

# Saturday Safari Topics

Animals! Offered September, October, November, January, February, March

Foxes and herons and eagles, oh my! Discover signs of these creatures and many. Not only will you return home having made your very own plaster casted animal track, but also this safari includes backstage passes for an exclusive interview with our resident corn snakes. (Flash photos are allowed, but no autographs will be given.)

Bugs 'n' Stuff Offered September, October, March

Enter the intricate realm of not just a bug's life, but that of millions of diverse, little critters that abound in the woods. Meet the infamous who destroy and harm and the unsung heroes who recycle and make flowers abound. Perhaps you'll experience the anesthetic properties of the under-estimated slug, observe the works of the ant lions, and witness the coordination and grace of millipede appendages.

Frog Festival Offered March, April

It's time for the annual amphibian concert series. Spring peepers! Chorus frogs! American toads! And more! Learn to identify the "instruments" in the amphibian orchestra, and then make some frog instruments of your own to take home. \*\*This Safari is 7:00-9:00 p.m.

History Trail Offered September, October, November, January, February, March

Plunge into the mysteries of the past! Explore the vestiges of a by-gone era as we piece together clues about our predecessors and their fascinating way of life. Listen to the legends of the log cabin as you explore it. Hike to the homestead site and hear the tale of its former inhabitants. Venture to the slave cemetery. Revel in the wonders of the woods. A must-do for inquiring minds.

Let's Talk Turkey Offered September, October, November, January, February

What animal can run 25 mph, fly 55 mph, is a true native American, and was considered to be our national bird? That's right – the Wild Turkey. There's more to turkeys than just a Thanksgiving meal! Come learn more about the amazing wild turkeys of Agapé. Explore the woods searching for signs of these well adapted birds. Perhaps we'll even get a glimpse if we're quiet enough! Turkeys have keen vision and hearing.

Life in the Water Offered September, October, March

Discover the wonder of God's creation in the water. It's not just frogs and fish! You may glimpse three tailed animals, scorpions (of a harmless variety), or even the creature that breathes through its tail. Learn what these critters can teach us about our water quality and how their lives intertwine with ours.

Native Americans Offered September, October, November, January, February, March

Explore the world of Native Americans in North Carolina before European settlers arrived. How did they get food? What did they wear? Did they play games? Learn the answers to these questions and more as we delve into the early years of North Carolina's people.

Nature by Night Offered September, October, November, January, February, March

God's creation doesn't stop when the sun goes down. Immerse yourself into the secrets of the night as we explore how our senses work in the dark. Sky permitting, we'll also take in a special feature viewing of the winter constellations and learn some American Indian stories of the sky.

\*\* This Safari is 6:30-8:30 p.m. November-February; 7:00-9:00 p.m. September, October, and March.

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### Outdoor and Survival Skills *Offered September, October, November, January, February, March*

Learn how to prepare for outdoor adventures and what survival skills are essential. Build a shelter with natural materials from the forest. Practice your wilderness fire-building technique. Discover ways to get water and food in the woods.

### Parker's Creek Amphibian Adventure *Offered February, March*

What are those beautiful sounds filling the early spring night air? What mysterious amphibian activities are taking place in the woods? Be ready for an off-trail adventure to discover answers to these and other probing questions as we explore and discover vernal ponds, salamander eggs, frogs and more wonders of the spring woods at Agapé.

### Parker's Creek Walk *Offered September, October*

Don your water shoes! We're going *into* the water to see the life of the stream banks and bottom right up close. A walking stick can be useful, but is not required. It might be deep in some places, so wear clothing that doesn't mind getting wet. No open-toed sandals or flip flops allowed. (Involves a 1.5 mile round trip hike through the woods – moderate difficulty.) \*\*If the stream is unsafe due to recent rains, we won't go. Safety first!

### Predators! *Offered September, October, November, January, February, March*

Bobcats and Foxes and Bears, Oh My! Discover signs and learn more about these predators and many more that live at Agapé.

### Spring Surprises – Already! *Offered February*

What are those beautiful sounds filling the early spring air? Are there wildflowers blooming? Are birds nesting? Are other creatures stirring after a winter rest? Be ready for an adventure hiking the trails of Agapé discovering answers to these and other probing questions as we delve into the wonders of the spring woodlands.

### Vermicompost – What? (It's all about the worms) *Offered September, October, November, January, February, March*

What lives underground, eats dead organic material and can have a million living in one acre? Worms, of course! Learn all about worms and their talent for turning our food scraps into rich soil. For families with children of all ages.

### Winter Tree Identification *Offered January, February*

What? Identify trees when there aren't any leaves? Can it be done? Well, yes, it can! Learn the secrets of buds and leaf scars. Marvel at the variety of shapes, colors, and sizes as we uncover the secret winter identity of the denizens of the forest. (Or not so secret... hey – they're right out there!)

### Winter Wonderland *Offered January*

Better than Admiral Byrd's expedition (and mercifully much warmer, too), you are invited to come walking on a winter wonderland adventure. Marvel at the abundant life filling God's creation during this season often mistakenly thought of as dead. From the trees to the creek, surprising winter discoveries await!

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Walk When the Moon is Full *Not offered 2012 (Offered January, February, March: according to the moon schedule)*

By the illumination of the full moon, we'll see what the spring nighttime forest has to offer. Included for your listening pleasure: the concert of the current season. annual amphibian concert series. Pickerel Frogs! Chorus frogs! American toads! And more! Learn to identify the "instruments" in the amphibian orchestra, and discover other wonders in the spring woods as the moon lights our way.