



## Frog in the Bog Outdoor Experience

On October 3rd through October 5, 2022, Oregon-Davis Sixth Graders will be attending Frog in the Bog, Dunes Learning Center Indiana Dunes National Park, which is an outdoor learning experience. This is a two-night trip in which students will be required to participate in all activities outdoors. All activities require hiking the dunes and learning about history and our National Lakeshore.



Frog in the Bog is a highly-rated three day/two night hands-on program that combines discovery, adventure, and fun with math, science and social studies. A variety of state and national curriculum requirements are met as students explore the natural and cultural history of the dunes, the interconnection of human and natural environments and the rich biological diversity found in the southern Lake Michigan region. Some of the activities include:

- Walk Through Time is a living history tour of historic Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm in Indiana Dunes National Park. Students follow a trail system along the Little Calumet River that has drawn people to the area for over 10,000 years. As they retrace a critical transportation route for early regional travelers, students encounter a native Potawatomi, fur trader, immigrant farmer, land planner, and park ranger to reflect on the connection each group of people had with the land.
- The Cowles Bog Trail is one of the most biologically diverse areas of Indiana Dunes National Park. It is named to honor University of Chicago botanist Henry Chandler Cowles who first documented ecological succession there in the 1890s. During a 4.5 mile guided hike, students examine intricate ecosystems including wetland, Eastern deciduous forest, oak savanna woodland, foredune, and open beach.

We will be staying in cabins at the Dunes Learning Center. There will be seven students and one adult per cabin.

Dunes Learning Center's kitchen staff prepares healthy, kid-friendly food and can meet individual dietary and allergy needs. Meals are served in Cowles Lodge and meal time is intentionally-designed to build community, with the opportunity to interact and reflect on activities.