

HEAVNER NATURE CONNECTION AND CANOE RENTAL

WHETHER WE ARE BRINGING YOUR CLASSROOM TO THE OUT-OF-DOORS OR ARRANGING A RECREATIONAL MEMORY THAT LASTS A LIFETIME... WE HAVE A UNIQUE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE TO MATCH YOUR NEEDS!

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We Sponsor Fundraising Events for
Your School or Church

WHAT WE DO

Nature Connection programs are designed to provide all children and families, regardless of age, a positive and unique outdoor learning experience.

The goal of “No Child Left Inside” is to provide a unique outdoor learning or recreational experience so powerful that it creates a lasting impression in everyone’s mind and as a result they will continue to explore and enjoy the outdoors during their lifetime.

Heavner Nature Connection and
Heavner Canoe Rental
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Programs offered at Heavner Nature Connection are always an exciting adventure for everyone!

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Heavner Nature Connection offers Outdoor Education Programs for kids of all ages, from the little tikes up to and including high school seniors. With 5 locations to serve you, we host over 8,000 acres of beautiful parks and forests, miles and miles of the beautiful Huron River lakes and lakes galore, Nature Connection is an ideal outdoor classroom in which students can experience the *excitement* of hands-on-learning. Add in an exciting camping experience involving team building and shared experiences with friends and we have a recipe for a great visit full of fun, friendship and, best of all great memories. Oh yeah, high school kids can even earn valuable service credits for graduation.

- School Field Trips to Meet you Curriculum Requirements
 - Arts
 - Social Studies
 - Science and Technology
 - Mathematics
- Youth Teambuilding
- Scavenger Hunt and Adventure Mission
- Make a Teepee
- Native American Nature Snow Shoeing
- Enjoy Nature Canoeing / Kayaking (May-October)
- Scouting Programs – All levels
 - Girl Scouts Badges
 - Boy Scouts Badges



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RECREATIONAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS

For an enjoyable Wilderness Adventure Close to Home, come visit us and bring your school, social group, church group or corporate group. We have multiple locations to serve you.

At Heavner Nature Connection, we are proud to offer an extensive list of programs that are sure to cater to your family, friends, community, church or social group. Check out our recreation programs below.

Girl Scout Badge Programs (I can list all of them)

The Girl Scouts of the USA is an all-female, character-building organization for youths. Groups of volunteers strive to instill leadership, values and social consciousness in young women. Badges, formally known as insignia, represent troop membership, completion of requirements, awards and participation in activities. Dozens of Girl Scout badges, each with individual names and meanings, fall into four main categories. Each category is further divided by the age level of the scout, from Daisy to Adult. We work with you to customize specific events that are both enjoyable and memorable for all!

Boy Scout Merit Badge Programs (I can list all of them)

The Boy Scouts of America provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

You can learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers as you earn merit badges. Any Boy Scout may earn a merit badge at any time. You don't need to have had rank advancement to be eligible.

Pick a Subject. Talk to your unit leader (Scoutmaster) about your interest in earning a merit badge. Read the requirements of the merit badges you think might interest you. Choose one to earn. We then customize an event to meet your needs.

Canoeing / Kayaking

With the beautiful Huron River in our backyard, we can offer just about any type of canoe/kayak adventure you like. Currently, we offer river trips that allow you to float downriver at your leisure and range from 2-6 hour trips. Or maybe you like to chart your own course. We have self-guided paddles as well. Those trips start at 2 hours and go up from there. Be sure to bring a waterproof case for your gear or simply leave the electronics in your vehicle. We can accommodate groups of all sizes. *Join our paddler club and get discounts all year.*

Scavenger Hunts and Adventure Missions

We give you and your team the coordinates and with the help of our guides and chaperones you and your team figure out how to get there. Tools include your eyes and ears, a map, GPS and more. Photography will be critical to your success and act as a photo journal of your adventure. Take

pictures along the way and document your missions as it unfolds. Log your photos in your mission log so you can show your teachers, parents, classmates, friends and families exactly what you learned and achieved.

Wilderness Therapy Program

Wilderness therapy programs have proven themselves to be exceptional catalysts for change in troubled children and teenagers everywhere. The purpose of a wilderness therapy program is to separate youth from negative influences and place them in environments that are safe and support growth. Students are not merely thrown into the wilderness and made to suffer hardships. They are encouraged, challenged and given every opportunity to succeed in activities that are necessary, natural or reasonable. Children form bonds with each other, field staff and therapists while they endure adversity and struggle as a group to overcome natural challenges.

Common activities in a wilderness therapy program include (1) primitive living, (2) outdoor education, (3) structured daily activities, (4) team building, (5) leadership training, (6) challenge courses, (7) expeditions, (8) academic education and (9) facing natural consequences.

Behavioral modification is based on environmental and social reinforcement. Weather and terrain provide natural consequences. Teamwork and leadership provide choices and natural consequences. Social interaction and reinforcement is logical and necessary to the group's comfort and effectiveness. Our guides interact as "friends and outdoor coaches" but are not authoritarian.

Therapeutic Outdoor Recreation Program

The American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) has defined therapeutic recreation as the use of treatment and recreation services to persons with illness or disabling conditions.

