



Yampatykes and Nature Explorers

Summer Day Camp Theme Descriptions

June 13-June 17: Living from the Land: Yampatykes and Nature Explorers

What did people do before supermarkets? How does a deer go to the grocery store? This week we will be learning about agriculture and its rich history in the Yampa Valley. We will identify how the land here supports both organisms and people and how it has done that in different ways over time.

June 20-June 24: Going with the Flow: Yampatykes and Nature Explorers

Water may follow the path of least resistance to get to the Ocean, but it leaves a lot of big impacts from its journey! Come and spend a week with us learning about where water comes from, where it goes, and how it impacts life all around the Yampa River Valley.

June 27-July 1: Kid Vs. Wild: Yampatykes and Nature Explorers

Come and battle the elements with the assistance of a Naturalist. Learn how to survive in the wilderness and what is important for you to have fun and stay safe while going outside. Join us as we learn about fire and shelter building, knot tying, Leave No Trace, hiking, and how to survive when we go outside!

July 5-July 8: Nature Inspires! Yampatykes and Nature Explorers

Why does the lone wolf howl at the moon? Why do different textures and colors appeal so much to our senses? Our campers will get to spend some time with our Naturalists looking at how humans have looked at nature for inspiration in many forms of art from painting, sculpting, writing, dance, and music. We will spend time exploring and making some of our own nature inspired art!

July 11-July 15: Survival Olympics: Yampatykes, Nature Explorers, and Rount Finders

Survival is a competition! Animals have all sorts of strategies and physical abilities to help them get ahead. Join us as we learn about how different animals compete for survival and as we compete in fun nature themed challenges for the survival of the fittest!

July 18-July 22: Wild Energy: Yampatykes and Nature Explorers

Do you know what makes your car get you to school on time? What helps a rabbit or a deer be able to run and jump? What is energy and why does it matter anyways? Spend an amazing week with our Naturalist looking at the different ways organisms and humans get energy from nature and how that energy is recycled and used by a lot of different things!

July 25-July 29: Skull and Bones Society: Yampatykes and Nature Explorers

Become the newest member of the elite Skull and Bones society by spending some time with our Naturalists learning how to solve wildlife mysteries using tracks, bones, furs, the scientific method, and more!

August 1- August 5: Underwater World Yampatykes and Nature Explorers

What is different about living in the water compared to living on land? What would you need if you were to move into a river or a lake? Come and explore an underwater world with our Naturalists to figure out the kinds of organisms that live there and how they survive.

August 8-August 12: Rocks and Ice: Yampatykes and Nature Explorers

Come and spend some time with our Naturalists as they help us investigate how two ancient forces have battled each other in the Yampa Valley for eons. We'll see how their battles have helped shaped the landscape we live in today and how it will continue to shape it in the future.

August 15-August 19: Nature Engineers: Yampatykes and Nature Explorers

From Beaver's to Bird's to Spiders and even Humans lots of creatures build homes and change the surrounding environment to suit their needs. Come and learn about how these cool organisms build their homes and affect the world around them.