

UP NEXT at IRVINE:

Day Off Camps:

Nov. 17 – Reptile Races

Dec. 26-29 – Winter Wonderland

The Second Session of Eco-Explorers starts in December: [Register Online!](#)

K-2nd: Natural Disasters

3rd – 5th: Microscopic Worlds

Morning: Biodiversity

**Ask Your Child:
“Why don’t we name
our animals at
Irvine Nature Center?”**

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Fun Fact: Why Spend Time in Nature?
Spending time in nature increases creativity and imagination! This allows for unstructured play which gives kids the opportunity to interact with their surroundings in a positive way. Kids can think freely, be inventive and create their own activities!



(K-2) Make It Rain!
Students at Chatsworth Elementary perform a hands-on experiment to learn about clouds! Using shaving cream, food coloring, and eye droppers, students experiment with dripping different colors onto the clouds and watching it rain down! This activity is one of the many exciting experiments that students perform during Science Mysteries.

(3-5) Building Shelter:
Students at Warren Elementary use recycled materials to build a habitat for the box turtle. Working together, they craft an impressive house furnished with a rain funnel, tin foil pool, and even a couch! Outdoor Survivor provides students an opportunity to improve their survival skills while having fun.



(AM) Photo Fun:
Students at Sparks Elementary School enjoy taking photos of pine trees before school begins! Nature Photography allows students to improve their camera skills by capturing beautiful shots of nature. The early morning class also provides a refreshing start to their school day!

Looking for something fun to do with your child this fall?

Get outside!

Take a nature walk and enjoy all the brightly colored leaves.

Watch for chipmunks or squirrels gathering acorns.

Be sure to take a basket to gather natural materials for fun crafts:
leaves, pine needles, pinecones, etc.

The eastern box turtle is one of the favorites of the Eco-Explorers club! With its bright orange and yellow shell, it is no wonder that the kids cannot get enough of this turtle. Box turtles get their name from their ability to close the bottom of their shell tightly to avoid predators. These turtles can be found in forests in Maryland. Irvine currently has four female box turtles and one male. The average lifespan of a box turtle is around 50 years, so if you are planning on getting one for your child, make sure you are ready for a long-lived friend!



Paint Pinecones

- Collect pinecones and paint with

different colors. Place around your house for fun DIY fall decorations!



Create Leaf People

-Collect leaves of different size, shape, and color and glue onto paper to form "people"

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