These programs are customized for your group Therapeutic outdoor recreation programs are helping individuals with disabilities build the confidence and physical skills needed to participate in a wide range of sports and recreational activities. From skiing and golfing to biking and hiking, these individuals are participating in activities they previously thought were impossible. We customize a program to meet your needs.

Wilderness Church Community

At Heavner Nature Connection, we offer your group the ability to connect with your membership in a unique wilderness setting. By your church teaming with us, your members will grow toward spiritual maturity through commitment, small groups, seminars, retreats and other opportunities only found in Mother Nature.

All Day Camps

Heavner Nature Center All Day Camps provide an active camp environment for children with and without disabilities ages 5 – 21. Our camp strives to build each camper's social development, self-confidence and fine and gross motor skills by accommodating the needs of each camper. How you ask? By doing fun activities developed by our very own fun enthusiasts. Camps are designed to

provide a welcoming, fun and nurturing environment; activities are structured as “challenge by choice”, allowing for a wide variety of abilities, fitness and fun!

Day Camp operates during the summer months, winter and holiday breaks and spring breaks.

Adventure Racing – All Ages

Earn your badge of courage during one of our adventure races. We have something for everyone from little ones, to grown ones. Everyone has a class. Running, biking, paddling (canoeing/kayaking), and more. We setup courses with our strategic partners. You simply come on out and enjoy the fun.

Fishing Clinics

Fishing, angling, casting a line, catchin' fish. Whatever you call it, it's fun for kids, adults, entire families. Regardless of age or ability. A family activity in the out-of-doors, with fresh air and sunshine and tons of beautiful scenery. Relaxing times by a gurgling brook or whispering stream or placid lake. Best of all, taking the kids fishing need not be expensive or require a lot of time, or mean a long drive. And, ladies, we know you would love the fun family time.

What if you've never been fishing? No problem, we got you covered. Sign up for a fishing clinic! Basic fishing-skills clinics for school kids, families, and groups are available. These clinics are organized, supervised, and a fun way to learn. To make the introduction to fishing even easier, all bait and tackle is provided! What more can you ask for?

Archery

Adult and youth ages 9 and up

We focus on form and safety at the orientation lesson, giving basics that will get students safely shooting, and a general feel for archery. We go over range rules, safety gear (finger tabs, arm guards, sling, etc, and size the bow and arrow to each archer. We work on getting the best use of our muscles and balance, combined with clear mental preparation, teaching a series of components/steps which build on one another.

Climbing Wall

The centerpiece of the Adventure Challenge program at Wildwood Ranch is the High Ropes Course. This dynamic course provides opportunities for group challenge and individual accomplishment. The course boasts a two-level design that has three distinct routes on each level, each route graduating in difficulty.

Wilderness Survival Class

A wilderness survival course will provide you with the practical experience necessary to handle many kinds of problems that could arise in the wilderness. A training course will increase your skills and knowledge and make your next wilderness adventure safer and more enjoyable

Geocaching

With in excess of 8,000 acres of woods and varying terrain, we have the adventure for you. Geocaching is the real-world treasure hunt that's happening right now, all around you. There are 2,281,877 active geocaches and over 6 million geocachers worldwide. Check it out, and make your mark, You never know what you'll find.

Outdoor / Nature Photography Events

We promote everything outdoors including a *FREE* outdoor photography session for the public. Only requirement is to have fun and enter our photo contest. We will always welcome you back and see us again. Who knows what your camera will capture. Families who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford family pictures and couples who would not normally splurge on engagement pictures, for example, will benefit from the event. It's an exciting event for everyone. You supply your own camera and hiking gear.

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Outdoor Health and Wellness Programs

Did you know obesity is on the rise in American? Let's do something about it. Nature is your playground and gym. Exercise while hiking the ancient trails called "The Pines", Paddle you canoe or kayak along the shores of the beautiful Huron River, or Bike Mother Nature's Trails at Island Lake State Park. Let's get started. We have something for everyone. Your workout will never be the same again.

SUP Peeps.....Paddling Programs

Heavner Canoe Rental offers something for all levels of paddlers – Canoeing, Kayaking, even Stand-Up Paddle boarding (SUP) on the beautiful Huron River, nestled in Project Lake State Recreation Area. Learn how to paddle, what to wear, what to look for on the water and how to stay safe while paddling. We provide boats/boards, paddles, life jackets.

Hiking & Camping Programs

Join HCN in learning about camping and the outdoors in a nice relaxing environment, Proud Lake State Park. Ever wonder what to wear, what to bring, how to setup a tent? Heavner Nature Connection can teach you and your entire family everything you need to know. Note: Family programs and individual group programs available.

Outdoor Photography Programs

Join HCN's recreational photography lovers for a unique photo opportunity with nature. Offered all year long, photographers of all skill levels and ages are welcome! Programs are offered throughout the day. Great pictures can be taken early mornings, day and evening hours.

Snowshoeing Programs

Winter is one of our favorite seasons! HCN will teach you how to get around on snow shoes. We will teach you the basic necessities everyone needs to stay warm and dry and when to seek shelter if needed.