

# Summer Schedule 2024



## “Sense”ational Summertime



Immerse yourself in the wonders of nature using your senses this summer! Cicadas, birds, and frogs are singing, fragrant flowers blossoming, and the forest and fields of Warner Parks are layered in vivid patterns and colors. Go take a hike in the rain, saunter at sunset, or just find a quiet spot to picnic or read.

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Sounds, sights, smells, textures, and even tastes are offered during the wide variety of nature center programs on our calendar. You can bring the entire family to use their senses to explore the garden, splash in the creek, listen to nature’s evening symphony, or go on a first-hand outdoor investigation.

Warner Park Nature Center is open  
Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Percy and Edwin Warner Parks are open  
7 days a week from sunrise to 11 p.m.

Check out our full calendar of activities for June, July, and August.

We hope to see you soon!



Contact the  
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Center for ADA  
accommodations

Vera Roberts,  
Warner Park Nature Center Director

Program	Date/Time	Registration	Information
<b>June</b>			
<b>Explore with a Naturalist</b>	Saturday, June 1 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Stop by the Nature Center to explore nature with a Naturalist! This outdoor exploration will focus on discovery, observation, and connecting with nature. The themes will be chosen the week prior.
<b>Observe Summer Bird Banding Research</b>	Tuesday, June 4 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Our resident and Neotropical migratory birds are breeding in Warner Parks. Join us for summer bird banding at Warner Park Nature Center to observe our federally licensed bird banders collect information for the <u>Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship</u> research. Our long-term banding station is open to the public and has been on-going since 1982 to help us better understand bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds.  Leader: Laura Cook and BIRD Team
<b>Evening Cave Tour</b>	Wednesday, June 5 7 - 9 p.m.	Age level: 8 and up Registration opens May 22	Join us for a rare opportunity to explore a natural cave and learn about how it was formed and what creatures live inside.  Leader: Jenna Atma
<b>Explore with a Naturalist</b>	Saturday, June 8 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Stop by the Nature Center to explore nature with a Naturalist! This outdoor exploration will focus on discovery, observation, and connecting with nature. The themes will be chosen the week prior.
<b>Nature Hike</b>	Wednesday, June 12 9 - 10:30 a.m.	Age level: 10 and up Registration opens May 28	Hike on one of our trails here at Warner Parks with a Naturalist.  Leader: Elyse Dilks
<b>A "No Hike" Bird Hike</b>	Friday, June 14 9 - 10:30 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 13 and up Registration opens May 31	Please join us if you would enjoy a bird hike, without the hike! Share a morning with us as we sit comfortably while observing and learning about birds, tips on identification and learning bird songs. We'll bird at Spring Hollow, one of the quietest picnic areas in Warner Parks, where the large parking area will allow us to spot the birds.  Leader: Susan Bradfield, BIRD Program Volunteer
<b>The Summer Garden</b>	Saturday, June 15 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Did you know that there are still both flowers and veggies you can plant out in the middle of summer? If you got a late start with your garden and want to find out what plants will still survive in the middle of summer, come and talk to Davidson County Master Gardeners!  Leaders: Master Gardeners of Davidson County

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<b>Vol Call: Vaughn's Creek Clean Up</b>	Saturday, June 15 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: Adults, 13 and up Register at warnerparks.org	Put on your water shoes and hop in the creek as we hit some lesser traveled sections and pitch in with keeping our stream clean. Leader: Paul Fowler
<b>Observe Summer Bird Banding Research</b>	Tuesday, June 18 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Our resident and Neotropical migratory birds are breeding in Warner Parks. Join us for summer bird banding at Warner Park Nature Center to observe our federally licensed bird banders collect information for the <u>Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship</u> research. Our long-term banding station is open to the public and has been on-going since 1982 to help us better understand bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: Laura Cook and BIRD Team
<b>Summer Solstice Fairies</b>	Friday, June 21 10 - 11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens June 6	Capture the magic of the summer solstice with a short walk through the forest, where we will gather fallen leaves, acorn caps, mossy twigs, and other natural items to create a fairy house village. Leaders: Rachel Anderson and Rachel Carter
<b>Full Moon Pickin' Party</b>	Friday, June 21 6 - 10 p.m.	Age level: All ages For tickets and information visit www.warnerparks.org	The unique, bluegrass music series is one of Nashville's most popular outdoor events, attracting families, friends, and dog lovers from all over to hear local musicians play together under the full moon, in one of Nashville's most picturesque settings: Percy Warner Park Equestrian Center. Join us for a night of traditional bluegrass music and dinner from local food trucks. Coordinators: Friends of Warner Parks
<b>Explore with a Naturalist</b>	Saturday, June 22 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Stop by the Nature Center to explore nature with a Naturalist! This outdoor exploration will focus on discovery, observation, and connecting with nature. The themes will be chosen the week prior.
<b>A Midsummer's Night of Poetry and Mead</b>	Saturday, June 22 8 - 9:30 p.m.	Age level: Adults, 21 and up Registration opens June 8	Join us for a stroll as the sun sets. Then as twilight darkens the sky, in the true spirit of a midsummer's night celebration, we will enjoy mead from a local meadery. To close out the night, we will sit around a fire to read poetry and passages about summertime on the shortest night of the year. Leaders: Rachel Carter, Vera Roberts, and Honeytree Meadery

