

# Great American Campout

## at Greene Valley Youth-Group Campground

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Bring your tent and gear for a family-fun campout at Greene Valley Forest Preserve in Naperville featuring picnic games, archery, a scavenger hunt, evening nature programs, a guided night hike and an egg-drop contest.

The program includes dinner, s'mores and a continental breakfast. If you have special dietary restrictions, please plan accordingly.

If you have questions or special requirements, contact Jennifer Rydzewski at Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center at 630-850-8115 or [jrydzewski@dupageforest.org](mailto:jrydzewski@dupageforest.org).

*This event is held in conjunction with the National Wildlife Federation's Great American Campout, when thousands across the country gather in backyards, neighborhoods and parks for overnight programs that connect all generations to nature.*

## Campout Schedule

### Saturday, June 23

- 1 – 2 p.m. Check in, setup and overview
- 2 – 5 p.m. Guided programs, nature activities and archery
- 5 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner by the campfire
- 6:30 – 8 p.m. Scavenger hunt and picnic games
- 8 – 10 p.m. Campfire, s'mores, stories and songs
- 9 – 10 p.m. Guided night hike and stargazing
- 10 p.m. – 7 a.m. Quiet time

### Sunday, June 24

- 7– 8 a.m. Guided bird walk
- 8 – 9 a.m. Continental breakfast and pack up
- 9 – 10 a.m. Egg-drop contest
- 10 – 11 a.m. Checkout

## Packing List

### Shelter

- Tent with rain fly and extra stakes (tents only — no pop-ups, campers RVs, vans, etc.)
- Sleeping bags or other bedding and pillows
- Air mattresses with battery-operated pumps, sleeping pads or cots
- Camp chairs
- Lanterns, flashlights or head lamps with batteries

### Clothes and Personal Items

- Rain gear
- Hiking boots or other sturdy shoes
- Jacket or warm pullover
- Change of clothes (shirts, pants, shorts, extra socks)
- Brimmed hat
- Sunglasses
- Sleepwear
- Personal items (toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, medications, etc.)
- Bug spray and sunscreen
- First aid kit

### Food Prep

- Reusable water bottles, plates or bowls, forks, spoons and cups

**To limit waste, please bring your own reusable bottles, dishes and utensils.** We'll have stations set up where you can wash your dishes.

- Snacks and extra drinks (no alcohol)
- Cooler with ice (optional)
- Plastic bags for trash or storage
- Small amount of dish soap, dish cloth and towel

### Just for Fun

- Binoculars and field guides
- Camera
- Playing cards and travel games
- Glow sticks
- Frisbees and similar outdoor toys



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### Campground Rules and Regulations

For everyone's safety and enjoyment, you must follow these rules and regulations, which the Forest Preserve District may modify at any time.

- Campers 17 or younger must be accompanied by adult chaperones 18 or older, who must be present at check in and remain on-site throughout the entire program. Adults are responsible for their children and their belongings at all times.
- Do not bring alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, fireworks or firearms into the forest preserve or campground — **they are strictly prohibited** — and do not bring pets to this program. You will be asked to leave if you bring any prohibited items.
- Do not trench around tents, attach clotheslines or lanterns to trees, or otherwise disrupt the natural environment.
- The forest preserve is open from one hour after sunrise until one hour after sunset. You must remain at the campsite or with program leaders after dusk and while the forest preserve is closed.
- Do not bring outside firewood or cut or collect live or dead wood. There will be one campfire for all campers to share during the program. Individual tents will not have their own fires.
- Do not bring electronics; electrical outlets are limited and use may be restricted. (Plus part of the fun of this event is to unplug and relax!)
- Youth groups may be using the other sites at the campground. Please do not enter those sites without permission from a group leader.
- Keep the area clean and put trash in the appropriate garbage or recycling containers. After you pack up, make sure your tent site looks as it did when you arrived.
- Follow all Forest Preserve District of DuPage County ordinances, state statutes and administrative orders.

### General Information

- To reach the youth-group campground, take 79th Street to Thunderbird Road, turn south and follow the signs to site 1.
- You cannot pull your car into the campsite; instead you must park in the lot and carry your gear to the site.
- You can bring your own drinking water, but the campground does have water spigots. The water is tested regularly by the DuPage County Health Department but has a high iron content. To clear any discoloration, you may have to let it run for a few minutes.
- The site has restrooms with pit toilets, and there are portable toilets at the main parking lot, which also has garbage and recycling containers. The campground does not have showers.
- This program takes place rain or shine, so check the forecast and prepare accordingly. The Forest Preserve District will notify you and issue a refund if it cancels the program due to severe weather.
- Wildlife and poisonous plants can make camping hazardous, so avoid wild animals and densely wooded areas. Secure food and garbage at night or anytime you leave the site, and do not leave food in your tent.



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### Symbol Key

Information	Campground
Parking	Campsite
Water	Dumpster
Restrooms	Store
Accessible	Gas Station
Guard Residence	Hospital

