Learn with a group as the creative educators at The Dawes Arboretum bring families closer to the wonders of the natural world. These programs, designed for children ages 3 to 8, keep the body moving and the brain exercising as science is combined with games, crafts, stories and music. Sessions are conducted from 2 to 3pm on Wednesdays (June through August 7). The program is free with admission and registration is not required.

**Wednesday, June 5**  
*Nature’s Recyclers*  
Tiny animals turn rotting leaves into soil. Check out their other amazing feats.

**Wednesday, June 12**  
*Skeletons Aren’t So Scary*  
Not all animals have bones, but you may recognize these ones that do.

**Wednesday, June 19**  
*Bluebird Trail*  
What do we know about the bluebirds in Arboretum next boxes? Create your own messy nest.

**Wednesday, June 26**  
*Plant Parts*  
Inside and out, plants have some amazing machinery.

**Wednesday, July 3**  
*Eggs Abound*  
Investigate animals that lay hundreds of eggs and others that lay none at all.

**Wednesday, July 10**  
*Chipmunk Chase*  
Gather “food” like these fascinating creatures.

**Wednesday, July 17**  
*The Music of Water*  
Whether in a gentle shower or a powerful storm, listen for the sounds of water.

**Wednesday, July 24**  
*Night and Day*  
How do living things respond as night turns to day and back again?

**Wednesday, July 31**  
*Biggest and Smallest in Nature*  
What is the actual size of the longest worm, the smallest bird or the largest tree trunk?

**Wednesday, August 7**  
*Magnificent Monarchs*  
Take a closer look at the most royal of the insects.

Check out our online calendar at dawesarb.org for more exciting opportunities!