

**Mines of Spain State Recreation Area  
E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center**

8991 Bellevue Hts.  
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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**When:** June 1 , 2013, Saturday, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

**What:** Nature Program for Kids

**Who:** Kids ages 7 to 11

**Cost:** Free

**Sponsored by:** Iowa DNR, and the Friends of the Mines of Spain

Do you have treasured childhood memories of spending time outdoors with your parents or grandparents? This summer, take the time to share this experience with your own children. Pack a lunch, put on some sunscreen, and take them on your own hiking or fishing adventure. The time you spend outdoors with kids is where some of their best memories will come from and can be a great way to teach valuable life lessons. The Mines of Spain Recreation Area will be holding nature programs for children ages 7 to 11. The first program will be held June 1 at 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The programs will be held by a park naturalist to discover the wonders of nature. Crafts, hikes, and other activities are used to engage the child into a fun and informative program. Nature plays a powerful role in children's health and development through the experience of toddlers, children in middle childhood and adolescents. These programs are provided for you to give your children the opportunity not only to experience nature, but to simply have them be outdoors for a time. Other programs will be held every Saturday during June and July.

After the programs or at other times during the week continue exploring the E. B. Lyons Interpretive Center or the trails that wind thru the Mines of Spain Recreation Area. For more information about this program, other programs or the Mines of Spain Recreation Area call the E. B. Lyons Interpretive Center at 563-556-.0620 Additional program schedules can be found at the parks website at [www.minesofspain.org](http://www.minesofspain.org).

For more information on this press release please contact the park office at 556-0620.  
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