

July 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians of a *Water Wanderer* youth:

I want to thank you for registering for our two-day *Water Wanderers* nature camp, July 22 and 23! I am excited to explore the water with your child. Below are details and additional information you need to know for camp.

DAY ONE:

Camp begins on Wednesday, July 22 at **Bluebill Wildlife Area**. from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Participants will learn canoeing/kayaking and fishing skills on Bluebill Lake. Please drop off and pick up your child at this location. Staff will not be available until 8:50 a.m. for check-in of your camper.

DAY TWO:

We will float the Winnebago River in canoes on Thursday, July 23 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The float will depart from **Averydale Access** at 9 a.m. and will end at the Wren Avenue bridge at 2 p.m. Please drop off your child at **Averydale Access** and pick up your child at the **Wren Avenue bridge**. The water level will determine if we are in canoes or kayaks for this year's camp.

In case of inclement weather or high-water conditions on the river, the location of camp may be changed. If heavy rain/stormy weather are predicted for the day, camp may be cancelled. If any changes are made, we will notify you by phone and e-mail.

Items to bring both days of camp: reusable plate, silverware, and cup in bag with camper's name on it, sunscreen, bug spray, full reusable water bottle, sunglasses (optional), hat (optional), rain gear (if necessary).

Camper's are welcome to bring their own fishing poles, however, we will have poles and bait available for all. We will provide all equipment needed for canoeing/kayaking. Youth are welcome to bring their own life jackets if they have them. Lunch, drink, and snack will be provided on both days. Please have your camper dress for the weather and wear clothes and shoes that can get dirty and wet. Please no backless sandals (i.e., flip-flops).

The fee is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. A membership form is enclosed for your convenience if you would like to become a member. **Payment, registration/health form, and signed waiver/photo release form are due before the first day of camp for your child to be eligible to participate.**

Please let us know ASAP if your child is not able to attend camp so we can make proper arrangements. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Lime Creek Nature Center at 423-5309 or hhucka@cerrogordo.gov.

Sincerely,



Heather Hucka, Conservation Education Manager
Lime Creek Nature Center

***Program Registration Form
Water Wanderers Summer Nature Camp
July 22 & 23, 2026***

Participant Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____
Participant Age: _____ Grade Completed: _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
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: _____
Additional needs (information we should know to help make camp the best it can be):

Payment is due prior to the first day of camp. Make checks payable to *Lime Creek Nature Center*.
Please mail/return 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 camp, 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 County 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 Cerro Gordo County web manager and Cerro Gordo County Conservation Board staff. I also acknowledge that my child's name **will not** be published on the Cerro Gordo County website or used with any programs/displays.

I further agree and consent that Cerro Gordo 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 Water Wanderers Nature Camp July 22 & 23, 2026

As a participant/guardian of a participant in a 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 County of Cerro Gordo, 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 County of Cerro Gordo, 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 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.

