

# 2016 Summer Program Descriptions

The Norma Johnson Center, located 3 miles west of Dover on SR 39, will be starting the Children's Summer Program series on June 7th. The series includes: Interacting with Nature on Tuesdays, meeting at the Picnic Shelter on Conservation Drive off of Old SR 39 and Crafting at the NJC on Thursday's on the side porch of the Yellow Pole Barn located on SR 39 - 3 miles west of the I-77 exit 83. Programming will be from 10 to 12 each day. Registration is required by calling the Norma Johnson Center office at 330.339.7976. Registrations must be made the Friday before each program date. Cost for the programs will be \$3.00 per child with a maximum fee of \$9.00 per family. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult or a medical release form will need to be signed. A full breakdown of programs can be found on the web at [normajohnsoncenter.com](http://normajohnsoncenter.com) under events.

## Interacting with Nature: Tuesdays, 10am-12

**June 7 – The Earth and Me** Learn about the role we humans play in our ecosystem and actions we can take to make a positive impact on the Earth. Then take a hike in our local watershed, an area impacted by mining.



**June 14 - Pond Dipping** A favorite activity loved by all. Come to the wetland and explore the inhabitants who live there by dipping into their habitat. It is never a dull time when you have macro-invertebrates to explore, tadpoles to check out and frogs to chase.



**June 21 – Ohio Birds** Get to know the diverse species of birds that live in Ohio. Then grab some binoculars and go out in the field to find them for yourself!

**June 28 – Exploring Freshwater Life** Discover freshwater plants and animals and the unique traits that allow them to survive in their environments. Then, go out and collect plants from the wetlands to make your own aquatic art! **(July 5 – no program)**

**July 12 – Bug Madness** Investigate the bugs that live in your backyard and the important roles they play in our ecosystem. Then, grab an insect net and head out into the field to see what you can catch!

**July 19 – Butterflies** Come and explore our enclosure filled with native Ohio butterflies. Learn about their characteristics and their habits. Enjoy a fun activity where we dress up a participant as a butterfly and discuss different adaptations of our flying friend.



**July 26 – Zoomobile Program** Animals from the Akron Zoo will come down to the Norma Johnson Center for a visit. Don't miss this opportunity to get up close and personal with live animal ambassadors from the Akron Zoo!



**August 2 – All About Amphibians** Get familiar with the frogs, toads, and salamanders that live in Ohio. Discover the amazing life cycle of amphibians and their role in our environment.

## Crafting at the NJC: Thursdays, 10am-12 : Theme Recycle and Reuse it Crafts

**June 9 – Create Your Own "Treasure"** Using recycled coffee cans create your own treasure jar and decorate the can as you desire. This treasure container can hold this summer's favorite memories or finds.

**June 16 – Flip Flop Mania** Using flip flops and fake flower petals create a sandal for the summer. When registering please have shoe sizes ready to give staff.



**June 23 – Tie Dye** The best craft day ever so says the staff. Participants can bring up to 3 items to tie dye in various colors at the Center. Items must be high in cotton content and can be shirts, socks, sheets, and even pillow cases. Some items will be available for sale the day of the event.

**June 30 – Glass Jar Design** A volunteer has been collecting various glass jars for over a year. Pick out your favorite and put your own creative edge into your design. Many options will be made available from painting, stamping, modge podge or even sand art can be used to make a decorative piece your own.

**July 14 – Butterfly Crafts** This activity will be located at the picnic shelter on Conservation Drive during our butterfly exhibit. Come and enjoy the butterflies and make and take a butterfly craft while you are there.

**July 21- Butterfly or Flower Stone painting** Staff will have concrete stones in the shape of a butterfly or flower. Participants will choose the stone of their choice and put their special touches on using paint.

**July 28 – Wood Bead Design** With a donation of wood beads that were once used as car seat covers, the NJC staff have created a special craft using these beads to make a creation that participants will make their own.



**August 4 – Fall Crafts** Several types of fall crafts from last season's stock at a local store will be available to paint and make your own.