

Thank you for your interest in the Young Naturalist Program. This year's schedule of monthly programs can be printed from our web site at the following link, <http://www.umd.umich.edu/dept/na/ynschedule>. The schedule lists the date, time, and likely topic of each month's program. We are very excited about the up-coming year of this popular program. As in the past, we will be meeting at the Environmental Interpretive Center for all programs except the Mystery Field Trip in April which will be announced during the program.

On this web page you will find the following:

**Registration Form**  
**Personal Health/Medical Form**  
**Program Schedule**

Our limit is 30 children for the program year. We ask that the **Registration Form** and **Personal Health/Medical Form** be returned to us with payment as soon as possible to save your child's place in the program. The cost of this year's program is \$70.00. It is requested that the entire amount be sent when you return your child's application. Please make your check **payable to UM-Dearborn**.

The fee helps defer the cost of the **materials your child will be receiving** which should be brought to each session:

- Field Journal
- Insect Identification Guide
- Pond Guide
- Bird Identification Guide
- Hand Lens
- Pack to carry equipment

As you will discover at the first program, we spend 90% of our time outdoors exploring the Natural Area. The Children must be prepared with proper attire for the weather and the activities we will be involved in.

A few suggestions of **things your children should bring** are:

- Enclosed shoes or boots made for walking, cold or wet conditions (no sandals)
- Water for use on the trail
- Sun-screen lotion
- Mosquito repellent may be necessary during some times of the year (May- Sept)
- Hats keep you cooler in the sun and warmer in cool weather.
- A positive "sense of wonder" about the natural world

A few suggestions of **things that are not allowed**:

- No use of cell phones during the program
- Ipods or other digital music players

Thank you for your interest in the Young Naturalist Program. Parents are welcome to join the group for any session. Participants are allowed to bring a guest (friend) to one session during the year. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments feel free to call or stop by the Environmental Interpretive Center (593-5338).