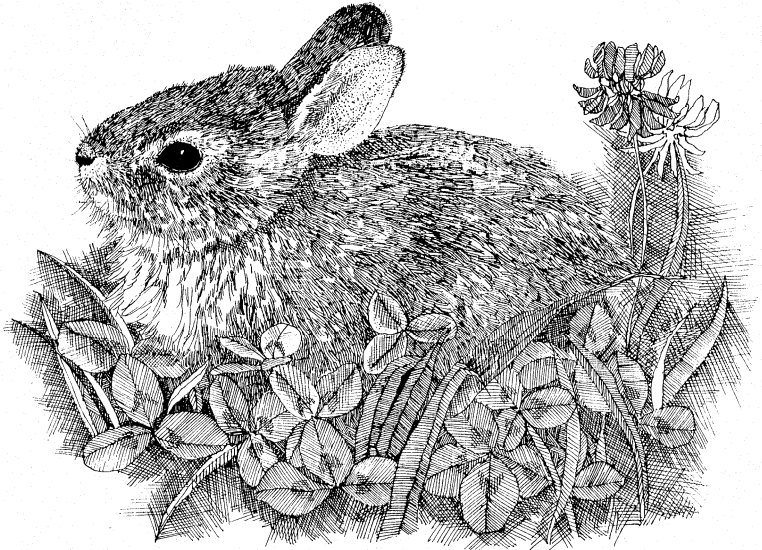


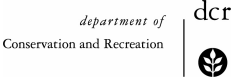
Chickatawbut Hill Summer Camp 2009

Nature Day Camp for children ages 4.5-14



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About the Program

An educational nature day camp operated by Mass Audubon's Blue Hills Trailside Museum and the DCR, the camp is located atop scenic Chickatawbut Hill in the Blue Hills Reservation. The site offers campers an ideal location to discover the world of nature through exploration, hikes, games, living history and more! Our small staff to camper ratio, sharing circle and experienced, caring staff help to create a friendly and safe atmosphere on "The Hill."

Our Counselors

Our experienced staff members are chosen for their enthusiasm, knowledge and ability to work with children outdoors. Our staff are college graduates or current college undergraduates in the sciences and/or educational fields. Each staff member is certified in first aid and CPR.

Camper Requirements

Due to the outdoor exploratory nature of our camp program, campers must be able to move about on uneven terrain. Campers are expected to meaningfully participate in age appropriate activities.

All campers must follow stated behavior expectations and safety rules. If you have any questions regarding your child's ability to participate fully in our camp program, contact the camp director at 617-333-0690 x227.



To Register

A separate and fully completed registration form must be submitted for each child. **Enrollment is limited to three sessions per child.** Sessions must be indicated by session code.

For questions, please call 617-333-0690 x227. To download additional registration forms or if you would like to become a Mass Audubon member, please visit www.massaudubon.org or the Trailside Museum.

ATTENTION! We will accept one of these two methods for submitting your registration:

1. **Enroll by mail.** Only applications postmarked January 30, 2009 or later will be processed in the order that they are received. Camp applications postmarked prior to January 30, 2009 will not be accepted, nor mailed back.
2. **Hand deliver your application** in an envelope on or after February 13, 2009. They will be processed in the order that they are received.

Camp Hours

Camp runs Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. *(with the exception of overnights, family afternoons, and extended day programs).*

Prices

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nonmember</u>
One-week sessions:	\$265	\$295
Two-week sessions:	\$525	\$585

A non-refundable \$50 processing fee is included in the above registration fees.

All 2-week sessions include a dormitory style overnight at "The Hill" with pick-up at 9 a.m. on Friday.

Extended Day Program

We offer an extended day program that runs from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. each day. Fun nature activities and a light snack provide a great way to wind down after a full day of camp. Each extended day program will coincide with the camper's session.

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nonmember</u>
One week sessions	\$65	\$80
Two week sessions	\$105	\$130

Cancellation Policy

A \$50 deposit is required per child, per session, which is included in the registration fee. Cancellations or changes made more than 4 weeks prior to the start of a session will be refunded minus a \$50 processing fee. Cancellations made less than 4 weeks prior to the session start date are non-refundable.

