HSJ Spring 2015 Class info:

Archery
Maximum 12 students per session. No prior shooting experience necessary, learn the basics of archery in this intro archery class. We will go over safety, terms to know, and then get to try our hand at shooting!

Birds of Prey
Do you know what kinds of birds are raptors? Can owls really turn their head all the way around? In this class, we will see live birds of prey up close and learn where they live, what they eat, and other interesting facts about their behavior.

Boating and Water Safety
Join Conservation Officers Jeff Wells and Jet Quillen in a brief introduction and overview of the duties of a conservation officer and water/boater safety. This program will involve both class discussion and demonstration with students on a canoe without ever getting wet. Each participant will learn about general safety concerns around water and water related activities.

Identifying & Labeling Insects
Come discover how insects are identified and labeled from a local entomologist who will share what is involved. He will also cover other basic facts such as capturing, storing, displaying, and using collected insects. This indoor presentation should be educational, interesting, and helpful for anyone interested in our six-legged friends.

Landscape Architecture and Nature Journaling
Sigma Lambda Alpha, an honor society for Ball State's landscape architecture students, will provide a workshop in Nature Journaling. In this workshop, students will be given the opportunity to become a landscape architect for the day. An important piece of landscape architecture is examining the landscape and recording discoveries in nature by sketching in personal journal books. Participants will be instructed in basic sketching techniques. Each student will be provided with their own handmade sketchbook and pen to use and keep, as Ball State student leaders guide them through nature to observe and sketch the surrounding environment.

Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics
Camptown will teach participants the 7 Leave No Trace principals. You will learn how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly through games and hands on learning. Leave No Trace refers to a set of outdoor ethics promoting conservation and positive recreation decision making.

Reptile & Amphibians
Creepy, Crawly, and Cool collide for this program with an Eagle Creek Park Naturalist. Join this class to learn more about Indiana Reptiles and Amphibians. Learn the similarities and difference between these groups, information about species within the park, and get an up close look at some of our resident herps.

Salamander Survey
Learn about the many kinds of salamanders that live in Indiana and be a wildlife biologist as we monitor salamander populations in Eagle Creek. One to two mile mildly strenuous hike outside; wear comfortable clothes and be sure to dress for the weather. Program takes up two class sessions. (90 minutes).

Spring Hike
Spring is when plants and animals start venturing out into the warm sunshine. Explore the forest with a Southeastway Park Naturalist looking for early wildflowers and searching for animals waking up from their winter dormancy or migrating back to their summer grounds.

Tree Climbing
Maximum 12 students per session. Get a bird’s eye view of the park while getting to know your trees. Join us “Up a tree without a paddle”. Learn to climb a tree using arborist equipment. *Due to the popularity of this class, please do not choose this topic if you’ve already done Tree Climbing in previous Jamborees, so everyone can get a chance to participate.
Tree ID and Hike
Learn how to identify trees. This is more than a brief walk in the woods while trying to learn trees by memory. You will learn how to go through the step by step process of identifying the trees of Eagle Creek Park. About half the class will be the step-by-step process of learning how to identify a tree you do not know, and the second half will be in the woods putting to use what you have learned.

Venomous Animals
Watch Out! Discover what venomous animals live right here in Indiana! Learn how to identify them, avoid them and seek treatment. Get a close look at a Black Rat Snake, commonly mistaken for a venomous Cotton Mouth.

Wild Games
Learning through play is not only fun, but extremely effective. During this session we will play a variety of nature-themed games. With these games, students will learn about predator/prey cycles, natural resources, adaptations, pollution, and more! Who says learning can't be exciting?!