

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!

All programs take place at Yampatika's Environmental Learning Center at Legacy Ranch. The Ranch was homesteaded in 1899. Its historic structures provide natural opportunities for learning about our region's agricultural and ranching history. Its 132 acres of hay meadows, pastures, wetlands and riparian areas provide ample opportunity for nature exploration in the field.

YAMPATYKES FOR 5 YEAR OLDS

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

AGE: 5 YEAR OLDS

DATES: JUNE 28 – JULY 2, JULY 26 – 30 **TIMES:** 9AM – NOON

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

YAMPATYKES FOR 6 YEAR OLDS

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

AGE: 6 YEAR OLDS

DATES: JUNE 21 – 25, AUG. 2 – 6 **TIMES:** 9AM – 3PM

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

NATURE EXPLORERS CAMP

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. Camp is limited to 10 Nature Explorers.

AGE: 7 & 8 YEAR OLDS

DATES: JUNE 21 – 25, JULY 12 – 16, JULY 26 - 30 **TIMES:** 9AM – 3PM

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

JUNIOR NATURALIST CAMP

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. Junior Naturalists will have the option of spending Thursday night camping at The Environmental Learning Center at Legacy Ranch. Camp is limited to 10 Junior Naturalists.

AGE: 9 – 11 YEAR OLDS

DATES: JUNE 28 – JULY 2, JULY 5 – 9, JULY 19 – 23 (OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT TAKES PLACE ON THURSDAYS) **TIMES:** 9AM – 3PM

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



WILDERNESS PIONEERS

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. Program ends with a pack in, pack out overnight and is limited to 12 Pioneers.

AGE: 12 – 14 YEAR OLDS

DATES: JULY 6 – 9, JULY 20 – 23 (TUES. – FRI., OVERNIGHT ON THURS.)

TIMES: 9AM – 3PM **COST:** \$275 MEMBERS/\$300 NON-MEMBERS

WILDERNESS PIONEERS II

New this year, Wilderness Pioneers II will build on skills learned in Wilderness Pioneers. Program includes a pack in, pack out 2 night field trip and is limited to 12 Pioneers.

AGE: 12 – 14 YEAR OLDS

DATES: AUG. 3 – 6 (TUES. – FRI., 2 NIGHT FIELD TRIP FROM WED. – FRI.)

TIMES: 9AM – 3PM **COST:** \$300 MEMBERS/\$325 NON-MEMBERS



**NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS*

————— THANKS TO THE CRAIG-SHECKMAN FAMILY FOUNDATION —————

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Yampatika's Partners



Summer 2010 Nature Programs



Nature Hikes • Kid's Camps • Field Classes

For program details and registration, please call Yampatika at 970-871-9151 or visit us online at www.yampatika.org.

Weekly Programs

Call Yampatika at 970-871-9151 for details and to register.

HIKE WITH A NATURALIST ON MT. WERNER

TUESDAYS, JUNE 29- AUG. 3. **LOCATION:** STEAMBOAT SKI AREA
Call for details 970-871-9151. *Sponsored by Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation.*

MINERAL SPRINGS TOUR

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 23 – SEPT. 1 **TIME:** 9:00AM – 10:30AM
LOCATION: MEET AT 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. *In partnership with The Tread of Pioneers Museum. Sponsored by the City of Steamboat Springs.*

GUIDED TOUR OF YAMPATIKA'S ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER AT LEGACY RANCH

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 23 – SEPT. 1 **TIME:** 5:30PM – 7:30PM
LOCATION: YAMPATIKA'S ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER
COST: FREE! (BUT WE LOVE DONATIONS!)

What was here before Yampatika's Environmental Learning Center occupied the Legacy Ranch? Learn about the Ranch buildings, their architecture and history and the stories they tell us. *Sponsored by the State Historical Fund.*

WATERSHED WALKS WITH YAMPATIKA

THURSDAYS, JUNE 24 – AUG. 26 **TIME:** 5:30PM – 7:30PM
LOCATION: TBD **COST:** FREE! (BUT WE LOVE DONATIONS!)

Join a Yampatika Naturalist and local expert in a discussion of the Yampa River and its tributaries. *Sponsored by the City of Steamboat Springs and Parks & Gardens.*

NATURALIST ON DUTY AT FISH CREEK FALLS

THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, JUNE 24 – SEPT. 4
TIME: 10AM – NOON
LOCATION: FISH CREEK FALLS UPPER PARKING LOT KIOSK
COST: FREE! (BUT WE LOVE DONATIONS!)

Join a Yampatika Naturalist to learn about the flora, fauna, geology and history of this amazing canyon. No sign-up necessary. *Sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service.*

Wildflower Explorations

with Karen Vail

SAVE 10% IF YOU SIGN UP FOR 4 OR MORE WILDFLOWER HIKES.

WILD EDIBLES WILDFLOWER HIKE

SATURDAY, MAY 29 **TIME:** 9AM – NOON **COST:** \$40 MEM./\$45 NON-MEM.
LOCATION: TBD (TO FIND OPTIMAL FLOWERS!)
Kick off the wildflower season with an easy spring walk exploring edible and medicinal native plants.

URBAN WILDFLOWER HIKE

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 **TIME:** 9AM – NOON **COST:** \$40 MEM./\$45 NON-MEM.
LOCATION: TBD (TO FIND OPTIMAL FLOWERS!)
As the snow melts, explore the beauties in our own backyard focusing on wildflowers in the urban area.

WILDFLOWER HIKE

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 **TIME:** TBD **COST:** TBD
LOCATION: TBD (TO FIND OPTIMAL FLOWERS!)
Surprise, only Mother Nature knows where we will go today...