Deadline

All health forms and the balance of your fees are due on or before June 1, 2009, unless special arrangements are made with the Camp Director. Those registering after June 1st must pay in full and a form deadline will be set. A \$20 late fee per camper is automatically accrued for any late or incomplete forms and/or payments. No camper is allowed in camp unless all health forms, waivers and payments are complete.

CHICKADEES: for ages 4.5 – 6

Note: child must be at least 4 as of 01/01/09

Camper to Counselor ratio: 5:1

Our youngest campers learn through sessions filled with sensory awareness, songs, games, and nature walks. Children will spend time in both large and small group settings.

*When enrolling, please indicate the appropriate session code as follows.

C-1 June 22— June 26

C-5 July 20— July 24

C-2 June 29— July 3

C-6 Aug 10— Aug 14

C-3 July 6—July 10

C-7 Aug 17— Aug 21

C-4 July 13— July 17

C-8 Aug 24— Aug 28

NATURALISTS: for ages 7– 10

Note: child must be at least 7 as of 6/23/09

Camper to Counselor ratio: 8:1

Naturalists explore their natural world through non-competitive games, hikes, and creative conservation lessons. Activities are geared toward strengthening friendship bonds and increasing natural history knowledge.

*When enrolling, please indicate the appropriate session code as follows.

N-1 June 22—June 26

N-4 Aug 10—Aug 21 (2 wks)

N-2 June 29—July 10 (2 wks)

N-5 Aug 24—Aug 28

N-3 July 13—July 24 (2 wks)

EXPLORERS: for ages 10 – 12

Note: child must be at least 10 as of 7/27/08

Camper to Counselor ratio: 8:1

Our older campers explore more of the Blue Hills Reservation in the form of longer hikes and field trips. Activities focus on building campers positive relationships with each other and the environment. *A special itinerary will be provided with registration packet.*

*When enrolling, please indicate the appropriate session code as follows.

EA-1 July 27—Aug 7 (2-weeks)

ADVENTURERS: for ages 12 – 14

Note: child must be at least 12 as of 8/4/08

Camper to Counselor ratio: 8:1

Our oldest campers work on expanding natural history knowledge through extensive exploration of the Blue Hills Reservation, decision making skills, and hiking. *A special itinerary will be provided with registration packet.*

*When enrolling, please indicate the appropriate session code as follows.

EA-1 July 27—Aug 7 (2-weeks)

EXTENDED DAY: from 3:00—5:00 p.m.

The extended day program is offered for campers during the weeks they are at camp. Fun nature activities and a light snack provide a great way to wind down after a full day of camp. Additional registration is required for this program.

One week sessions

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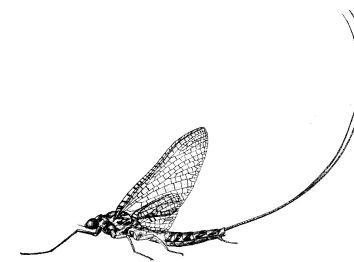
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The one week extended day sessions correspond with the Chickadee sessions and N1 and N5.

Two week sessions

ExD 11 June 29— July 8 (**extended day for session N2**)

ExD 12 July 13— July 22 (**extended day for session N3**)

ExD 13 July 27—August 7 (**extended day for session EA1**)

ExD 14 August 10— August 19 (**extended day for session N4**)

Extended day for two week sessions runs eight days due to the overnight and early pick up at the end of the second week.

This Summer's Naturally Nature Themes

Session	Date	Theme
C1	June 22-June 26	Earth's Superheroes!
C2	June 29-July 3	Gone Buggy
C3	July 6-July 10	Gone Buggy
C4	July 13-July 17	Wild World of Water
C5	July 20-July 24	Wild World of Water
C6	August 10-August 14	Habitat Safari
C7	August 17-August 21	Habitat Safari
C8	August 24-August 28	Earth's Superheroes!
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EA1	July 27-August 7	Endangered Zone

Theme: Earth's Superheroes!

