Frogs, frill necks and fantails are just some of the creepy critters Junior Rangers can expect to find during this year’s program.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Bess Price, said the wildly popular program gives kids the chance to explore our wonderful Territory.

“Being a Junior Ranger is a great way for Territory kids to get hands-on with nature,” Mrs Price said.

“Children are able to discover their natural and cultural environment through fun, practical activities that build knowledge and skills, providing an insight not only into nature, but also what our National Park Rangers do.

“The activities are tailored to each region, so you could find yourself doing anything from investigating water bugs, spotlighting for nocturnal wildlife or exploring new environments on your bike.

“Activities are all hands-on experiences, so expect to get dirty.

“The program is hugely popular, with eligible children usually attending for the full three years available to them.”

Country Liberals candidate for Blain, Nathan Barrett, said the Junior Rangers program is a great way youth can be active and involved in the environment.

“This government is working hard to create opportunities for youth, and programs like this keep kids busy while teaching them how to contribute to the conservation of their environment,” Mr Barrett said.

“Our rangers do such an excellent job, and it’s fantastic to know they are passing on these skills to our kids. We might even have a few future rangers in this program.”

The Parks and Wildlife Junior Ranger Program is a free environmental based program for children aged between 9 and 11 years and will operate in July, August & September in Alice Springs, Katherine and Darwin.

The program includes 12 activities across a 10 week program. In each region there will be two Junior Ranger groups that will operate in tandem.

Registrations for this year’s Junior Ranger program will open in late May.

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