

Now in its eighth year, No Family Left Indoors continues the tradition of inspiring families to spend time outdoors with free, fun activities around Barry County. These programs are a great way to discover new places, learn about different organizations in Barry County, and have fun outdoors! All programs are Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8 pm.

Date **Organization** Location **Organization** 

June 12 Family Night at Camp **Camp Algonquin YMCA of Barry County** 

Families can tour Camp, meet summer counselors, make a craft, and play field games. Ages 6 and up may try the climbing tower, and ages 8 and up may try the zip line.

June 19 Cache Me If You Can **Charlton Park Charlton Park** 

Learn about the activity of geocaching, which involves hiding and finding "caches" using Global Positioning System (GPS).

June 26 **Family Game Night** Pierce Cedar Creek Institute Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

Enjoy lawn games, family-friendly relays races, and giant-sized versions of your favorite games.

July 10 **Pond Exploration Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center Clear Lake Camp** 

Get a peek at who lives beneath the surface of the water. Catch wiggling, hopping, or diving pond critters from the dock. The evening will end with a campfire and marshmallow roast.

Behind the Scenes Fair Tour **Barry County Fairgrounds Barry County 4-H** July 17

Come take a trip around the fairgrounds and learn how Barry County 4-H members prepare all year to display and show their projects at the fair.

July 24 **Exploring McKeown Bridge Park** McKeown Bridge Park **Barry County Parks and Recreation Board** 

Enjoy a family night together fishing and building and flying a kite, all while exploring the great out-of-doors at McKeown Bridge Park.

**Family Nature Scavenger Hunt** July 31 **Otis Sanctuary Barry Conservation District,** Michigan Audubon Society, and

North Country Trail Association

Get closer to the outdoors and each other as you explore nature's hidden treasures. Families will work together to build their own binoculars and use them to find the items on our nature scavenger hunt.

**Hidden Pond Preserve** Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy August 7 Lost in the Lawn

A walk in the grass becomes a nature safari where we find ourselves dwarfed by the prairie plants. We'll make our own trails like prairie voles through the grass, looking for interesting insects, beautiful butterflies, creeping crickets, and gigantic grasshoppers.

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