



CAVING ADVENTURE 2026



A Cerro Gordo & Worth County Conservation Experience

Begin on Tuesday, July 7 at 9:00 a.m. – stay two nights – end at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 9.

(Meet at the Lime Creek Nature Center at 9:00 a.m. on the 7th.)

Naturalists: Heather Hucka & Owen Burrack



Dear Adventurer,
Are you ready for something new? We will be exploring the Iowa underground near Eden Valley Refuge. Explore the outdoors and connect to new people spending two nights away from normal. This opportunity is all about new experiences, discovering nature, and having fun! We will be visiting three different parks and finding our way through the privately owned Werden's Cave and Maquoketa Caves State Park. We will also take some time to discover some of the hidden natural wonders of Eden Valley Refuge. We can't wait to see you there!

What you need to bring*:

- ❑ Re-usable dish set – plate, silverware, & cup (No paper items please!)
- ❑ Clothes for 3 days
- ❑ Old clothes for caving (two pair of jeans and long sleeves)
- ❑ Water shoes (no flip flops)-wear 1st day
- ❑ Caving shoes (Old with good soles, no sandals – will get MUDDY!)
- ❑ Extra pair of shoes (good for hiking)
- ❑ Sunscreen & bug spray
- ❑ Hat or bandana
- ❑ LARGE water bottle – extra water provided
- ❑ Sleeping bag & pillow
- ❑ Towel & toiletry items (no showers)
- ❑ Small package of baby wipes
- ❑ Pajamas
- ❑ Large trash bag
- ❑ Head lamp with extra batteries (**required**)
- ❑ Knee pads (optional)
- ❑ Rain gear (if necessary)
- ❑ Jacket and warm clothes (if necessary)

**Knee pads worn into a cave will become dirty and perhaps unusable. It is not recommended to purchase new pads specifically for the trip. If old pads are available they do offer good protecting while crawling in the caves.

***We will be staying at a pack-in site. This means that you need to pack light and be able to carry all your own gear for a medium distance. Garbage bags rip very easily and are NOT recommended as a carrying/storage device for your gear!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this trip, please contact Heather Hucka at (641)423-5309 or hhucka@cerrogordo.gov.



***Program Registration Form
Caving Adventure Summer Experience
July 7-9, 2026***

Participant Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____
 Participant Age: _____ Grade Completed: _____ Preferred Pronoun(s): _____
 Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____
 E-mail address: _____

Emergency and Health Information

Emergency Contact (during camp): _____ Relationship to Participant: _____
 Emergency Contact phone number: _____
 Doctor name: _____ Doctor's phone number: _____
 Food allergies/restrictions: _____
 Other allergies: _____
 Current Medications (permanent or semi-permanent basis) None _____ Yes _____
 If Yes, please provide additional information: _____

Additional needs (information we should know to help make this experience the best it can be):

Payment is due June 29, 2025. Make checks payable to *Lime Creek Nature Center*.
 Please mail/drop off form and fee to:

**Lime Creek Nature Center
 3501 Lime Creek Rd.
 Mason City, IA
 50401**

Financial assistance is available. To find out more or if you have any questions regarding the trip, please call the nature center at (641)423-5309.

Web/Photo Acknowledgment and Release Form

I understand that my child's picture may be posted on the Cerro Gordo/Worth County Conservation Webpage/Facebook/Twitter page or used in a public program/display which is made available to the public. I recognize that all pictures may be modified or deleted at the discretion of the County web manager and County Conservation Board staff. I also acknowledge that my child's name **will not** be published on the County website or used with any programs/displays.

I further agree and consent that Cerro Gordo/Worth County is not responsible for any misappropriation of any photo by the public or anyone else.

I have read the above description and give consent to use my child's picture as indicated above.
(circle one) Yes No

In the event of media coverage I give permission for my child to be filmed, photographed or interviewed by the media for a news story about this camp (circle one). Yes No

Child's Name: _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Activity Waiver Caving Adventure Summer Experience July 7-9, 2026

As a participant/guardian of a participant in a Worth/Cerro Gordo County Conservation Board/Lime Creek Nature Center Foundation program and/or activity I have read and agree to the following:

To indemnify and hold harmless the Counties of Cerro Gordo and Worth, Iowa, its agents, employees or any other person against loss or expense, including attorney's fees, by reason of the liability imposed by law upon the County, except in cases of the County's sole negligence, for damage because of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, or on account of damage to property arising out of or in consequence of the agreement, whether injuries to persons or damage to property are due or claim to be due to any passive negligence of the County, its employees or agents or any other person. It is further understood and agreed that the participant shall at the option of the County, defend the Counties of Cerro Gordo and Worth, Iowa, with appropriate counsel and shall further bear all costs and expenses, including the expense of counsel, in the defense of any suit arising hereunder.

In the event of an emergency, I give permission for the Cerro Gordo/Worth County Conservation Board staff or volunteers to administer first aid and/or obtain emergency medical treatment for me/my dependent. I understand that, if necessary, I/my dependent will be transported by ambulance to the nearest hospital. I agree that any cost incurred for any transportation and/or treatment will be my responsibility.

Participant's Name: _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your membership will entitle you to our seasonal newsletter, program benefits (i.e. preferential signup, decreased cost) and qualifies you as a voting member at the Annual Meeting of Members.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I would like to receive an Electronic Version of the Newsletter
 I would like to receive emails about upcoming programs

Also, please accept my open donation to be used for Nature Center expenses:
\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ Other _____

Your membership and donation are tax deductible.

*****MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE ON JUNE 30TH*****

If paying by check, make payable to Lime Creek Nature Center

Mail this form along with your check or credit card info to: Lime Creek Nature Center, 3501 Lime Creek Road, Mason City, IA 50401 or email to mermer@cgcounty.org. Call with questions (641) 423-5309.

PERSONAL MEMBERSHIPS		1-YEAR	3-YEAR
_____ JUNIOR-14 and under	\$	5.00 & up	\$ 15.00 & up
_____ INDIVIDUAL	\$	25.00 & up	\$ 70.00 & up
_____ FAMILY	\$	35.00 & up	\$100.00 & up
_____ PATRON	\$	100.00 & up	
_____ BENEFACTOR	\$	200.00 & up	

BUSINESS & ORGANIZATIONS

_____ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	\$	100.00 & up
_____ BUSINESS		\$ 200.00 & up

**TO PAY BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD (FEE APPLIES):
CALL, STOP BY OR COMPLETE & MAIL TO LCNC**

Name _____

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Service Fee (Credit 2.20%-Debit 1.20%-Min \$1.00 per Transaction)

Amount _____ + Fee _____ = Total Due _____

Signature _____

Service delivery fee will automatically be imposed if not added, or adjusted if incorrect. The issuer of the Card is authorized to pay the amount shown as a total upon proper presentation. I promise to pay such total, with any other charges due on it, subject to and in accordance with the Card member agreement governing the use of this card.