

TAKE A CHILD OUTSIDE WEEK AT A GLANCE!

September 17-26 is Take a Child Outside Week! Join the national effort to connect children with nature. Check out great ways to get outdoors throughout the park district!

Date	Event	Time
Friday, September 17	Nature Play Kids*	10-11am
	Outdoor Movie Night: WALL-E**	6:45-8:30pm
Saturday, September 18	Fab Lab Fort Building**	1-4pm
	Rain Date: Outdoor Movie Night**	6:45-8:30pm
Monday, September 20	Play Date with Nature: Mud Kitchen**	4-6pm
	Moon Walk*	7-8:30pm
Tuesday, September 21	Outdoor Family Classroom*	9am-12pm
Wednesday, September 22	Connecting You with Nature Hybrid Hike**	1-2pm
	Play Date with Nature: Art & Music**	4-6pm
Friday, September 24	Play Date with Nature: Scavenger Hunt**	4-6pm
Saturday, September 25	Log-Buster Walk**	10-11am
Sunday, September 26	Pride Nature Hike**	1-2:30pm

**Pre-registration and fees required*

***FREE with pre-registration; call 217-384-4062*



Nature Play Kids

Friday, September 17, 10-11am

Friendship Grove Nature Playscape

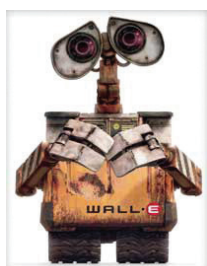
Ages 3-6; kids under 2 years may attend

with a registered participant at no extra cost

Fee: \$4/child

Bring your young one to the nature center for creative outdoor playtime with guidance and additional supplies from a nature play facilitator. Everyone is welcome regardless of ability. Weekly themes depend on current events in nature, and themes are announced the week before each program. Call 217-384-4062 for more information. *Pre-registration is required.*

Pre-Register By	Code
September 16	10066



FREE Outdoor Movie Night: WALL-E**

Friday, September 17 from 6:45-8:30pm

Rain Date: Saturday, September 18

Friendship Grove Nature Playscape,

Anita Purves Nature Center

All ages (under 15 with adult)

Celebrate Take a Child Outside Week with an outdoor movie at the park! Bring your own snacks and a blanket/lawn chair to sit on. Check in by 6:45pm; the movie will begin promptly at 7pm. Space is limited! Register by calling (217) 384-4062.

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Fab Lab Fort Building - FREE

Saturday, September 18 from 1-4pm
Anita Purves Nature Center
All ages (under 15 with adult)

We have partnered with the CU Community Fab Lab to offer an exciting afternoon that's sure to get our minds and hands working together. With a focus on critical thinking and engineering, we will build forts that have structural integrity with creative flair! Participants will receive their very own fort-building kit to take home and keep the fun going! Call 217-384-4062 to register. Visit

<http://cucfablab.org/> to learn more about the Fab Lab.

Moon Walk

Monday, September 20, 7-8:30pm
Busey Woods (meet at the Anita Purves Nature Center)
All ages (under 15 with adult)

Experience a new side of Busey Woods on this guided hike scheduled on the night of the full moon. Listen for owls and other nocturnal creatures, and learn how they survive and thrive. **Pre-registration is required, as space is limited.**

EB Cost	Deadline	Cost	Deadline	Code
\$5R/\$7NR	Sep 2	\$6R/\$9NR	Sep 14	10061

Play Date with Nature

September 20, 22 & 24, 4-6pm
Friendship Grove Nature Playscape,
Anita Purves Nature Center
Recommended for age 6 and up with adult

- Monday September 20: Mud Kitchen
- Wednesday September 22: Art & Music
- Friday September 24: Scavenger Hunt

Come play with us at the nature playscape in celebration of Take a Child Outside Week! A Nature Play Facilitator will be on-hand with extra supplies and "loose parts" for play. Explorations and play are based on different themes each day! Come and go anytime during program hours. Everyone is welcome regardless of ability. Sign up by calling (217) 384-4062.

Outdoor Family Classroom

Tuesday, September 21, 9am-noon
Anita Purves Nature Center & Busey Woods
Age 3-12 with adult (one adult attends free with each registered child)

During this morning of exploration and discovery, the kids will take a lead role as we learn what it means to be inspired by nature. We will enjoy a snack in the forest, practice nature journaling, and meet a special animal guest. This program will take place entirely outdoors, so come dressed for the weather!

EB Cost	Deadline	Cost	Deadline	Code
\$18R/\$22NR	Sep 7	\$27R/\$33NR	Sep 16	10062

Natural Areas Stewardship Days

Come and go any time between 8am and 5pm! Projects will include seed collection, nuisance plant removal, trash pick-up, and trail maintenance.

- September 22, 2021, 8am-5pm
Fall Equinox at Meadowbrook Park – park at the Race St. entrance and meet at the Meadowbrook Interpretive Center (the barn) to help us celebrate National Public Lands Day!

Connecting You to Nature - Hybrid Hikes! FREE

Wednesdays from 1-2pm

- Meadowbrook Park: September 22
Join staff from the Anita Purves Nature Center during these hikes through district natural areas. Explore the plants, animals and unique natural history of each beautiful preserve. **Limited space is available to participate in person; call 217-384-4062 to sign up.** Or, watch and interact on Facebook as the hikes are broadcast live! Find the Anita Purves Nature Center on Facebook at www.facebook.com/APnaturecenter.com

Log-Busters Walk - FREE

Saturday, September 25, 10-11am
Anita Purves Nature Center & Busey Woods
Age 6 and up (children under 15 must attend with an adult)

Turn an urge for destruction into learning instruction! On this free guided walk, we will discuss topics of decomposition and nutrient cycling in an active and engaging outdoor setting. **Space is limited; call 217-384-4062 to register.**

PRIDE Nature Hike - FREE

Sunday, September 26, 1-2:30pm
Busey Woods – meet outside the Anita Purves Nature Center
All ages (under 15 with adult)

Celebrate CU Pride Fest, and share your pride and love of the outdoors by enjoying a guided hike! Relax in the sights, sounds and smells of nature as we explore Busey Woods. Everyone is welcome, but **space is limited.** Call 217-384-4062 by 5pm on Friday September 24 to sign up.