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# EXCURSIONS

WILD Excursions is a **FREE** summer field trip program for rising 7th - 12th grade students through Buncombe County Soil & Water.

## 2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE

### July 12 – Lake Powhatan

In this hiking adventure, we will focus on water quality in Lake Powhatan and the surrounding streams using the same chemical testing & macroinvertebrate sampling techniques used by scientists.

**Time:** 10 am – 2pm **Bring:** Lunch, water bottle, closed toed shoes

### July 26 – Balsam Mountain Trust Nature Center

This experience has a little bit of everything. We'll hike, stream stomp, do community science, and meet the nature center's animal ambassadors. We know you'll love the birds of prey and possum!

**Time:** 9:45 am – 3:30pm **Bring:** Lunch, water bottle, closed toed shoes

### August 16 – 17 – Camp Out at Purchase Knob (rising 9th–12th only)

Join us at the Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center for an overnight camping adventure. NPS educators will lead us in doing community science for ongoing research projects. We'll have plenty of time to explore, relax and reflect. Great for beginner campers.

**Time:** Friday, 1 pm – Saturday, 12:30 pm

Contact Buncombe County Soil & Water environmental educators Rose Wall and Jen Knight for more information and to register:  
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