



Where Kids Can Be Kids



On-site Field Trips



Spring Exploration

Age Level 14-17

Level 1	Explore up-close various springtime habitats that are bringing young animals to life across the camp property. Uncover secrets to nesting, burrowing, and denning that give the young animals of our wilderness the greatest chance of survival. Discuss the nature of parents of young animals and their typical protective habits. Learn how to maintain your composure if confronted by a protective mother in nature. Document the amazing beauty of both wildlife and plant growth in the wilderness during the months of spring through photography. Learn how to build a quick blind to help stay hidden so you can maximize your viewing of these beautiful events.
Level 2	Go on a tracking exploration to find animal tracks in the soft ground after the spring rains. Follow the trail of tracks and learn what they can tell us about an animal and how to investigate evidence of their existence in the area by identifying marks on trees and even scat. Then, cast the tracks, photograph the scat, identify the animal in an Ohio Department of Natural Resources tracking guide, and document the findings. Use a drone to see the camp property from high above identifying game trails to better hone-in on the search grid. Then, set trail cameras at your chosen location to capture the most wildlife activity at night and during the day.
Level 3	The growth of plant life is in full swing and ready to spring. Explore our new hydroponics lab, learn the basics of hydroponics and discover how plants can grow in water verses soil. Plant various seeds in our hydroponics lab, test the water for pH balance and see the lab in action. Learn how to graph and plan a garden based on your space, soil, temperature, and direction. Put your horticulture skills to the test in our greenhouse and raised garden beds, practicing proper planting and various composting techniques. Then discover how you can plant an apartment size garden for future use at home or in college.