

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, and have fun outdoors! All programs are Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8 pm, and everyone is welcome!

Pre-registration is required.

Date Organization Location Host

June 11 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 18 Hunt for Fun Otis Sanctuary Barry Conservation District, Michigan Audubon

Society, and North Country Trail Association

Explore nature's hidden treasures on a guided nature hike! Groups will leave the Otis Sanctuary parking lot at 6:30, 6:45, and 7 pm.

June 25 Art in Nature Historic Charlton Park Historic Charlton Park

Explore the relationship between art and nature, creating art inspired by the work of contemporary land artists and the natural environment of Historic Charlton Park. This is a guided program.

July 9 Pond Exploration Battle Creek Outdoor Ed 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.

July 16 Hiking Hidden Pond Hidden Pond Preserve Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy Enjoy making hiking sticks and then trying them out on a guided nature-discovery hike in a nature preserve.

July 23 Exploring McKeown Bridge Park McKeown Bridge Park Barry County Parks and Recreation Board Enjoy a family night together with guided interpretive hikes and nature-based activities, all while exploring the great out-of-doors at McKeown Bridge Park.

July 30 Stroll and Read Hastings Thornapple Plaza Great Start Collaborative and Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

Join us as we stroll through Hastings with free books, literacy activities, and interactive music.

August 6 Get Out on the Trail! Paul Henry Thornapple Trail Village of Middleville, Thornapple Arts Council,

Boy Scout Troop 105, Cup Scout Pack 3065,

and Pierce Cedar Creek Institute

Come celebrate trails and the great outdoors with bird watching, fishing, nature art stations, bicycle safety and maintenance demonstrations, nature journaling, and much more!

August 13 4-H Celebration! Hastings Thornapple Plaza Barry County 4-H

4-H Celebration! is a presentation of 4-H by 4-H Youth, celebrating their 4-H project completion! 4-H Celebration! is sponsored by Attorney Stephanie S. Fekkes of Rhoades McKee P.C.

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