



NATURE EXPLORERS

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN NATURE EXPLORERS?

Nature Explorers is designed for dads and their children in Pre-K to 16 years old. Father and child must attend program activities together. In YMCA Nature Explorers, the father is the Guide, and the child is the Explorer. Exceptions are made and encouraged for grandfather, uncle or other male guardians and their child to join when the dad is unavailable. The program promotes positive male role models and adventurous children.

WHAT DO YMCA NATURE EXPLORERS DO?

Nature Explorers are made up of camps which meet monthly or bi-monthly, depending on the camp, at the home of a member. During these meetings, camps work on crafts, play games, sing songs and enjoy time together. Throughout the year, several camps come together to participate in larger activities such as weekend camp-outs, volunteer opportunities, and other special events like Pinewood Derby and Daddy Daughter Date Night.

PRINCESS NATION
Father/Daughter Pairs
3 year old - 3rd grade

GUIDES NATION
Father/Son Pairs
3 year old - 3rd grade

TRAIL NATION
Any Pair
4th grade - 16 year old

HOW DO I JOIN?

To sign up for Arlington-Mansfield Area Nature Explorers program, please contact Emilie Marez at (817) 419-9629 ext. 4700 or EmilieM@amaymca.org





NATURE EXPLORERS 2018-2019 EVENTS

| Event | Description | Princess Nation | Guides Nation | Trail Nation |
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| Carnival | Join us for a family fun evening with games, dunk tank, bounce house, food truck and a movie under the stars. 5 PM - 10PM | 8/25 | 8/25 | 8/25 |
| New Dad Orientation | New dads receive information about Nature Explorers and how to participate in events. Peter Piper Pizza at 6PM | 9/6 | 9/6 | 9/6 |
| Induction | Bonfire induction ceremony for father- child pairs into the Nature Explorers program. Join us for a cookout, swimming and Wildlife on the Move at Cooper Street YMCA at 5PM | 9/8 | 9/8 | 9/8 |
| Fall Camp-out | Fathers and their children enjoy the great outdoors together at nearby campsites. Bring your camping gear for a weekend of activities, games and fun! | 10/5 Fair Field State Park | 10/5 Fair Field State Park | 10/12 Camp Grady Spruce |
| Haunted Trail | Participate in the Haunted Trail design for Halloween at the Y at our Cooper St. YMCA location. | 10/27 | 10/27 | 10/27 |
| Turkey Shoot | Turkey Shoot is a Gun Safety Event. Fathers and their children will color a turkey, learn about gun safety and conclude the day with shooting their turkey with a bebe gun. 10am -12pm at Pappy Elkins Park in Dalworthington Gardens | 11/10 | 11/10 | 11/10 |
| Arlington Parade of Lights | Help design the Nature Explorers holiday float for the Arlington Parade of Lights. | 12/8 | 12/8 | 12/8 |
| Winter Camp-out | Fathers and their children enjoy the great outdoors together at our Federation Campout in Loyd Park in Grand Prairie. Bring your camping gear for a weekend of activities, games and fun! | 1/18 Loyd Park | 1/18 Loyd Park | 1/18 Loyd Park |
| Daddy Daughter Date Night | Treat your daughter to a night of catered dinner, dancing, pictures and more at the White Room from 6:30pm - 10pm. | 2/8 | | 2/8 |
| Monster Jam | Father and sons enjoy a night of loud truck smashing fun in Arlington for the Monster Jam! | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Community Day | Fathers and their children spend the day volunteering their time at Mission Arlington. | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Pinewood Derby | Race your Pinewood Derby car against other participants at our Central YMCA location. 10am -12pm | 3/23 | 3/23 | 3/23 |
| Spring Camp-out | Fathers and their children enjoy the great outdoors together at nearby campsite. Bring your camping gear for a weekend of activities, games and fun! | 4/5 TBD | 3/29 TBD | 4/12 TBD |
| Rocket Shoot | Build and shoot rockets at United Methodist Church from 10 AM - Noon. | 5/11 | 5/11 | 5/11 |
| Leader Appreciation | A thank you dinner for all of the hours volunteered by our camp leaders 6:30pm | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Trail Trip | Fathers and their children enjoy the great outdoors together. Bring your camping gear for a weekend of activities, games and fun! Location: TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |