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- **April 4** Hibernation Nation
  Wake up frogs! Wake up snakes! Explore how animals survived the winter.

- **April 5** Wild Child
  Teamwork makes the dream work. Engage in leadership and team building activities outdoors.

- **April 6** Dig, Dig, Dig
  Dino dig your way to discover secrets of the past. Explore fossils and learn about endangered species.

- **April 7** Natural Minecraft
  All animals have their niche. We’ll create our own natural community in the forest.

- **April 8** Woodland Discoveries
  Learn to use natural resources without waste and just like the Eastern Woodland Native Americans who lived right here in mid-Michigan!

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