



June

2026

Programs & Events ~ at the Elkhart Environmental Center ~



A Walk in the Woods

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join us in a BRAND NEW program series where we take a walk in the woods at the EEC! An EEC staff member will lead an informal, easy hike on a trail around the EEC with a different theme/topic in mind. These FREE hikes will take place the first Wednesday of every month (April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th, December 2nd). **Cost: FREE; advance registration recommended. All ages.**



Nature Story Hour for Littles

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Our Nature Story Hour for Littles is back for 2026! Join us at the Elkhart Environmental Center the first Wednesday of every month (March-August) from 10 AM to 11 AM for a program designed especially for little ones! Each hour-long session will include a nature-themed story followed by a related craft/activity. The topic for our June session will be ponds and the critters that call them home! **Cost: FREE; advance registration required by June 1st. Ages 2-5.**



Kids' Fishing Clinic @ High Dive Park off of Baldwin Street

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This clinic features a series of stations to teach kids the important aspects of fishing, such as: stewardship, conservation, safety & casting, knot tying, and basic tackle. Kids who complete the clinic will receive a free rod and reel (while supplies last) and can stick around the pond to get some experience, or check out live fish from the Elkhart River by our Aquatic Biology Department. **Cost: FREE; advance registration not required. Ages 7+.**



Nature Play Day

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Join us once again this summer for our returning Nature Play Days at the Elkhart Environmental Center! Stop in from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM on Tuesday, June 9th and Thursday, July 16th for activities involving trail exploration, nature crafts, scavenger hunts, and more while spending quality time outdoors with family and friends. These drop-in play days are FREE and open to kids of all ages. All children must be supervised by a parent or guardian throughout the program. **Cost: FREE; advance registration recommended. All ages.**



Bird Hike

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

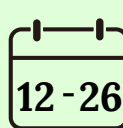
Join a staff member and fellow birders as we walk around the EEC and look for birds. Bring your own binoculars or borrow a pair from the EEC (limited quantity). Come when you want and leave when you need to for this easy, slow-paced walk. These FREE bird walks will be offered quarterly throughout the year (March, June, September, and December 2026). **Cost: FREE; advance registration required by June 8th. Ages 8+.**



Trees for the Hart Planting

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Trees for the Hart is BACK! The City's tree-planting program aims to plant 2,000 trees all across the city by 2028, and we need your help to do it! Join us for our next planting on Sunday, June 14th; snacks, tools, and gloves will be provided! Family and friends are welcome to volunteer together. **Cost: FREE. For details about times and locations, and to sign up to volunteer, check out our volunteer website at elkhart.galaxydigital.com. All ages.**



Junior Indiana Master Naturalist Series

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Kids aged 9-12 will get to discover more about the natural world around them in this day camp. Each day, kids will learn about a different environmental topic with guest speakers, participate in fun activities, and work towards completing volunteer service hours. Day camp takes place on Monday, June 15th, to Thursday, June 25th at the EEC from 9 AM - 1:30 PM each day (we will NOT be meeting on Friday, June 19th); orientation will be June 12th and graduation will be June 26th. **Cost: \$75 per child; advance registration required by May 29th. Ages 9-12. For more details, visit cityofelkhartin.gov/eec**



Hummingbird Banding with Allen Chartier

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Enjoy a presentation by Allen Chartier, Project Director for the Great Lakes HummerNet, covering the HummerNet research project and how you can contribute your hummingbird sightings to it, hints on how to attract and feed hummingbirds at your home, tips on how to make your garden hummingbird-friendly, and more. Following the presentation, Allen will also provide a LIVE banding demonstration with hummingbirds he is able to catch at the EEC! **Cost: \$10 per person; advance registration required by June 23rd. Recommended for ages 12+.**

Program Registration

To see a full list of events and to register for programs, please visit <https://www.eventeny.com/company/?c=433406> or scan the QR code below.



We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming activities!



Kids' Fishing Clinic
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