

Summer Camp 2009



Campers at Stony Brook have the opportunity to investigate four varied habitats - pond, wetland, field, and forest as they form friendships that last a lifetime. Through a combination of outdoor investigations, noncompetitive games, crafts and other activities, campers use the sanctuary as a living laboratory where they can observe and enjoy numerous plants and animals. They become young naturalists as they begin to identify wildlife species, junior scientists while critically thinking about environmental problems and solutions; and amateur ecologists prediction where they might find salamanders on a hot day

Sessions & Groups: Campers can attend multiple sessions without repetition and are encouraged to do so. Each session has a theme and each week features different age-appropriate activities ensuring that each session is a unique experience. Children who return year after year achieve new levels of confidence and natural history proficiency.

Our Goal is to provide an engaging and educational experience in a safe, supportive setting where campers learn to grow both as individuals and as part of a team and to understand, enjoy and appreciate the nature of Massachusetts



Full Day Camp Schedule




































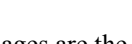
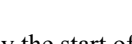
- 9:00-9:30 Opening Circle and Songs
- 9:30 - 12:00 Activities, exploration, and hikes
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch and free play
- 1:00 - 2:30 Campers choice
- 2:30 - 3:15 More explorations, hikes and games
- 3:15 - 3:30 Closing circle and songs
- 3:30 Dismissal

JOIN US THIS SUMMER AS WE ...

field for insects, hike trails, go ponding, make new friends, build a campfire, fire, gnome homes, hold a dragonfly in your hand, sniff your way through the butterfly garden, relax in the shade, run through the water arch, learn about nature, track a mystery, trap a turtle, climb the esker, research wildlife, listen to stories, play wizards and goblins, eat a trash-free lunch, visit dinosaur rock, roll a log to find a salamander, stream, walk get wet, get muddy, tell a story, sing silly songs, solve a riddle, investigate, explore, find aliens, play macroinvertebrate mayhem, play camp, use predator prey, game, get inside a giant bubble, build a pinnaqua, make a soda fountain, blaze the maze, fern print, learn animal yoga, see a tree breathe, learn a few bird calls and songs, and some frog calls too, play run and search, learn to swim, migrate, see snakes, turtles, birds, chipmunks, investigate an insect up close, forage for fossils, build community, and more ...

Summer Camp Schedule

All sessions except Discoverers are full day from 9:00am - 3:30pm. Campers can attend multiple weeks without repetition and are encouraged to do so. Discoverers sessions are half day from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

Camp week	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Week starting...	6/22	6/29	7/6	7/13	7/20	7/27	8/3	8/10	8/17
Discoverers (am session): Ages 4 - 5*									
Wanderers: Ages 5 - 6*									
Ramblers: Ages 7 - 8*									
Explorers: Ages 9 -10*									
Adventurers: Ages 11 - 13*									
Overnight: Ages 9 - 11*									
Overnight: Ages 11 - 13*									
LIT Program: Ages 12 - 14*									

*All ages are the age of the child by the start of his/her camp session.

Weekly Themes

Ants in my Plants Wk I (June 22-26) Investigate arthropods that crawl or climb around Stony Brook. We've got ants in the plants, dragonflies that'll cross your eyes, and walking sticks that sit transfixed. Spend time in the forest, field, and pond studying insects and other creatures

Mammal Mania Wk II (June 29- 3) From coyotes to cats, foxes to fishers, and beavers to bats, what characteristics do these animals share? How are they different? Hunt for tracks and signs as we spend the week focusing on our furry friends.

Everyone Knows They're Slimy WK III (July 6 -10) Uncover some of our slimiest creatures. Look for reptiles and frogs in the ponds and wetlands. Roll over logs in search of salamanders, slugs and other slimy critters. Search for pond creatures with dip nets. Spend a week finding out who's really slimy and who's not.

Alien Invaders WK IV (July 13 - 17) The aliens have landed in Massachusetts! You may see them and not even know they are aliens. These invaders are actually exotic plants and animals that have been introduced to our state from other countries or habitats. Some are beneficial. Others cause all kinds of problems. Find out how to pick aliens out of a crowd; learn which ones are lurking on the sanctuary or even in your own backyard.

Crafty by Nature WK V (July 20 - 24) Use your powers of observation and creativity to find things in nature and turn it into art. We will explore the pond, field and forest to find inspirations for our masterpieces.

