Outdoor Youth Group Programs

*Animal Tracks & Sign: Learn how to find and read animal tracks and sign. Make a plaster animal track to take home.

*Snowshoeing: Learn how to snowshoe and explore Iowa's wintry wonderland. Snowshoes provided.

*Fishing: Learn the basics of how to use a rod and reel to catch a fish. Practice casting and try your luck fishing. Rods and reels provided.

*Canoeing Basics: Learn how to canoe safely at Central Park Lake. Six canoes available for group use.

*Tree ID: Learn how to identify Iowa trees by their bark, twigs, and leaves.

*Bird Watching: Learn how to identify Iowa's birds. (12 pair of binoculars for group use.)

*Aquatic Water Investigation: Examine the water quality of a pond or stream.

Indoor Programs:

*Iowa's Snakes: Learn all about Iowa's snakes. Live snakes used.

*Iowa's Turtles: Learn all about Iowa's turtles. Live turtles used.

*Iowa's Mammals: What furry critters are in your backyard? Pelts & skulls used.

*Iowa's Owls: Learn how to hoot like an owl and much more.

*Bird Feeding Basics: Learn how to feed the birds and make a simple birdfeeder to take home.

*Water Quality: Learn how our waters can become polluted by run off and learn what you can do to help stop it.

*Naturalist Programs:

*No charge.

*Free will donations accepted.

*Programs tailored to your badge requirements or requests.

*Call (563) 487-3541 to request a program, date, and time.

*Service Projects:

Contact the Jones County Naturalist at (563) 487-3541 to inquire about possible youth group service projects, as well as possible Eagle Scout projects. A list of possible projects will be provided upon request.