

# Hickory Knolls Discovery Center

## 2024



# Staff at Hickory Knolls Discovery Center

- **Seasonal Summer Camp Staff**
- **Front Desk Attendants**
  - Kevin Tate, Beth Maura, Beth Treichler
- **Nature Program Facilitators**
  - Hannah Makoui, Laura McKinsey, Lizzy Small, Elizabeth Nowak, Grace Walsh, Devon Eldridge
- **Nature Based Preschool Teachers**
  - Lauren Mastio, Pat Czachowski, and Lindsay VanGeem
- **Animal Curator and Custodian**
  - Rachel Krotz
- **School and Camp Coordinator**
  - Morgan Brown
- **Nature Programs Supervisor**
  - Emily Shanahan



# Summer Camps

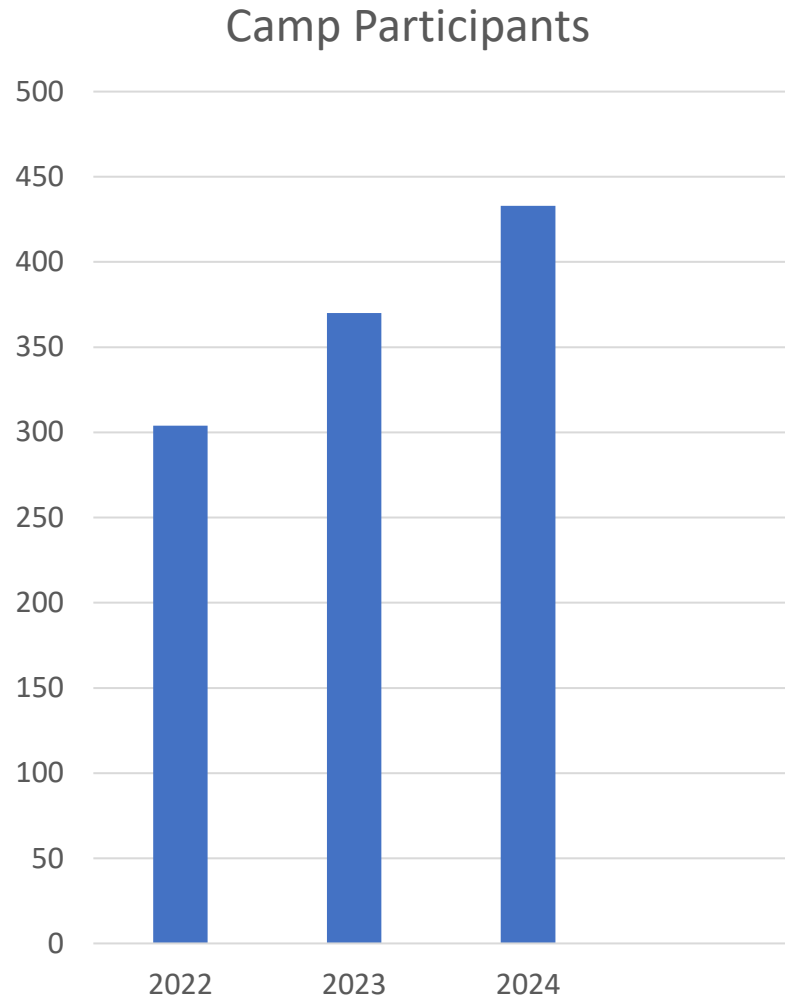
- 431 Campers
- 8 weeks of camp
- 296 campers participated in our full day summer camps (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 84 campers participated in our half day Nature Discoverers Camp (ages 4-6)
- 42 campers participated in wee wonders and nature playschool
- 9 campers participated in teen camp
- 61 more campers participated in camp year-over-year (16% increase)!



# End of Camp Celebration



# Camp Program Revenue Analysis



# School Programs

- 2,382 students (32 schools)
- Next Generation Science Standards
- West Aurora Kindergarten STEM Experience



# Public Programs

- Nature PlaySchool
- No School Nature Days
- Wee Wonders
- Twinleaf Tales
- Art of Nature
- Hikes
- Campfires



# Events

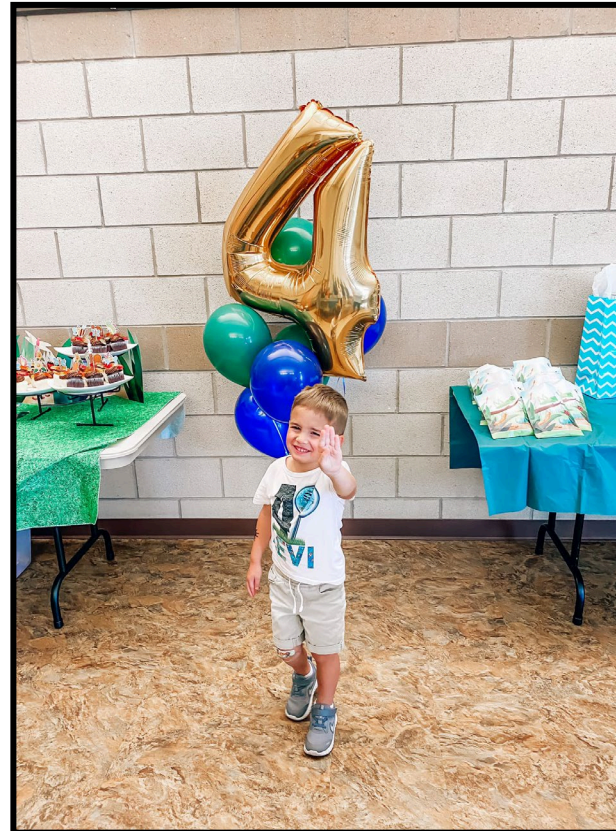
- January Jamboree (100 participants)
- Maple Magic (52 participants)
- Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt and Hike (191 participants)
- Trick or Treat on the Trails \*NEW\* (202 participants)
- Woodland Santa (120 participants registered-Sold Out)
- Flashlight Candy Cane Hike (91 participants registered)





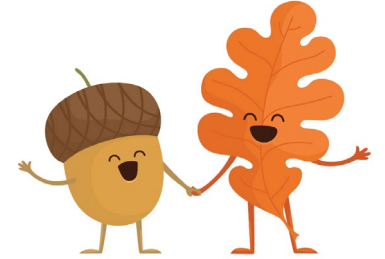
# Scout Programs and Birthday Parties

- Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts (2-3 per month)
- Birthday Parties (68 parties)
  - Critter Explorer
  - Rad Reptile
  - Fairy Garden and Gnome Homes
  - Dino Dig



# Acorns to Oaks- Nature Based Preschool

- 25 students
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday Sessions



# Hickory Knolls Discovery Center

- Animal Ambassadors
- Visitors
- Hangin' with Hickory Friends
  - Daily Drop-In Visitor Experience at 11 am and 3 pm



# Out and About in the Community

- Assisted Living Facilities
- Science Nights
- After School Enrichments
- Presented at the Play in Education Conference (Nature Play and Loose Parts)
- KCCN (in partnership with Geneva Park District and KCFPD)
- HKDC and St. Charles Public Library (Summer Reading and Seasonal Programs)
- HKDC and Riverlands Brewery (Turtle Racing)
- HKDC and Chicago Steel Hockey (Turtle Racing)



# Thank you!