MOUNTAIN WILDFLOWER HIKE #1

SATURDAY, JULY 17 **TIME:** 8AM – 4PM **COST:** \$55 MEM./\$60 NON-MEM.
LOCATION: TBD (TO FIND OPTIMAL FLOWERS!)
Escape the heat of the valley to see wildflowers of the high country. This will be a moderate to strenuous hike at altitude.

MOUNTAIN WILDFLOWER HIKE #2

SATURDAY, JULY 31 **TIME:** 8AM – 4PM **COST:** \$55 MEM./\$60 NON-MEM.
LOCATION: TBD (TO FIND OPTIMAL FLOWERS!)
Escape the heat of the valley to see wildflowers of the high country. This will be a moderate to strenuous hike at altitude.

FALL FOLIAGE AND EDIBLES HIKE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18 **TIME:** 9AM – NOON **COST:** \$40 MEM./\$45 NON-MEM.
LOCATION: TBD (TO FIND OPTIMAL FLOWERS!)
As our botanic buddies grasp for a last blast of color, we'll explore the fall foliage and fall edibles.



Adult Field Schools

Call Yampatika at 970-871-9151 for details and to register.

WILD HORSES OF THE SANDWASH BASIN

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 **TIME:** ALL DAY
LOCATION: MEET AT THE US FOREST SERVICE BUILDING – 925 WEISS DR.
COST: \$100 – INCLUDES LUNCH AND TRANSPORTATION
Seeing wild horses in their natural habitat is something that you are not likely to forget. Bring your camera and binoculars! *In Partnership with the Colorado Environmental Coalition, The Wilderness Society, Humble Ranch, and the Bureau of Land Management.*

SUMMER SOLSTICE EVENT

SUNDAY, JUNE 20 – MONDAY, JUNE 21 **TIME:** TBD
LOCATION: CANYON PINTADO NEAR RANGELY
COST: \$125 – INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION, BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ON MONDAY. LODGING NOT INCLUDED.
It is 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! *In partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, the Colorado Environmental Coalition and The Wilderness Society.*

MAD CREEK HIKE

FRIDAY, JUNE 25 **TIME:** 9AM – 1PM
LOCATION: MEET AT THE 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 U.S. Forest Service.*

BALLOONS AND BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JULY 10 AND SUNDAY JULY 11
TIME: 7AM ARRIVAL, BREAKFAST SERVED AT 8AM
LOCATION: YAMPATIKA'S ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER
COST: \$50 PER PERSON (\$40 FOR BIKERS AND WALKERS)
Join Yampatika for a gourmet catered breakfast and watch the balloons take off. This is a great way to get a parking space near the festival, eat well, and support Yampatika. *Sponsored by Lindarose & Richard Berkley.*

4 DAY FLAT TOPS WILDERNESS LLAMA TREK

MONDAY, JULY 26 – THURSDAY JULY 29 **TIME:** TBD
LOCATION: FLAT TOPS WILDERNESS **COST:** \$525 PER PERSON
Explore the 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. *In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and Friends of Wilderness*



WILD MUSHROOM FORAY

SATURDAY, IN AUG. TBD **TIME:** 8AM – 3PM
COST: \$45 MEMBERS/\$50 NON-MEMBERS
LOCATION: MEET AT THE US FOREST SERVICE BUILDING – 925 WEISS DR.
It's mushroom time! Head out into the field with local fungi expert Bill Emerson to identify and collect local delicacies. *Sponsored by Kahn Steel and Civil Design Consultants.*

WINDY RIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY HIKE WITH YAMPATIKA AND TREAD OF PIONEERS MUSEUM

FRIDAY, AUG. 6 **TIME:** 8AM – 2:30PM **COST:** \$25
LOCATION: MEET AT THE US FOREST SERVICE BUILDING – 925 WEISS DR.
At least 8,000 years ago, Native Americans "mined" valuable quartzite from Windy Ridge on Rabbit Ears Pass. *In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the Tread of Pioneers Museum.*

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER

THURS., AUG. 12 **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 host. *In partnership with the Yampa Valley Astronomy Club and the U.S. Forest Service.*

GET TO KNOW THE Forest Service Guard Stations

In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

SEEDHOUSE GUARD STATION

SATURDAY, AUG. 7 **TIME:** ALL DAY **COST:** \$55 MEM./\$60 NON-MEM.
LOCATION: MEET AT THE US FOREST SERVICE BUILDING – 925 WEISS DR.
The Seedhouse Guard Station originally collected seeds to rejuvenate our forests in 1910. Learn how it functioned and hike in the area. *Sponsored by Backdoor Sports.*

PYRAMID GUARD STATION

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25 **TIME:** ALL DAY **COST:** \$55 MEM./\$60 NON-MEM.
LOCATION: MEET AT THE US FOREST SERVICE BUILDING – 925 WEISS DR.
Learn the history of this Guard Station near the Flat Tops Wilderness and visit the town site of Pyramid. *Sponsored by Capital Funding Advisors.*

Birdwatching Adventures

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 22 **TIME:** 7AM – 2PM
LOCATION: YAMPATIKA'S ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER
COST: FREE! (BUT WE LOVE DONATIONS!)

Celebrate Int'l Migratory Bird Day with Yampatika, The Nature Conservancy, the Yampa Valley Birding Club and the U.S. Forest Service. Activities for the whole family. *No registration required.*



WEEKLY BIRD WALKS

TUESDAYS, MAY 18 – JUNE 29 **TIME:** TBD 2-3 HOURS
LOCATION: TBD (TO FIND THE BEST BIRDS!) – CALL YAMPATIKA FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION. **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. *In partnership with the Yampa Valley Birding Club. Sponsored by the City of Steamboat Springs and John & Nancy Merrill.*