

SUMMER ☆OUTDOOR☆ PLAYGROUPS

at the Northfield Mountain Recreation & Environmental Center

Location: 99 Millers Falls Road (Rte 63) Northfield, MA

The **Community Network for Children (CNC) Program** and the **Pioneer Valley Regional School CFCE Program** has planned a summer full of fun and engaging activities for six Fridays in July and August. Meet up with friends, explore nature and other STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) ideas, receive free books and get out of the house! Most appropriate for children 8-years of age and younger. Public welcome. We will meet **rain or shine!** Contact CNC with questions at (978) 544-5157 or cnc@erving.com.

You can also visit the CNC website at

<https://sites.google.com/site/communitynetworkforchildren/> or FACEBOOK page

"Community Network for Children" for more information about this and other programs.

Fridays 10am-12pm July 17th through August 21st

Explore Gnomes Knoll, take a stroll on the trails, read in the shade of the trees, create art outdoors, play with dough mixtures, experiment, discover, and enjoy nature. Bring a baby backpack or front pack for your littlest ones, sunscreen and insect repellent. Water and a small snack provided. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy!

July 17

"ROCK ON!!" With Chris and Joie- We are back with more fun activities! Discover the textures and colors of different rocks. Make a rock critter & enjoy a Story Walk.

August 7

BUBBLE UP! Have fun in the field with bubbles. Create bubble art projects and take a Story Walk.

July 24

COLOR INSIDE AND OUT.... Explore colors! Make a beautiful watercolor bark painting...What's that?? Come see! Mix colors and discover what happens. **Mouse Paint** Story Walk.

August 14

"LOG-IN" TREE WEEK Observing trees and the different leaves around us. Make leaf prints and decorate a tree biscuit. Take a Story Walk!

July 31

WING AROUND Birds, butterflies, dragonflies, insects. Make a butterfly magnet, search for critters with wings while going on a story walk of **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**.

August 21

WATER IT Exploring water. Join the fun with sink & float activities, melting ice, walk around the pond and observe pond life. Story Walk- **Turtle Splash!**

This program is funded in part by the CFCE grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care with support from Northfield Mountain Recreation & Environmental Center: First Light, and Historic Deerfield History Workshop.



CNC is also continuing other programs through the summer months with the support of the local libraries and

MONDAYS

Tales & Tunes at M.N. Spear Library in Shutesbury: 10-11:00

With Julie Stepanek

July 6th – August 31st

Funded through the summer in collaboration with the Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAYS

Leverett Story Hour at the Leverett Library: 10:30-11:30

With Julie Stepanek

July 1st – August 26th

Funded through the summer in collaboration with the Friends of the Leverett Library.

Wendell Playgroup at the Wendell Free Library: 10:00-11:30

With Sylvia Wetherby

July 8th - August 26th

(please note no PG on July 1st!)

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