



Audubon GREENWICH Summer Nature Camp 2017

CREATING OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES & MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME.

During our unique, weekly-themed camps, children will get to build a deeper connection to the natural world through fun, experiential activities while exploring our 285-acre sanctuary. This site includes a beautiful teaching pond, the Byram River, a lake, forests, and meadows.

Nature Camp Themes (Grades K – 5)

Session 1: Creepy Crawlies | June 26 – 30

Grasshoppers, spiders, slugs, and centipedes oh my! Turn over logs, scoop the pond, and roam the meadow in search of many wiggling, slithering, sliding, and hopping invertebrates. We will examine the ground right below our feet to discover what these creatures eat, where they hide, and how they escape hungry predators.

Session 2: Aquatic Adventures 1 | July 3, July 5 - 7
There is nothing more fun than scooping into a pond to find tadpoles, water tigers, and baby dragonflies. Explore different freshwater habitats such as vernal pools, ponds, lakes, and rivers to learn all about water and the creatures who live in it.

Session 3: Tracks and Traces | July 10 – 14

Take a walk throughout the sanctuary and sharpen your wilderness skills by following tracks, searching for signs of wildlife, and looking out for different forms of animal communication. We will examine real animal artifacts and learn about the unique adaptations local wildlife has evolved to help them catch prey and escape predators.

Session 4: Feathered Friends | July 17 – 21

They soar, sing, hunt, and glide. From tiny hummingbirds to magnificent owls campers will love learning all about birds! Campers will become honorary ornithologists (bird scientists) for a week and learn what it means to be a bird. In addition, campers will meet a field biologist and learn the techniques they use to study birds in the field.

Session 5: Scales and Slime | July 24 - 28

Do you enjoy searching for snakes, turtles, salamanders, frogs, and toads? Join us as we visit aquatic habitats in search of our amphibian friends, as well as sunny spots where reptiles may be found. We will meet the resident reptiles that call Audubon Greenwich home and learn about their unique adaptations that enable them to survive.

Session 6: Aquatic Adventures 2 | July 31 – August 4
There is nothing more fun than scooping into a pond to find tadpoles, water tigers, and baby dragonflies. Explore different freshwater habitats such as vernal pools, ponds, lakes, and rivers to learn all about water and the creatures who live in it.

Session 7: Backwoods Explorers | August 7 - 11

Learn how to use a map and compass, build a fort, and follow the practice of “Leave No Trace” during this exciting week of hiking and outdoor skill activities. Take a journey into the lives of Native Americans and early pioneers to discover how they survived the everyday challenges of the natural world.

Session 8: Twilight Investigations | August 14 - 18

Explore Audubon Greenwich during twilight hours to learn what happens when the sun goes down and nocturnal creatures wake up. We will end the week with a roaring campfire, a night hike, and an overnight on Audubon Greenwich grounds. **Hours: Mon-Weds: 3:30pm-9:30pm/ Thursday: 3pm to 9:30am on Friday (Grades 2 – 5 only).**

Nature Camps for Grades 6 - 9

Audubon Ecology Adventures: This exciting Audubon camp for teens combines exploration of the great outdoors with learning about the amazing biodiversity that is found in our local natural areas. Daily field trips to forests, rivers, and coastal areas will be led by experienced naturalists and will give campers an opportunity to learn about ecology and conservation while exploring and having fun. **Sessions run weekly between July 3 and August 18.**

Twilight Ecology Adventures | August 14 - 18: Learn about biodiversity and the great outdoors by exploring our local natural areas after the sun goes down! Daily field trips to forests, rivers, and coastal areas will be led by experienced naturalists and will give campers an opportunity to learn about ecology and conservation while exploring and having fun. We will end the week with a roaring campfire, a night hike, and an overnight on Audubon Greenwich grounds. **Hours: Mon-Weds: 3:30pm-9:30pm/ Thursday: 3pm to 9:30am on Friday.**

NEW! Nature Animation | July 10 – 14: Led by UMass Dartmouth Professor Michael Swartz, an award-winning digital media artist specializing in 3D animation, visual effects and game art, campers will explore the wilderness through an animator’s eyes. Using elements in nature to design characters and sets, campers will learn basic principles of animation, character design, stop motion animation, time-lapse photography and computer animation techniques to create a short film to share with friends and family. Each day, will focus on animals found in different habitats, and the final day will include an opportunity for campers to present their work.

NEW! Wild Jobs | July 31 – August 4: Learn what it’s like to have a Wild Job! Work and travel with an Audubon naturalist, meeting a variety of professionals who work with birds, wildlife and natural systems in fields such as research, conservation, education, photography or wildlife rehabilitation. Visit several natural areas and organizations to learn directly from their staff about the range of activities and equipment involved in their work and the types of training and career paths which led them to their Wild Jobs. Campers will get to participate in field research and also learn how they can participate in a variety of Citizen Science programs.

NEW! Wilderness Survival | August 14 – 18: Sharpen your wilderness survival skills at Audubon Greenwich this summer! Led by experienced Audubon naturalists, campers in 6th-9th grade will learn what it takes to survive in the backcountry. Preparing shelters, primitive fire making, orienteering, making tools, finding wild foods, and playing fun outdoor games are a few examples of how campers will build their outdoor survival skills. In addition, campers will learn how field scientists conduct ecological field work in remote areas and how they can contribute their data to national online citizen science databases. We will end the week with a roaring campfire, a night hike, and an overnight at Audubon Greenwich. **Hours: Mon-Weds: 3:30pm-9:30pm/ Thursday: 3pm to 9:30am Friday.**

Camp Hours: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm *except Session 8: Twilight Investigations and Wilderness Survival* Aug. 14-18. Late pick-up will be available from 3:30PM – 4:30PM during sessions 1 - 7; \$50 per week.

Registration and Fees: Register online by visiting greenwich.audubon.org and clicking on the link to our secure camp registration portal. For more information please contact Gigi Lombardi at 203.930.1351 or glombardi@audubon.org. Payment (minus 25%) will be refunded for cancellations received by **June 14, 2017**. Cancellations made after June 15 will NOT receive a refund.

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| Non-specialty camps | K-5: \$400 members; \$435 non-members | 6-9: \$435 members; \$470 non-members | |
| July 3, July 5 - July 7 | K-5: \$320 members; \$355 non-members | 6-9: \$348 members; \$383 non-members | |
| Specialty Camps | Nature Animation: \$600 members; \$635 non-members | Wild Jobs: \$500 members; \$535 non-members | Wilderness Survival: \$450 members; \$485 non-members |