OUR MISSION is to encourage a healthy, respectful and life-long relationship between students and the natural world while nurturing each student’s inborn curiosity about nature. Each camp uses outdoor explorations designed to develop intellectual, physical and emotional skills, including STEM preparedness. Registration opens online at 10:00 am, Monday, March 14 at www.lakesidelab.org. For more information, visit www.lakesidelab.org or call 712.337.3669 Ext 1 or 7.

HOP WIGGLE RUN
AGE: 4 and 5 year olds
DATES: Tuesday-Thursday, June 28 - 30. Register for morning: 9:00 - 11:30 am or afternoon: 1:00 - 3:30 pm.
COST: $75.00
Bouncing bunnies, wiggling worms, sliding snails: how do animals move? Do they have legs, feet and toes? How fast or slow can they go? How do they move underground, in the air and all around? Let’s hop to it and learn about animal locomotion!

TALL TALL GRASS
AGE: 4 and 5 year olds
DATES: Tuesday – Thursday, July 19 - 21. Register for morning: 9:00 - 11:30 am or afternoon: 1:00 - 3:30 pm
COST: $75.00
What hides and lurks in the tall, tall grass: something small or something fast? How far down do the grass roots grow? That is what we want to know! So put on your hat and to the prairie let’s go, go, go!

CRITTER CAMP
AGE: For students entering 1st and 2nd grades
DATES: Tuesday – Friday, July 12 – 15; Register for morning 9am-12:00 noon or afternoon 1:30-4:30pm
COST: $100
Do you enjoy learning about creatures that slither, creep, leap and prance? Come join us as we investigate the prairie, woods and waters of Lakeside Lab. We will learn about and be on the look-out for evidence of our feathery, furry, and scaly animal friends! This camp been expanded to four days (AM or PM session) and builds upon the Creature Feature Camp from last year.

FROG CAMP
AGE: For students entering 3rd - 7th grades
DATES: Monday – Friday, June 20 – 24; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
COST: $150.00
Do frogs really say ‘ribbit’? Where can we find frogs and how can we catch them? How many kinds are there? How are they different than toads? Why are they slimy? How do they change from tadpoles to adults? What other kinds of plants and animals might we find? A marsh-mucking we will go to find out! This camp is for beginning and advanced froggers, meaning those who have attended Frog Camp before will have opportunity to advance and deepen their knowledge.

HABITAT HAPPENINGS
AGE: For students entering 3rd - 7th grades
DATES: Monday – Friday, August 1 – 5; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
COST: $150.00
Ghost lakes! Fen, jocoliths, kames and moraines! Skinks, skippers, crawdads and Johnny Darters! Join us to investigate the diverse ecosystems of the Iowa Great Lakes and their plants and animals. For those who have taken this camp before, we will have advanced sessions, plus swimming and canoeing!

NATURE’S PERSPECTIVES
AGE: For students entering 8th - 10th grades
DATES: Monday - Friday, July 25 -29; 9:00 - 4:00 MTWF; all day Thursday and overnight camping trip
COST: $ 200.00
Do we humans have a limited understanding of the world around us? Can we imagine being a rock inside a glacier that took 20,000 years to travel to Iowa? Or what it would be like to live our whole life in a day like a May Fly? Or to be able to see a rabbit from over a mile away like an eagle? Let’s perfect our human perspective by exploring ecology from its many viewpoints using the eye of an artist as well as a scientist. We will prepare for our journey by experimenting with tools of scientific investigation and artistic expression. Then we will review what we know already about the ecology of the Iowa Great Lakes region before embarking on our individual or group projects from a new Perspective! This camp includes an all-day Thursday field trip and overnight camping experience.

HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PREP DIATOMS
AGE: High School Juniors or Seniors who have completed high school biology and preferably AP biology
DATES: One and two week options: July 25 - 29 or June 25 - August 5
High school students are invited to study one of the earth’s most unusual group of organisms: diatoms. Accepted students will earn up to two college credits FREE thanks to the Friends of Lakeside Lab. The course has been expanded to offer one or two week options, with returning students welcome to deepen their knowledge. For application information and deadline visit www.lakesidelab.org or contact Jane or Lisa at 712.227.3669. Ext 7 or 1.