

### June 12-June 16: Wonderful Water Uses

Water is such an important resource for all of the people and life that lives in the Yampa Valley. Come explore with us just how vital water is not only for life to grow, but also for us to eat, recreate, turn on the lights, and so much more!

### June 19-June 23: Ground Up Ecosystems

Get in on the ground floor with naturalists as they help show campers how to effectively build good soil and how that leads to a thriving habitat for the organisms in Routt County. We'll explore different plants, pollinators, fungi, and all sorts of things that are affected by the soil beneath our feet!

### June 26-June 30: Eco Warriors

The Lorax may speak for the Trees, but who speaks for all the other awesome organisms in nature? There are a lot of awesome things that live here in Routt County that are or could be affected by human-caused changes. Kids will learn about many of these cool organisms and how to help make sure that the place where we live is an amazing environment for years to come.

### July 5-7: Prehistoric Party

What kind of things lived here millions of years ago? How do we know what those things were? Spend some time with our naturalists as we explore paleontology and geology to see what this landscape looked like long ago and how scientists have learned about it. Our Routt Finders this week will be spending Wednesday and Thursday Nights at Dinosaur National Monument to learn and see about that amazing part of the Yampa Valley.

### July 10-July 14: Forests to Faucets

How clean is the water we drink? How clean is the water animals drink and why does it matter? What are the kinds of things that get into our water and where do they come from? Join our naturalists as we explore our watershed and see what kinds of things can impact our water and how to Keep It Clean!

### July 17-July 21: Our Land Before Time

Come join us to learn about the natural and cultural history of the Yampa Valley. We'll dive into the experiences of the Utes, miners, trappers, homesteaders, and winter sports of the early days with activities and field trips. We'll learn about how the valley was formed and why the mineral springs have made this place so special.

### July 24-July 28: Kid vs. Wild

Back by popular demand! 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 31-August 4: Research Blitz

Do your kids always ask why? Are they trying to figure out how things in their world work? Send campers to explore what it means to be a scientist and to look at how scientists explore the world around us. Rather than focusing on what we have learned from science, campers will come up with their own questions and our Naturalists will assist them with investigations, data collection, and sharing of their findings.

### August 7-11: Whacky Weather

This week kids will be able to explore different parts of weather with a Naturalist. From ways to predict what will happen, cause and effect, the impact of weather on our community, and ways that we can make sure we are prepared for extreme weather, we'll be sure to have an exciting time!

### August 14-18: Ecological Entanglements

This week we will be learning all about the relationships between different kinds of organisms. We'll look at the different players and define their relationships, including predator and prey, the mutual benefits of teamwork, and the uneven drain of a parasitic relationship. Join us as we discover how different organisms interact with each other and how that affects the whole ecosystem!

**\*\*\*Our Routt Finders have an overnight at a local campground on Thursday night. Dinner, dessert, and breakfast are provided. Pick up on Friday is at noon.**