

Saugeen Nature is pleased to announce it's Junior Naturalist Program for 2025/26

Calling all nature enthusiasts!

Youth aged 7 to 12 are invited to join us for investigations into our natural world with fun and hands-on learning in mind. We plan to meet one Saturday morning per month (typically the third Saturday of the month) over 8 months (September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May) at various locations. Each gathering will be from 9:30 am to 12 noon.

Registration is \$40.00 per child for the full eight-month program.

Registration will take place at Sulphur Spring Conservation Area, Picnic Shelter, Saturday, September 20 at 9:00 am followed by our first program of the season.

All programs are hands-on including investigations, hikes, games, crafts and more on the featured different theme each month.

September 20 – Registration and **Focus on Forests** (Sulphur Spring C. A.)
Hiking, activities and games based on forest creatures and trees.

October 18 – Find Your Own Way (Sulphur Spring C.A.)

How to read a map, use a compass and GPS

November 15 – Invasive Species (Kinghurst Nature Reserve)

Animals and plants are invading our habitats – how to keep our native species safe

January 17 – **Snowshoeing / Tracking the Wild** (Riverstone Retreat/ Elephant Thoughts)

Learn how to snowshoe and hike the area looking for signs of active animals in winter

February 21 – **Winter Birds** (Riverstone Retreat/ Elephant Thoughts)

Learn how to identify and attract birds in winter.

March 21 – Maple Syrup Making or Art of Nature (weather dependent) (Sulphur Spring C. A.)

We will be learning about how Ernie makes maple syrup or will be making some natural creations of our own depending on the syrup season.

April 18 – **Wetland Wonderland** (Sulphur Spring C. A.)

Learn what wetland species are already active in the wetlands through hiking and activities.

May 23 – Game Day! (Sulphur Spring C. A.) Instincts for Survival (Kill or Be Killed) Game and others!

Leaders are Nancy Reaume and Nancy Griffin.

Visit www.saugeenfieldnaturalists.com to download waiver and registration form or email saugeenjrnats@gmail.com for more information.