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Fun-filled and exciting activities for all ages are provided through the Red River Community House's 2024 **Explore Nature Program**, supported through the generosity of the Amanda Pierce Nature Fund. All activities are offered at no cost!

Arbor Day: A Celebration of Trees – Thursday, June 6, 2024

Join in the fun of Red River's 13th Arbor Day Ceremony where you will meet Smokey Bear, enjoy a special program by children in the Nature Discovery Camp, receive free Arbor Day goodies, and help plant the Arbor Day Tree.

Nature Discovery Camp

The Nature Discovery Camps return for their eighth year, and registration is underway!

There are two sessions again this summer.

- **Session 1 - June 3-6, 9 am-12 pm**
Ages 6 (and completed 1st grade) thru 8
- **Session 2 – June 10-13, 9 am-12 pm**
Ages 9 thru 11

At camp, children will experience the wonders of nature that surround Red River. Each day of camp will feature a variety of fun and exciting hands-on outdoor and indoor activities.

Camp participants will receive a T-shirt, water bottle, camp notebook, and other goodies.

Enrollment is limited, and registration in advance is required.

To register, click on the appropriate link below for each child you wish to register:

- [Week 1 registration](#)
- [Week 2 registration](#)

Kids Nature Crafts – Tuesdays, 2 pm-3 pm

Kids Nature Crafts is a fun-filled hour of nature-themed crafts for children ages 5-10. The class is limited to 12 children.

Kids Nature Hour – Thursdays, 2 pm-3 pm

Kids Nature Hour is a special time to acquaint children ages 6-11 with the wonders of nature through books, games, and crafts. The class is limited to 12 children.

Weekly Hikes

The Community House staff leads weekly hikes to areas in and around Red River. These popular hikes are planned to be fun and informational for the participants. All hikes meet at the Community House.

- **Mondays, 9 am-10 am: Nature Hike**
An easy hike on the Red River Nature Trail. Learn about the plants and geology of the area. Suitable for all ages. Please bring water, rain gear, and wear comfortable shoes.
- **Tuesdays, 9 am-2 pm: Middle Fork Lake Hike**
This is a somewhat strenuous guided hike to a beautiful mountain lake. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring rain gear, water, and a sack lunch. We will carpool/caravan for the 7-mile drive to the trailhead. The hike is 4 miles round-trip with a 1,200-foot elevation gain.
- **Thursdays, 9 am-2 pm: Discovery Hike**
The Discovery Hike varies from week to week. It could be to the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, the Enchanted Forest, Cimarron Canyon State Park, or any of a number of other interesting locations. Watch the weekly calendars for exact locations and details.
- **Fridays, 9 am-10 am: Flower Walk**
Learn about the beautiful wildflowers found in and around Red River on this great hike. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water and rain gear. We will carpool for the short drive to the start of the hike.
- **Saturdays, 9 am-10 am: History Hike**
Easy 3-mile hike around town. Learn about the history, geography, and culture of Red River and northern New Mexico. Bring water, rain gear, and wear comfortable shoes.

Red River Ranger

Kids can become a Red River Ranger by completing a variety of nature activities, after which they will receive special recognition items.

Investigation Station

The Investigation Station is a hands-on learning area complete with a microscope, magnifying glasses, a weather station, and a variety of nature objects to explore. It is located in Amanda's Corner at the Community House.