

2020

Summer Nature Day Camp



Greenwich
Audubon Center
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**Creating outdoor experiences and
memories that last a lifetime**

Since opening our doors in 1943, our center has served as a leader in innovative nature education. Campers ages 5 to 16 join us and discover the wonder of nature!

greenwich.audubon.org/summer-camp

Seven miles of trails across 285 acres of wildlife sanctuary

provide campers with endless opportunities to learn and play in an environment that teaches through exploration.



At Audubon, our experienced staff uses hands-on experiential activities to make learning fun and leads to memories that campers carry with them throughout their lives. Campers learn to love, respect, and understand nature. One of the things I love most as camp director is seeing the positive impact that attending the camp has had on the lives of campers.

—Elyssa Scheck, Camp Director

GENERAL INFORMATION

Camp Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday (except Twilight Investigations for ages 12-16: August 10-14, which runs from 3 - 9 p.m.)

Extended Hour Options

Extended Morning Hours: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. (\$25 per week)

Extended Afternoon Hours: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (\$50 per week)

Fees & Registration: Our weekly themed sessions are organized into three age groups (see chart with ages, fees, and themes). **To register, go online to greenwich.audubon.org/summer-camp** and click on the link to our secure registration portal.

SUMMER CAMP AT-A-GLANCE

Dates	Explorers Ages 5 - 7 \$500 per Session	Pioneers Ages 8 - 12 \$500 per Session	Adventurers Ages 12 - 16 \$550 per Session
June 22-26	Creature Superpowers	Climate Warriors	Climate Champions 1
June 29 - July 3	Reptile Rangers	Scales and Slime	Wilderness Survival 1
July 6-10	Backwoods Explorers 1	Backwoods Explorers 1	Ecology Adventures 1
July 13-17	Aquatic Adventures 1	Aquatic Adventures 1	Marine Ecology Adventures
July 20-24	Nature Detectives	Tracks and Traces	Ecology Adventures 2 Nature Art Camp
July 27-31	Animal Adventures	Wildlife Expeditions	Climate Champions 2
Aug 3-7	Backwoods Explorers 2	Backwoods Explorers 2	Wilderness Survival 2
Aug 10-14	Aquatic Adventures 2	Aquatic Adventures 2	Twilight Investigations

Refund Policy: Payment (minus 25%) will be refunded for cancellations received by June 12, 2020. **Cancellations made after June 12 will not receive a refund.**



For more camp information and questions, please contact Elyssa Scheck, Camp Director, at elyssa.scheck@audubon.org or 203-930-1360.

To learn more about Greenwich Audubon Center, visit us online at greenwich.audubon.org.



EXPLORERS

Ages 5-7 — \$500 per Session

Explorers set off on weekly nature adventures during fun, themed camp sessions. Campers discover the different natural habitats around the Greenwich Audubon Center including pond, river, lake, forest, and meadow. In these sessions, Explorers participate in exciting camp games, crafts, and hands-on interactive nature activities that help to truly immerse them in the outdoors!



CREATURE SUPERPOWERS — June 22-26

From Catwoman to Wild Kratz, animals capture our imaginations as we wonder what it would be like to possess their unique traits. Learn about the awesome powers of animals native to Connecticut as you create your very own animal superheroes and try out some of their special skills!

REPTILE RANGERS — June 29-July 3

Explore the variety of habitats that our local reptiles and amphibians call home! Cozy-up with our resident reptiles and learn about their amazing survival strategies. Counselors guide their groups to find the best places to spot these creatures in the wild as we learn all about snakes, turtles, frogs, toads, and salamanders.

NATURE DETECTIVES — July 20-24

NEW! There's a mystery afoot that only you can solve, but first you'll need to learn how to identify and analyze the tracks and traces of



local wildlife. Think like a predator and prey to understand how they pursue their food and avoid becoming someone else's. Inspect the scene, gather samples, and deduce your way to the answer and solve this wild mystery!

ANIMAL ADVENTURES — July 27-31

NEW! Enjoy a fun-filled week of animal encounters with some of our region's most famous animal ambassadors! During this exciting session campers learn about and interact with our resident education animals and meet an array of other animals from visiting organizations, including Stamford Museum and Nature Center.

Because You Love Them - We Offer These Twice

BACKWOODS EXPLORERS 1 — July 6-10

BACKWOODS EXPLORERS 2 — August 3-7

Discover how to use a map and compass, build a temporary shelter, and learn the importance of "Leave No Trace" during this exciting week of hiking and outdoor skills activities. Identify and analyze the tracks and traces of local wildlife, and then use your new skills to track your counselor!

AQUATIC ADVENTURES 1 — June 13-17

AQUATIC ADVENTURES 2 — August 10-14

Venture out into the woods as you search for creatures from our ponds, river, and lake. Prepare to get wet as you cross the river and discover who you can find living under the surface. Campers are sure to find tadpoles, frogs, and more!

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PIONEERS

Ages 8-12 — \$500 per Session

Each week Pioneers experience an adventure-filled camp session as they explore Audubon's 285-acre nature sanctuary. Campers are immersed in nature as they participate in fun hands-on activities, go on hikes to explore different ecosystems, and have a great time playing camp games. NEW! Pioneers also get to participate in a special science or engineering activity!



