD CREEK TRAILHEAD

COST: \$40 MEMBERS/\$45 NON-MEMBERS

This beautiful area offers history, geology, wildflowers and the crystal clear Mad Creek on an easy hike to the Mad Creek barn. *In partnership with the Routt National Forest.*

5 DAY FLAT TOPS WILDERNESS LLAMA TREK

MONDAY, JULY 20TH – FRIDAY, JULY 24TH **TIME:** TBD

LOCATION: MEET AT YAMPATIKA **COST:** \$700

Explore the astounding beauty of the Flat Tops Wilderness Area with local guide Karen Vail. Participants must be able to walk up to 7 miles at elevations over 10,000 feet with severe elevation changes, and move camp each day. Group size is limited. Call 871-9151 for a complete itinerary and equipment list.



TOUR OF ROCKIN' J CATTLE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST **TIME:** TBD **LOCATION:** MEET AT YAMPATIKA

COST: \$60 MEMBERS/\$65 NON-MEMBERS

Meet John Weibel and learn about applied permaculture practices on his ranch near Craig.

4 DAY FLAT TOPS WILDERNESS LLAMA TREK

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH – FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH **TIME:** TBD

LOCATION: MEET AT YAMPATIKA **COST:** \$525

We will hike 7 miles in to a spectacular base camp for the three nights. Day hikes will be taken from the camp each day, or take the day at your own pace. Group size is limited. Please call 871-9151 for a complete itinerary and equipment list.

WINDY RIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY HIKE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH **TIME:** 8AM–2:30PM

LOCATION: MEET AT YAMPATIKA

COST: \$40 MEMBERS/\$45 NON-MEMBERS

At least 8,000 years ago, Native Americans "mined" valuable quartzite from Windy Ridge on Rabbit Ears Pass. Robin Roberts, a U. S. Forest Service archaeologist, will lead a hike to Windy Ridge Quarry. *In partnership with the Routt National Forest.*

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH **TIME:** 10PM–?

LOCATION: DUMONT LAKE PICNIC SITE

COST: \$45 MEMBERS/\$50 NON-MEMBERS

From the open expanses and dark skies of Rabbit Ears, enjoy the Perseid Meteor Shower. A guide from the Yampa Valley Astronomy Club will be there to answer your questions.

BATS, OWLS, AND OTHER NEAT THINGS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH **TIME:** 7:30PM–9PM

LOCATION: FOREST SERVICE BUILDING

COST: \$45 MEMBERS/\$50 NON-MEMBERS

Wildlife Biologist Apple Snider will explore the unique world of nocturnal creatures. We'll start with an indoor presentation about owls and bats, and then move outdoors in search of Steamboat's "night life"!

WILD MUSHROOM FORAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND **TIME:** 8AM–3PM

LOCATION: MEET AT YAMPATIKA

COST: \$45 MEMBERS/\$50 NON-MEMBERS

It's mushroom time! Head out into the field with local fungi expert Bill Emerson to identify and collect local delicacies.



LOCAL GEOLOGY WALK WITH NEWELL CAMPBELL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH **TIME:** 9AM–2PM

LOCATION: MEET AT YAMPATIKA

COST: \$40 MEMBERS/\$45 NON-MEMBERS

If you've ever taken a rock for "granite", join Newell Campbell for a geologic exploration of our valley.