

ADVENTURE CAMP

Week 1 Field Trip

Location: [Riveredge Nature Center](#)
4458 County Hwy Y
Saukville, WI 53080



Activity: **Tree Climbing**

Date: Thursday June 14, 2018

Schedule: 10:00am: Arrive at Mitchell Park for daily camp activities
Noon: Depart Mitchell Park for Riveredge Nature Center
1:00 – 3:00 pm: Tree Climbing
3:00 pm: Depart Riveredge
4:00pm: Pick up at Mitchell Park

Transportation: School bus; First Student Charter Bus Rental

Notes: Closed toe shoes **required**; sturdy soles recommended. All climbers must come with a [completed participant waiver](#), signed by a parent/guardian.

Activity Description:

What exactly is recreational tree climbing?

This probably isn't the tree climbing you're thinking of. With the help of our trained facilitators, you'll get up in the trees *like never before*. Using the same professional equipment that arborists and scientists use when they ascend into the treetops, our facilitators position ropes high in the trees and tie secure climbing knots before you arrive. You'll get plenty of instructions on how the climbing system works, how to tie a safety knot, and most importantly how to descend safely. From there we will get you into the correct saddle and helmet and you'll be ready to reach for the sky. Once you're at a height that's comfortable for you, you'll be free to swing, spin, bounce, walk the branches, or just hang out in a tree. **It's your adventure!** Recreational tree climbing is safe, unique, and most importantly, FUN. In its over 30 years as an organized activity, more than 350,000 people have taken part. Now it's your turn!

What should we bring/wear?

Tree climbing is an outdoor experience so prepare as well as you can for conditions the day of your climb. **We recommend sunscreen and bug spray, hair ties for shoulder length or longer hair**, drinks and snacks, and a camera. We'll provide the fun!

Clothing wise, comfortable is best! **We recommend long pants and a t-shirt to help protect skin from rough bark. Closed toe shoes are required and shoes with a sturdy sole are also recommended. In cooler weather, please dress in layers.** If you start getting warm, you can start shedding them!

Safety is our biggest focus. Facilitators at Riveredge have been trained by the Global Organization of Tree Climbing approved organization [Tree Climbing Colorado](#) and follow only approved practices and procedures for institutionalized climbing.

In almost 30 years as an organized activity, and with more than 350,000 climbs conducted worldwide, no GOTC safety guidelines-following tree climber has ever been seriously injured. Prior to climbing, the tree's setting, root system, bark, trunk, structure, and crown are appraised to assess overall health and appropriateness for climbing activity. Lines are placed only over live limbs that are overly sufficient to support climbing activity. Lines are weight-checked and bounce-tested prior to climbing. Only ANSI-compliant Ness recreational tree climbing saddles and professional arborist rope, along with buckled Petzl Elios-class helmets are used. Rock climbing saddles and rope do not meet our safety protocols, and are not used. All equipment is inspected before and after each climbing session. By using proper techniques and equipment, and by following all safety procedures, the risk of being off the ground is minimized.

Link to website: [Riveredge Tree Climbing](#)