Blast From the Past WK VI (July 27 - 31) Unearth the power of dinosaurs! Seek out fossils and bones along the trails. Find some Jurassic plants and make some impressions to show your friends.

Group Ratios

Ages 4-6 5 campers/ one counselor
 Ages 7-8 8 campers/ one counselor
 Ages 9-14 10 campers/ one counselor

Scales, Claws, and Powerful Jaws WK VII (August 3 - 7) Enter the reptile and amphibian realm as we roll logs, look under rocks, dip net in the pond in search of turtles, snakes, frogs and salamanders. Find out who's got the scales, who's got the claws, and who's got the powerful jaws. The answers may surprise you!



Drip Drop Wk VIII (August 10 - 14) Where does water come from? Where does it go? Take a journey beginning in rivers, lakes, and oceans. Dip net into the ponds at Stony Brook and discover the critters that make their homes in the wet areas of the sanctuary.

Fantastic Flyers Wk IX (August 17 - 21) Hummingbirds hum, hawks soar, and dragonflies zip through the summer sky. Animals that fly are fun and exciting to investigate. We will use nets, bug boxes, and binoculars to discover what makes these animals so amazing.

Sessions & Groups

Each session has a different theme to investigate. Age-appropriate curricula deepen each campers knowledge and awareness as he/she returns throughout the summer and over the years. Activity groups and ratios are described on page two.

DISCOVERERS

Ages 4 - 5*

Fee: \$135m/159nm

Young children are naturally curious about the outdoors, eager to see a turtle, smell a flower, feel the cool underside of a log, and search for animal homes in the woods. These outdoor explorations are reinforced with crafts, games, songs, and stories. Campers can attend multiple weeks without repetition and are encouraged to do so.

WANDERERS

Ages 5 - 6*

Wanderers learn about the different ecosystems that exist at Stony Brook and what may be found in them. Simple observations and investigations provide a foundation of interest and desire to learn more in camp years to come. Wanderers begin their initiation to the natural world through short hikes, hands-on activities, and creative endeavors. Campers can attend multiple weeks without repetition and are encouraged to do so.



RAMBLERS

Ages 7-8 *

Fee: \$238m/298nm

Ramblers become more involved with ecosystem investigations at Stony Brook. During their daily outings, using their senses to identify familiar species of plants and animals, Ramblers begin to piece together the strings of the web of life, and understand the meaning of "community" on various levels. Ramblers are encouraged to explore their own areas of interest as well as further their social skills as they participate in activities, games, and crafts. Campers can attend multiple weeks without repetition.

EXPLORERS

Ages 9 -10*

Fee: \$238m/298nm

Explorers are involved with in-depth studies of their environment, focusing on more complex ecological concepts as they explore the far reaches of the Sanctuary. Highlights include an all-day adventure on a new trail to Lind Farm. Campers can attend multiple weeks without repetition.

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Science on the Sanctuary

ADVENTURERS

Ages 11 - 13*

Fee: \$238m/298nm

Wk VII (August 10 - 14)

Who knew that studying the ecosystems at Stony Brook could be so rewarding and fun! During the week we will adventure into the science that makes our research programs happen. Activities will include dragonfly mark and recapture, turtle and small mammal surveys, and biodiversity, conservation-based games, and more!

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

(Weeks IV & VII)

All overnight sessions are full-day with one optional overnight: 9:00am-3:30pm (M-W) & Thurs..9:00am-Fri. 9:00am

Fee: \$260m/315nm

The Great Outdoors - July 6 - 10

Ages 11 - 13*

Got a young outdoorsman or woman in the family? What do leave no trace, catch and release, and stewardship mean to you? We will learn how to fish, hike, and enjoy the natural world responsibly and have a great time doing so. Personal fishing equipment is required. All tackle will be rendered barbless and we will practice catch and release.

Phobia Factor - July 20 - 24

Ages 9 - 11* You

won't be eating any gross things here- instead befriend our Madagascar hissing cockroaches. Discover the truth about what some think of as "scary" creatures. Dragonflies don't sting, toads won't give you warts and New England bats don't suck blood. Overcome your fears and get closer to some cool and different creatures.

Green Machine - August 10 - 14

Ages 9 - 11*

When first seen plants seem routine. But with all their fascinating adaptations these green machines are pretty keen. Some can move and some eat bugs, and some take over just like thugs. Their seeds can fly, roll, or stick tight. Some even explode like dynamite. So come on down see what we've got this camp is fun I kid you not.



