



**EXPLORATION WEEKEND AT WILDACRES
2019 SCHEDULE**

Recommended Ages for Kids and Pre-K Tracks:

Kids Track *Ages 6-11*
Pre-K *Ages 3-5 (Must be accompanied by parent
or guardian)*

FRIDAY, MAY 3

3:30 – 6:00 p.m. Check-in and Registration
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Wildacres Trail Walk
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Welcome Social + Instructor Meet and Greet

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner

7:45 – 8:30 p.m. Welcome Orientation

WORKSHOPS

8:45 p.m. – *until*

- Step into The Night on Deerlick Gap with Jerry Reynolds
- Owl Prowl with Marvin Bouknight
- Star Gazing with Alden Picard
- KIDS + PRE-K TRACK: Spider Sniffin' and Night Hike with Bruce Beerbower

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Crabtree Falls Hike with Jerry Reynolds (Boxed lunches provided)
- Mount Mitchell – High Elevation Hike with Mac Mayhew (Boxed lunches provided)

MORNING WORKSHOPS

9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

- Identifying Local Trees and Wildflowers with Marvin Bouknight (on-site and off-site)
- Field Sketching in Nature with David Williams

9:15 – 12:00 p.m.

- Creating Ceramic Birdhouses with Kelly Long
- Gem Cutting + Cabochon Jewelry with Jimmy and Becky Strickland

- KIDS TRACK: Aquatic Critters and Creatures with Bruce Beerbower
- PRE-K TRACK: Wonderful Wilderness with Alden Picard and Krysta Purcell

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

- Keepsake Ornaments and Community Totem Pieces (Pottery) with Kelly Long

1:15 – 3:00 p.m.

- Wild Edibles Hike with David Williams
- Appalachian Wildflower Photography Workshop and Hike with Marvin Bouknight
- KIDS TRACK: Birds of Prey/Owl pellet dissection with Bruce Beerbower
- PRE-K TRACK: Rainbow Romp with Alden Picard and Krysta Purcell

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

- Gem Spiders and Bugs with Jimmy and Becky Strickland

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

- Keepsake Ornaments and Community Totem Pieces (Pottery) with Kelly Long

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

- Simple drop earrings with Jimmy and Becky Strickland
- Beekeeping as a Hobby with Marvin Bouknight
- Fire without Matches with David Williams
- KIDS TRACK: Nature Near By with Bruce Beerbower
- PRE-K TRACK: Up, Up, and Away with Alden Picard and Krysta Purcell

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Social with local musicians

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 4 (continued)

EVENING WORKSHOPS

8:00 p.m. – *until*

- Spiders, Salamanders, and Owl Hike with Marvin Bouknight and David Williams
- Camp Cooking: Just Desserts with Mac Mayhew
- Campfire Time
- NC Candid Critters Trail Camera Project Presentation with Jerry Reynolds
- KIDS + PRE-K TRACK: Nature at Night Exploration with Bruce Beerbower

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

MORNING WORKSHOPS

9:30 a.m. – *until*

- Wonderful Wildflowers Hike at Crabtree Meadows with Jerry Reynolds
- Wilderness Survival with David Williams
- North Carolina Wildlife Photo Presentation with Marvin Bouknight
- Mining and Gemstone Panning at Emerald Village with Bruce Beerbower
- PRE-K TRACK: Think Green with Alden Picard and Krysta Purcell