Welcome home to planet Earth! Every day is Earth Day as we investigate the many different ways living things are connected. Explore what *energy* is, where it comes from, and how it gets used. Finish up the session learning to be an energy saving superhero!

Theme: Gone Buggy

This session has totally gone to the bugs. Crawl, spin, and fly your way through the lives of insects. As an insect what do you hunt? Who do you escape from? Where do you live? Once you've gotten a bug's-eye view, help make your world a bug-friendly place!



Theme: Wild World of Water

Water to drink, water to live in, water inside us, water all around us! Water is a resource we couldn't live without. So how does it work? Where does it go? Who else needs it? And how do we protect it? Get a little wet and wacky this July with everything you ever wanted to know about water!



Theme: Habitat Safari

Go on a local safari in search of a million mini worlds. Explore the variety of habitats at 'The Hill' and meet the inhabitants. Discover local customs and food webs within each one and help us preserve these worlds!

Theme: Endangered Zone

Caution! You may be entering an Endangered Zone! This session's special activities let campers take a closer look at some of the most ecologically sensitive areas in the Blue Hills. Explore bogs, vernal pools, open fields and more as we learn about the threats facing our natural habitats and what we can do to help! (A special itinerary of trips and activities will be provided with your camp registration packet.)

Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program

A CIT is a volunteer position designed to assist the day camp staff. While actual supervision of campers is a duty of only paid personnel, a CIT will at times be responsible for assisting and sometimes leading certain camp activities such as crafts, nature projects, camp songs and/or games. A CIT will receive valuable work experience, community service and a job reference if desired. **You must be at least 15 years old by June 1, 2009 to be considered for a CIT position.**

A CIT will be scheduled to work up to three weeks. Work schedule is Monday-Friday from 8:45 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. There is a \$50 processing, background check and training fee to become a CIT.

Mandatory trainings will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 18, 2009 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. You must attend both training sessions.

For more information on becoming a CIT, Please call us at (617) 333-0690 ext 227 or e-mail: cburnham@massaudubon.org

Directions to Chickatawbut Hill Education Center:

Take 93 to exit 5B,
(Route 28 North, Milton).
At the first traffic light take a right onto Chickatawbut Road. Follow road for ¼ mile then turn right onto the access road. Phone: 617-696-0920. *(Open during camp or by appointment only.)*



We are proud to be accredited by the American Camping Association. Developed exclusively for the camp industry, this nationally recognized program focuses on program quality and health and safety issues and requires us to review every facet of our operation.

This camp must comply with the regulations of the Mass. Dept. of Public Health (C105 CMR 430) and be licensed by the Milton Board of Health. Information on these regulations can be obtained at 617-983-6761.

Guardians may request copies of background checks, health care and discipline policies as well as procedures for filing grievances.



Please Note: State law requires every child at camp to have been vaccinated with a second dosage of Measles.



Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, we care for 33,000 acres of conservation land, provide educational programs for 200,000 children and adults annually, and advocate for sound environmental policies at local, state, and federal levels. Mass Audubon's mission and actions have expanded since our beginning in 1896 when our founders set out to stop the slaughter of birds for use on women's fashions. Today we are the largest conservation organization in New England. Our statewide network of 45 wildlife sanctuaries welcomes visitors of all ages and serves as the base for our conservation, education, and advocacy work. To support these important efforts, call 800-AUDUBON (283-8266) or visit www.massaudubon.org

dcr The Blue Hills Reservation is the largest open space within 35 miles of Boston, encompassing over 7000 acres. The DCR manages this property for the public to enjoy hiking, biking, horseback riding, boating and more. For more information, please contact the DCR at 617-698-1802

wildwood There's more to explore at **Wildwood**, Mass Audubon's only overnight camp, in Rindge, New Hampshire. Choose 1- or 2-week overnight camp sessions for campers aged 9-14, one-week teen treks for campers aged 14-17, or 3-week Leaders-in-Training programs for campers entering grades 10-12. Everyone is welcome at our 4-day Family Camp programs. Go wild this summer! Call toll free 866-MAS-CAMP for more information, or visit Wildwood online at www.massaudubon.org/wildwood.