Stony Brook Summer Camp at the Little Red Schoolhouse

Stony Brook is again teaming up with the Sheldonville Community Center, Inc.

in Wrentham to offer a summer nature

program for preschoolers. If you are looking for an outdoor experience for your 3-5 year old child, this may be the program

for you. We are offering both morning and afternoon, one-week sessions. The cost of the program is \$105 per session. Classes are taught by Stony Brook staff at the Little Red Schoolhouse facilities.

Times: 9:00am - 11:30am & 12:30pm - 3:00 pm

Session I
July 6 - 10

Session II
July 20 - 24

Session III
August 3 - 7

Leaders in Training (LIT) Program

Session I: July 13 - 24

Session II: August 3 - 14

These two-week sessions feature an overnight on the second Thursday that ends at 9 a.m. Friday.

Fee: \$468m/578mn

Ages 12-14*

This new program is geared towards developing and improving leadership skills. While experiencing traditional and fun camp activities this program will empower young adults by providing them with opportunities to be leaders in the camp community. Through this experience they will gain practical skills that they can use to facilitate in their development as individuals, counselors, and mentors. LITs will take responsibility to develop and organize some camp activities, attend interactive workshops with peers and supportive staff, in addition to an optional one-night overnight.



Counselors in Training (CIT) Application required.

Fee: \$50

The CIT program provides an opportunity for teens and young adults to experience camp and receive leadership guidance and training, while acting as volunteer assistants to day camp counselors. This program is for youth ages 15-17 who are interested in learning about leadership and working with children. Teenagers are invited to experience the fun, stress, and rewards of camp as they assist Stony Brook Camp Counselors. CITs are expected to participate in the overall planning and implementation of weekly activities such as crafts, nature projects, camp songs and games. Our CITs Learn valuable job training and leadership skills as they work side by side with Counselors. The responsibilities given to CITs will help sculpt them into responsible adults and future stewards of our community.

CITs are looked up to and admired by campers. It is expected that our CITs will be enthusiastic about everything that they participate in and lead. CITs set the example for the rest of camp—campers watch what CITs do. It is expected that a CIT will lead by example! CITs will not have sole responsibility for campers. The CITs will have the opportunity to help lead campers, but they will be supervised by staff at all times.

You must be at least 15 years old to be considered for a CIT position.

CITs must attend a one-week training session during which they will be introduced to teaching techniques and tools such as decision-making, motivation, creative planning, and problem solving. Training week will be June 22- 26 from 9:00-3:30.

The CIT program requires a minimum full-time commitment of three weeks (plus training week)

Work schedule is Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

There is a \$50 processing, background check and training fee to become a CIT.

For more information, contact Marla Cohen at 508-528-3140 ext 122 or email mcohen@massaudubon.org.

CIT application deadline is May 22, 2009.

Stony Brook's Day Camp 2009
Application for Counselor-in-Training Program

Date _____

Your Name _____ Parent's Names _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Age as of June 15, 2009 _____

Grade Level in fall 2009 _____

CIT's must be at least 15 years old to participate. In order to provide better training and maintain consistency, we are asking a **minimum commitment of three weeks**.

Have you attended camp at Stony Brook? _____ Have you attended Camp somewhere else? _____

If so, Where? _____

Have you taken other classes at Stony Brook? _____ If so, what classes? _____

Have you been a CIT at Stony Brook before? _____ If so, when? _____

Have you been a CIT at another camp? _____ If so, where and when? _____

Why are you interested in being a CIT at Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary?

What experience do you have working with children? This may include baby-sitting experience or other settings such as church, scouts, and school (please list age of children you've worked with).

References- please **do not list** personal friends or relatives. Please attach a list of 3 adults who will know your leadership capabilities. Examples: Person you baby-sit for, director of a church group or recreation facility, scout leader, teacher. Please include their full name, address, phone number, email and how you know them.

**Please return this application to: Marla Cohen, Camp Director,
Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, 108 North Street, Norfolk, MA 02056**



Our staff’s enthusiasm for the natural world is contagious and quickly spreads to the campers. Marla Cohen has been Camp Director since the 2002 summer season and has worked as an environmental educator since 1990. A majority of the counselors are undergraduate students majoring in education or environmental science and are selected for their maturity and experience working with children in outdoor settings. This combination of youth and experience generates a highly motivated and vibrant atmosphere.

