Young Explorers at the Welty Environmental Center

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The Welty Environmental Center

- Located in Beckman Mill Park, 7 miles west of Beloit, WI
- Provides year-round educational programs for children, youth and adults
- Honors the legacy of area Carl and Susan Welty and their passion for education and environmentalism
- Serves approx. 500 kids each summer

Welty Center Mission

- Connecting people with nature
- Providing environmental experiences to foster environmental stewardship

Highlights of Summer 2012 at the Welty

- Night Flight! A free program for kids about bats and other nocturnal creatures, touring to libraries in surrounding counties
- “Young Explorers” and “Unhuggables” themed summer day camps for kids 6-12 in June and August
- Welty Wednesdays- weekly introductions to local nature topics for kids under 10
- Friday programs- fishing, survival skills and more
- Adult Nature Academy and other adult programs

Summer Programs

- Roles of a Welty Sustainability Fellow
  - Designing environmental education programs such as Welty Wednesdays and summer camps
  - Leading and co-teaching programs
  - Supervising and helping kids with outdoor activities
  - Helping with day-to-day organizational tasks

Welty Programs Offer

- Hands-on, place-based, experiential education
- Age-appropriate activities
- Guided exploration with dedicated staff & volunteers
- Variety of programs that cater to many interests
- Fun with nature!

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