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<b>Observe Summer Bird Banding Research</b>	Tuesday, June 25 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Our resident and Neotropical migratory birds are breeding in Warner Parks. Join us for summer bird banding at Warner Park Nature Center to observe our federally licensed bird banders collect information for the <u>Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship</u> research. Our long-term banding station is open to the public and has been ongoing since 1982 to help us better understand bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: Laura Cook and BIRD Team
<b>Renew Yoga</b>	Saturday, June 29 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 12 and up Registration opens June 14	Join us on the last Saturday of each month for our Reset and Renew Yoga class. Beginner friendly and open to all levels, this gentle and energizing yoga flow offers a rejuvenating experience to leave you feeling refreshed and ready to embrace the new month ahead. Leader: Sarah Summers
<b>Explore with a Naturalist</b>	Saturday, June 29 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Stop by the Nature Center to explore nature with a Naturalist! This outdoor exploration will focus on discovery, observation, and connecting with nature. The themes will be chosen the week prior.
<b>July</b>			
<b>Observe Summer Bird Banding Research</b>	Tuesday, July 2 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Our resident and Neotropical migratory birds are breeding in Warner Parks. Join us for summer bird banding at Warner Park Nature Center to observe our federally licensed bird banders collect information for the <u>Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship</u> research. Our long-term banding station is open to the public and has been ongoing since 1982 to help us better understand bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: Laura Cook and BIRD Team
<b>Explore with a Naturalist</b>	Saturday, July 6 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Stop by the Nature Center to explore nature with a Naturalist! This outdoor exploration will focus on discovery, observation, and connecting with nature. The themes will be chosen the week prior.

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<b>Living Building Design Workshop - Place</b>	Tuesday, July 9 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Age level: Adults, 13 and up Registration now open	Join us for an interactive workshop to develop a Living Building Challenge project brief for a real-world project. Leaders: Kim Shinn and Keith Loiseau
<b>Summer Bird Hike</b>	Saturday, July 13 8 - 10 a.m.	Age level: 8 and up Registration opens June 29	Join us as we hike around the Nature Center and surrounding trails to look for Tennessee's summertime birds and signs of their nests. Leader: Jenna Atma
<b>Plan Your Fall Garden Now</b>	Saturday, July 13 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Did you know that you can extend your harvest by planting cool season crops that can survive the cooler temperatures of fall and even winter? Come talk to our Davidson County Master Gardeners to learn how. Leaders: Master Gardeners of Davidson County
<b>Vol Call: Trail Dogs</b>	Saturday, July 13 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: Adults, 13 and up Register at <a href="http://warnerparks.org">warnerparks.org</a>	Explore some of the new dual use trails and lend a hand as we work together to give these much loved paths some TLC. Leader: Paul Fowler
<b>Observe Summer Bird Banding Research</b>	Tuesday, July 16 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Our resident and Neotropical migratory birds are breeding in Warner Parks. Join us for summer bird banding at Warner Park Nature Center to observe our federally licensed bird banders collect information for the <u>Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship</u> research. Our long-term banding station is open to the public and has been on-going since 1982 to help us better understand bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: Laura Cook and BIRD Team
<b>Eating from the Garden</b>	Wednesday, July 17 11 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration opens July 3	Harvest and prepare healthy and delicious summer snacks from the bountiful summer garden. Leaders: Vera Roberts
<b>Full Moon Pickin' Party</b>	Friday, July 19 6 - 10 p.m.	Age level: All ages For tickets and information visit <a href="http://warnerparks.org">warnerparks.org</a>	The unique, bluegrass music series is one of Nashville's most popular outdoor events, attracting families, friends, and dog lovers from all over to hear local musicians play together under the full moon, in one of Nashville's most picturesque settings: Percy Warner Park Equestrian Center. Join us for a night of traditional bluegrass music and dinner from local food trucks. Coordinators: Friends of Warner Parks