All counselors are trained in First Aid and CPR. The Camp Director is certified in Emergency Response and CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Prior to the beginning of camp, all staff participate in a week-long training session that includes program preparation and health and safety guidelines.

As an ACA accredited camp, Stony Brook’s camp program meets both the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and American Camping Association standards for its program, staffing, counselor/camper ratios, health and safety policies, site and facilities, and administration. Please feel free to call Marla Cohen, Camp Director, with any questions. She can be reached at 508-528-3140 ex.122.

In compliance with Dept. of Public Health Notification Requirements 105 CMR 430.109:

- You may request a copy of Stony Brook’s background checks, health care and discipline policies as well as procedure for filing grievances.
- This camp must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR 430) and be licensed by the Norfolk Board of Health.

Information can be obtained at 617-983-6761.

New This Year!
CAMP T-SHIRTS

Summer Camp Registration Form

CAMP REGISTRATIONS are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. You may register by telephone, mail or in person.

A NONREFUNDABLE, NONTRANSFERABLE DEPOSIT of \$50.00 per child per camp week is due with each registration form.

A CONFIRMATION LETTER & CAMP PACKET will be sent to you upon receipt of your deposit. Included in this packet are your **HEALTH FORMS** which **must be completed by June 1st, 2009**. This is the only information that you will receive prior to camp. *Please save this flier and your camp packet to refer to during the application process.*

DEADLINE NOTICE: All forms (health, doctor, medication, waiver, and release) and the balance of your fee **are due no later than June 1st, 2009**. *A \$25 late fee per camper is automatically accrued for any forms and/or payments received after June 1st. Late fees are charged to your credit card if payment and health form deadlines are not met. Your balance due will automatically be charged on June 1st unless you notify us otherwise.* Registrations made after June 1 are to be paid in full and all forms to be filled out at the time of registration.

REFUND POLICY: If you cancel for any reason prior to the beginning of your child's scheduled camp session, the amount of the tuition refunded will be determined by the following: 90+ days refunded in full less the deposit, 30-90 days 50% refund less the deposit, refunds will not be provided for cancellations occurring within 29 days prior to the beginning

your child's scheduled session date for any reason including absent days and sick days. All cancellations must be received in writing.

BUDDY REQUESTS: When requested on the registration form, one same-age buddy request per camper will be honored if possible. Both campers must request each other in the space provided on their registration form.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING is available. Stony Brook offers partial and full scholarships dependent upon need and available funds. Please contact the Camp Director, Marla Cohen, by April 15th 508-528-3140 ext. 122 for an application.

CAMP TIMES: Parents will be charged a \$15 late fee for every fifteen minutes they are late picking up their child (see times with camp descriptions).

CAMPER EXPECTATIONS: Due to the outdoor and 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, including nature study. All campers must follow stated behavior expectations and safety rules. **Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper when, in his/her judgment, the camper's behavior interferes with the rights of others, the smooth functioning of the group or activity, or violates the camp's principles of conduct.** If you have any questions, please contact the Day Camp Director, Marla Cohen at 508-528-3140 ext. 122.

Parent/Adult Name: _____

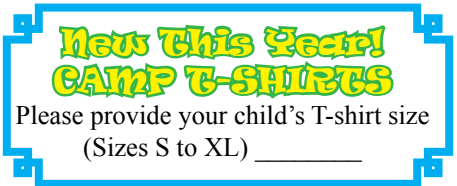
Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ How did you hear of this program? _____

Credit Card Information: Card #: _____ Exp. _____ Signature: _____



Program/Camp Name	Date & Time	Participant's Name	Birthdate	Program Fee
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				

BUDDY REQUESTS By signing this form I acknowledge that I have read and understand the refund and late fee policy Total for Programs _____

Name of buddy and of camper (must be same age/grade. Must be recorded by both sets of parents) I would like to enjoy the state-wide benefits of a Mass Audubon membership. _____
 I am enclosing \$58 for a family membership. _____

Camper: I would like to make the following tax deductible contribution. Please check either: camp scholarship fund Stony Brook donation _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (*Please make checks payable to: Mass Audubon*) _____

Buddy:

Office Use: Date: _____	Amt: _____	Payment type: _____	Initials: _____	Forms Sent? _____
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