CLIMATE WARRIORS — June 22-26

NEW! Explore natural habitats while learning about climate change and how it might impact these ecosystems and the species that live there. In this session, campers discover what they can do in their everyday lives to help the planet and feel empowered to take action and become Climate Warriors! **Special activity:** Engineer a solar-powered oven from everyday materials!

SCALES AND SLIME — June 29-July 3

NEW! Become a real naturalist and learn how to expertly handle our resident reptiles. Counselors guide their groups to find the best places to spot these creatures in the wild as we learn all about snakes, turtles, frogs, toads, and salamanders. **Special activity:** Egg Drop Challenge! Build a protective vessel for an egg and drop it off our balcony. Will your vessel prevent the egg from breaking?

TRACKS AND TRACES — July 20-24

Sharpen your tracking skills by following tracks, searching for signs of wildlife, and looking out for different forms of animal communication.



Campers examine real animal artifacts and learn about the unique adaptations local wildlife has evolved to help them catch prey and escape predators. **Special activity:** Make your own animal tracks!

WILDLIFE EXPEDITIONS — July 27-31

NEW! Join us for a fun-filled week of up-close animal encounters! During this exciting session campers learn about and interact with our resident education animals and meet an array of other animals from visiting organizations. **Special activity:** Create an exotic wildlife habitat!

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ADVENTURERS

Ages 12-16 — \$550 per Session

Experience nature, gain new skills, and make new friends. From science to art to wilderness skills, there is something for all pre-teens and teens to get excited about this summer at Greenwich Audubon Center. Join us as we make memories that will last a lifetime.



MARINE ECOLOGY ADVENTURES — July 13-17

Get ready to explore local marine areas! Get your nets and wade the brackish waters on a new adventure each day with Audubon naturalists. Collect and observe fascinating creatures using a variety of equipment like seine nets and spotting scopes. Meet enthusiastic professionals in the field and share their rewarding experiences!

NATURE ART CAMP — July 20-24

Do you love animals, nature, and making art? This unique camp theme combines spending time in nature, meeting animals, and then creating art inspired by these experiences. Crafts include photography, drawing, painting, ceramics, animation, and outdoor nature art. Come explore and learn about different types of wildlife, experiment with various art forms, and enjoy fun camp activities!

TWILIGHT INVESTIGATIONS — August 10-14

Explore nature during the twilight hours to discover what happens when the sun goes down. This special evening session concludes with a fun overnight, complete with a roaring bonfire, night hike, and pitching your own tent under the stars. **Hours:** Monday-Wednesday: 3-9 p.m.; Thursday 3 p.m. - Friday 9:30 a.m.



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CLIMATE CHAMPIONS 1 — June 22-26

CLIMATE CHAMPIONS 2 — July 27-31

NEW! Come learn about climate change through interactive activities and fun science experiments. Campers gain an understanding of how climate change is impacting habitats and wildlife and a chance to participate in Audubon conservation work. Campers also learn about youth climate activists and discover what they can do to help the planet—empowering them to take action to become true Climate Champions!

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL 1 — June 29-July 3

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL 2 — August 3-7

Answer the call of the wild and discover what it takes to survive in the backcountry. Learn to prepare shelters, make fire, engage in orienteering, craft tools, find wild foods, play fun outdoor games, and more. Additionally, campers discover how scientists collect data from extreme locations and navigate remote corners of the world. Participants rely on new skills and mitigate risks as they explore their connection with and dependence on the nature.

ECOLOGY ADVENTURES 1 — July 6-10

ECOLOGY ADVENTURES 2 — July 20-24

During this exciting session, campers venture out on daily field trips to forests, rivers, and coastal areas with experienced naturalists. Join us as we discover hundreds of species, learn about ecology, and have fun exploring miles of native habitat!

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Do you love sharing nature with others? Become a Counselor-In-Training!



CIT VOLUNTEERS: AGES 14 AND UP

Gain valuable work experience while having fun and helping out as a volunteer Counselor-In-Training (CIT). Assist our Summer Naturalists in leading our Explorers and Pioneers groups. Each group can have up to three CITs assigned to help. CITs are required to attend a CIT orientation and training session prior to the start of camp.

For more information or to apply to the CIT program, contact Elyssa Scheck, Camp Director, at elyssa.scheck@audubon.org or 203-930-1360.

Accessibility at Greenwich Audubon Center

Greenwich Audubon Center supports a diverse and inclusive environment. We welcome individuals of all gender identities, races, sexual orientations, physical and mental abilities, ethnicities, and perspectives.

We work with families to modify programs where possible.



Learn more online at greenwich.audubon.org/accessibility or by calling 203-930-1351.

More to Explore

There's something for everyone at Greenwich Audubon Center. Our center is located at our 285-acre Main Sanctuary and features the Kimberlin Nature Education Center—our main building that is the hub for our nature programs, educational exhibits, staff offices, The Nature Store, and The Perch Coffee Lounge. The surrounding landscape serves as an outdoor classroom with 7 miles of hiking trails, hardwood forests, lake, vernal pool, and more. Come learn and explore with us!



HOURS

Main Building: Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Trails: Open daily from sunrise to sunset

Looking for a location to hold your next birthday party or other special occasion?

Greenwich Audubon Center offers a range of options, including large classroom spaces, pavilion lawn, outdoor patios, and our renovated Asnes Barn. Let us help you make your event unique and special.

For more information, visit greenwich.audubon.org/facility-rental.



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