

Everything You Need to Know - Summer Nature Day Camp 2021

Hours of Operation

Camp is held Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. **Please plan to drop-off your camper no earlier than 9:00 AM, and pick up no later than 3:00 PM.** Our camp is licensed by the State of Connecticut only during those times.

On the first morning of the camp program, parents and children must check in with the Camp Director at the main entrance of the Greenwich Audubon Center. Please remain with your camper until your camper has been assigned to their group and counselor. Please note that campers must be signed in and out each day with their counselor. We will provide further instruction by email.

Sign-in/Out Procedures Each Day

Parents/Guardians accompany their camper(s) to camp and sign them into the program on the attendance sheet when they arrive. Parents/Guardians also sign their camper(s) out upon pick up. **Please note that you must bring a photo ID with you to pick up. If you do not have a photo ID, even if we know you, we cannot allow a child to leave with you.** Campers should be signed-in and out each day with their assigned counselor by parents or an authorized adult (18 years and older). Parent or guardian must fill out the pick-up authorization section for **every individual** who will pick-up camper(s) during the week (please include any parents/guardians other than the individual registering the camper). Please do not leave children unattended at the center before the camp day begins at 9:00 AM or after 3:00 PM. Please contact camp director Eli Schaffer at 203-930-1349 or Eli.Schaffer@audubon.org if you will be late or if your child will be absent.

Medication and Sunscreen/Insect Repellent

Any prescription medication must be given to the Director of First Aid accompanied by a *physician signed medication authorization* (enclosed) and must be in an *original container with prescription label*. Please note that by law, we cannot stock any over-the-counter medications such as painkillers, Neosporin, anti-itch creams, etc. You may sign an authorization for non-prescription medication, which must be given to the Director of First Aid in the original container with your camper's name written in permanent ink. To protect your camper(s) from the sun, all campers should come to camp wearing sunscreen and be prepared to reapply it when necessary. Staff cannot supply sunscreen or insect repellent. Please label sunscreen and insect repellent containers with the child's name written in permanent ink.

Emergency Plan

The camp staff is trained to care for minor injuries at camp. Should a serious injury occur, the Camp Director will notify you or an emergency contact. If your child becomes sick at camp, we will assess the severity and notify you if we feel that it is necessary. If your child is vomiting or has a fever, we ask that you pick up your child immediately.

Absences

If your child will be absent from camp, please contact Eli Schaffer at 203-930-1349 or Eli.Schaffer@audubon.org before 9:00 am.

Camp Supplies

Here is a list of things you will need at camp:

- ❑ Lunch in an insulated lunch bag **with an icepack**; and a snack & drink for each day. ***This is a nut-free camp.** For the safety of campers with food allergies we ask that you please pack lunches/snacks that do not contain nuts or peanuts.
- ❑ Water bottle, preferably filled at home each day.
- ❑ **A "Gear Container"**: A sturdy box, crate or bag that will remain at camp all week. All campers should come to the first day of camp with the following items in their container:
 - A complete change of clothes, including underwear and socks
 - Warm clothing such as a sweatshirt or sweater
 - A backpack for carrying things on hikes
 - Sunscreen and insect repellent (if desired)
 - Waterproof raincoat or poncho
 - A ball cap or hat for sunny days (if desired)
 - Rubber boots, old sneakers, or close-toed water shoes that can get wet and can be walked in for long distances. Please note: decorative rain boots are generally not meant for excessive walking and can cause blisters
 - All campers should arrive wearing a face mask, and **should also bring a second backup face mask** in their container in case they lose one during the day
- ❑ **Please label the box and all contents with your camper's first and last name (lunch bags, clothing, water bottles, etc.)**

Please make sure your child is prepared with the supplies listed above. Campers should arrive each day in comfortable play clothes that can get dirty. **Please do not bring food that requires heating, or electronic devices such as cell phones, iPods, portable gaming systems, etc.** Thank you!

COVID-19 Safety

For the safety of our campers, families, and staff, we strictly follow the latest COVID-19 safety guidelines. All campers must be prepared to wear masks and abide by state regulations during camp. Please expect that we may have updates depending on how COVID plays out. Thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility as we navigate these challenges.

DIRECTIONS

From the North or West

Take I-684 to exit 3 and turn north onto Route 22. At the first light past the construction, turn right onto Route 433. Drive 2 miles to the stop sign at the intersection of John Street. The Audubon entrance gate is to your left.

From the South or East

Take I-95 to exit 3 and turn north onto Arch Street. Immediately after the light at Railroad Avenue, turn left onto Sound View Drive. At the street's end, turn right onto Field Point Road, and take the next left onto Brookside Drive. Cross Rte. 1, and at the end of Brookside, turn left onto Glenville Road. After 1.5 miles, turn right at the light onto Riversville Road. Drive 4.5 miles to the stop sign at John Street; the Audubon entrance gate is on your right.

From the Merritt Parkway

(No commercial vehicles permitted.) Take exit 28 (in Connecticut) and turn north onto Round Hill Road. After 1.5 miles, turn left onto John Street. The entrance gate is on the right at the Riversville Road stop sign.