

# PLAY. LEARN. SERVE. WORK OUTDOORS.

The Gateway Region YMCA, in strong partnership with the U.S. National Park Service, is excited to introduce six new, fun and educational camp opportunities. Campers will be sworn in as NPS-Junior Rangers and receive badges at the end of each camp week.

## Great Rivers Ramble

Harness your inner Katniss during archery target practice; get in touch with your Top Chef during the campfire cooking competition; paddle on the Mississippi like Meriwether Lewis! Meander the floodplain during this unique camp that combines outdoor adventure, river navigation, and environmental education. Ages 5 - 13

Week 3: June 13



## Pollinators: Birds, Bees Butterflies, and Bats

Birds, bees, butterflies, and bats! How do Cheetos relate to these busy B's? Discover the world of these pollinators and how they keep nature moving! Ages 5 - 13

Week 4: June 20

## Legends of St. Louis

Unlock the Gateway's past by exploring St. Louis through time. Rock carvers and petroglyphs, mound builders, fur traders, and more guide us through the cultures of St. Louis. Ages 7 - 13

Week 5: June 27

## Camp Out

Thursday, July 21

Our Y-NPS campers\*\* have the opportunity to spend the night in Babler State Park, and your family is invited to join in for some of the fun! \$25 per child.

\*\*Camper must attend Y-NPS camps.

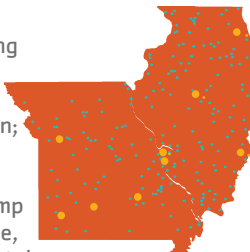
For more information about the Y-NPS Camps contact Cheryl, [cheryl.roe@gwymca.org](mailto:cheryl.roe@gwymca.org), 314.644.3100

\*Camps will be based at the South City YMCA with transportation to and from base camp provided from the Carondelet Park Rec Complex, Emerson, Downtown St. Louis and Monsanto YMCAs. Fun Club participation will be located at camper's home branch. Campers needing transportation will be provided drop off and pick up times, the week before each camp. Programming is from 9am - 3:30pm.

\*YMCA-NPS Campers will be required to complete both YMCA and National Park Service enrollment forms to participate.

**Camp Costs** Y Members: \$120;  
Non-Members: \$140;  
Includes Fun Club\*

Ask about financial assistance for the Y-NPS camps!!!



● STATE PARKS  
● NATIONAL PARKS

## Pedal the Parks

Venture into the world of cycling! Explore various bike trails in the St. Louis area and learn basic skills, maintenance, etiquette and safety of bicycle riding. Trails may include: Katy Trail, Grant's Trail, Forest Park trails, and trails at Creve Coeur Lake. \*Bikes will be provided. Ages 7 - 13

Week 6: July 5 (No Monday)

## Outdoor Survivors

Outdoor cooking, hiking, geocaching, and more! Explore camping and survival techniques in this week of adventure and learn what it takes to put your survival skills to the test! Ages 7 - 13

Week 7: July 11

## 100 Years of NPS: Centennial Celebration

#FindYourPark and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service! Investigate with park rangers at Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site. Visit the the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial to experience the view at the top of the Arch and listen to stories at The Old Courthouse. Ages 5 - 13

Week 9: July 25

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