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Explore with a Naturalist	Saturday, July 20 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Stop by the Nature Center to explore nature with a Naturalist! This outdoor exploration will focus on discovery, observation, and connecting with nature. The themes will be chosen the week prior.
Summer Sound Party	Saturday, July 20 7:30 - 9 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens July 5	Delight in the sounds of summer birds, insects, frogs, and more. We will listen and celebrate nature's "noise" as day turns into night. Leader: Vera Roberts
Observe Summer Bird Banding Research	Tuesday, July 23 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Our resident and Neotropical migratory birds are breeding in Warner Parks. Join us for summer bird banding at Warner Park Nature Center to observe our federally licensed bird banders collect information for the <u>Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship</u> research. Our long-term banding station is open to the public and has been on-going since 1982 to help us better understand bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: Laura Cook and BIRD Team
River Secrets	Wednesday, July 24 10 - 11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens July 9	What secrets can we discover while exploring the river? Be prepared to get wet while we hunt for tiny 'water pennies', water snakes, and other surprising creatures as we learn all about their many mysteries and secrets! Leader: Rachel Anderson
Renew Yoga	Saturday, July 27 9 - 10 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 12 and up Registration opens July 12	Join us on the last Saturday of each month for our Reset and Renew Yoga class. Beginner friendly and open to all levels, this gentle and energizing yoga flow offers a rejuvenating experience to leave you feeling refreshed and ready to embrace the new month ahead. Leader: Sarah Summers
Caterpillar Crawl	Saturday, July 27 1 - 2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens July 12	Summer is a great time to look for caterpillars. Let's explore the Nature Center campus to see who's out crawling about! Leader: Elyse Dilks

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<b>Observe Summer Bird Banding Research</b>	Tuesday, July 30 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Our resident and Neotropical migratory birds are breeding in Warner Parks. Join us for summer bird banding at Warner Park Nature Center to observe our federally licensed bird banders collect information for the Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship research. Our long-term banding station is open to the public and has been on-going since 1982 to help us better understand bird populations and the importance of Warner Parks for birds. Leader: Laura Cook and BIRD Team
<b>August</b>			
<b>Observe Hummingbird Migration Banding</b>	Wednesday, August 7 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Each year in August and September, hummingbirds from the eastern United States migrate down to Mexico and Central America where they will spend the winter before heading back north in the spring. Started in 2002, our hummingbird banding research focuses on the health, timing, and population dynamics of migrating hummingbirds. Join us during a banding session to observe the banding process and learn all about hummingbirds. Leader: Laura Cook and BIRD Team
<b>Vol Call: Splash the Trash</b>	Saturday, August 10 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: Adults, 16 and up Register at warnerparks.org	You will get wet but with your help we can do our part to protect and preserve the little Harpeth River as it winds through Edwin Warner Park. Leader: Paul Fowler
<b>Summer Star Party</b>	Saturday, August 10 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration now open	Join local astronomers to view the night sky through telescopes at the Warner Park Special Events field. We'll be looking at the Moon, nebulae, and star clusters, peering into the heart of our own Milky Way galaxy. Find your favorite summer constellation! Leaders: Rachel Carter and the Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society

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<b>Become a Naturalist! Using Technology to Discover Nature</b>	Thursday, August 15 12 - 1:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens August 1	<p>If you've ever seen a plant, bug, or animal, and wondered what it was, then join us for a short hike and learn how we can use our phones to learn more about the natural world!</p> <p>Leader: Jenna Atma</p>
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<b>Gardening for Pollinators, Birds, and other Wildlife</b>	Friday, August 23 9 - 10 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 13 and up Registration opens August 9	You can attract butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, and more by adding native plants and organic methods to your garden and landscaping. Visit the nature center's garden beds and learn how to do this in your own backyard. Leader: Vera Roberts
<b>Explore with a Naturalist</b>	Saturday, August 24 10 a.m. - noon	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Stop by the Nature Center to explore nature with a Naturalist! This outdoor exploration will focus on discovery, observation, and connecting with nature. The themes will be chosen the week prior.
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## At A Glance

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<p><b>Hummingbird Migration Banding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 7</li> <li>• August 14</li> <li>• August 17</li> <li>• August 21</li> <li>• August 28</li> </ul>
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## Nature Center Closings

<p><b>Juneteenth</b></p>	<p><b>Closed June 19</b></p>
<p><b>Independence Day</b></p>	<p><b>Closed July 4</b></p>

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