

Arcadia Nature Day Camp

For children ages 4 through 12

Summer 2009

Arcadia Nature Day Camp is an educational program which provides an ideal atmosphere for children to learn about the natural world while having fun. Campers discover the world of nature and their environment through nature hikes, games and crafts. Children are encouraged to question the constantly changing world around them, to understand its working, and marvel at its creations. Becoming aware of one's environment while learning to respect and preserve that environment is the focus of our program. Our forests, fields, and vernal pools provide the perfect setting for explorations of different ecological communities.

Our camp staff complete a week-long intensive training in natural history, child development and safety. Staff are trained in CPR and First Aid. Arcadia's camp is accredited by the American Camping Association, and meets both the Easthampton Department of Public Health and American Camping Association standards for program, staffing, training, counselor:camper ratios, health and safety policies, site and facilities, and administration.



We offer a significant discount on camp fees for Mass Audubon members. You can become a Mass Audubon member when you register for camp and receive the discounted rate along with many other membership benefits. We also have a limited amount of financial aid for the summer camp program. Please see the following pages for complete information, dates and fees.

New this year are one-week sessions of Hummingbirds, Kingfishers, and Great Blue Herons along with our popular two-week sessions.

Join us for an early bird camp registration day on Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 1-5 p.m. Meet the director and staff and get a \$10 discount per session. Children's activities will be available.





Arcadia Summer Camp 2009 Enrollment Form

You may phone or mail your registration.
 Phone: 413-584-3009 ext. 812 or 800-710-4550 ext. 812
 Registrar's Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-12, Sat. 9-3, Sun. 12-3

Mail: Arcadia Summer Camp
 c/o Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary
 127 Combs Road, Easthampton, MA 01027

(Please print and use one form per camper. This form may be photocopied.)

Camper's Name (first/last) _____ Circle one: Female Male

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of 6/1/09 _____ Grade entering in Fall 2009 _____

Street Address: _____ Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

First Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Second Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Eve Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Eve Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Day Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Please send a financial aid form Y N May we share your name with others interested in carpooling? Y N

Indicate first and second choices for each session your camper would like to attend on the ___ below.

Woolly Bears ages 4 - entering Grade 1
(must be four by 6/1/09)
 Fee: \$195 Mass Audubon members*, \$265 non-members
 Session WB1: June 22 - 26 _____

Fireflies entering grades 1 - 5
 Fee: \$230 Mass Audubon members*, \$300 non-members
 Session FF1: (one-week) June 22 - 26 _____
 Session FF2: (one-week) August 24 - 28 _____
 Session FF3: (one-week) August 31 - Sept 4 _____

Hummingbirds entering grades K, 1 and 2
 Fee one-week sessions:
 \$230 Mass Audubon members*, \$300 non-members
 Fee two-week sessions:
 \$405 Mass Audubon members, \$465 non-members
 Session H1: (one-week) June 29 - July 3 _____
 Session H2: (one-week) July 6 - July 10 _____
 Session H3: (two-week) July 13 - July 24 _____
 Session H4: (two-week) July 27- August 7 _____
 Session H5: (two-week) August 10 - August 21 _____

Kingfishers entering grades 2 and 3
(must be age 7 by first day of session)
 Fee one-week sessions:
 \$230 Mass Audubon members, \$300 non-members
 Fee two-week sessions:
 \$405 Mass Audubon members*, \$465 non-members
 Session K1: (one-week) June 29 - July 3 _____
 Session K2: (one-week) July 6 - July 10 _____
 Session K3: (two-week) July 13 - July 24 _____
 Session K4: (two-week) July 27 - August 7 _____
 Session K5: (two-week) August 10 - August 21 _____

Great Blue Herons entering grades 4, 5 and 6
 Fee one-week sessions:
 \$240 Mass Audubon members, \$310 non-members
 Fee two-week sessions:
 \$415 Mass Audubon members*, \$475 non-members
 Session GBH1: (one-week) June 29 - July 3 _____
 Session GBH2: (one-week) July 6 - July 10 _____
 Session GBH3: (two-week) July 13 - 24 _____
 Session GBH4: (two-week) July 27 - August 7 _____
 Session GBH5: (two-week) August 10 - 21 _____

MAS member?* Yes No
 Member # _____ Exp. Date _____

New Membership* or Membership Renewal*
 (\$58 Family level or higher)\$ _____

* To qualify for camp tuition discounts you must be a current Mass Audubon member at the \$58 Family level or above, and the parent or legal guardian of the camper being enrolled. If you are unsure of your membership status please call Member Services at 781-259-9500, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

I would like to support the Nature Day Camp Scholarship Fund.

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Mass Audubon or charge to MasterCard, VISA, or Discover (circle one)

Name on card: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Amount to be charged \$ _____

I agree to allow the Massachusetts Audubon Society to charge my Visa/MasterCard in the amount specified above and understand that refunds will only be provided in accordance with the refund policy as stated in this brochure.

Signature: _____

Arcadia Summer Camp 2009 Schedule

Woolly Bears

Woolly Bears is a mini-camp for the youngest Arcadia campers. Children will be introduced to the wonders of nature through games, hikes and crafts. Each day will begin with a group circle along with a theme-related skit, puppet show or story. Campers should bring a snack each day. Group size is limited, with a 5:1 camper-to-counselor ratio.

Ages 4-entering grade 1 (child must be 4 by June 1, 2009)

One Week, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon

- Session WB1 June 22-26

Fee: \$195 Mass Audubon members, \$265 non-members

Fireflies

Arcadia will offer three, one-week sessions for campers ages 6-12. Just like the two-week sessions, there will be daily themes and an Expedition Day. Campers will meet together for morning and afternoon circle and will be divided into similar age groups for hiking and group time. Choice activities will be with the entire camp group. Like the two-week sessions we will play an all camp game of predator/prey.

Entering grades 1-5

One week, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

- Session FF1 June 22-26
- Session FF2 August 24-28
- Session FF3 August 31-September 4

Fee: \$230 Mass Audubon members, \$300 non-members



Hummingbirds, Kingfishers, and Great Blue Herons

All groups have two one-week sessions and three two-week sessions.

Hummingbirds (H) entering grades K, 1 and 2

Kingfishers (KF) entering grades 2 and 3

(KF campers must be age 7 by the first day of session)

Great Blue Herons (GBH) entering grades 4, 5 and 6

Hummingbird, Kingfisher, and Great Blue Herons each have age appropriate daily natural history themes. Each session includes an all camp game of Predator/Prey, an Expedition Day and a Journey Through Time/ Living History.

Hummingbirds learn about the different ecosystems that exist at Arcadia and what plants and animals live in them. They begin their initiation to the natural world through short hikes, hands-on and sensory awareness activities.

Kingfishers explore a larger area of the sanctuary on their daily outings. They begin to piece together the web of life, and to understand the meaning of community on various levels.

Our oldest campers, the Great Blue Herons, enjoy expanding their knowledge of the natural world. Campers will participate in a real research project such as monitoring salamander, grasshopper or cricket populations, digging for and documenting endangered mussel species or participating in dragonfly or butterfly atlases. **The expedition for Great Blue Herons will take place at nearby Mount Tom State Reservation.** (Parents will drop off and pick up campers at Mount Tom.) Great Blue Herons also explore the wetlands via canoe (weather dependent).

One and two-week sessions, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

- Session 1 June 29-July 3 (one-week)
- Session 2 July 6-10 (one-week)
- Session 3 July 13-24 (two-week)
- Session 4 July 27-August 7 (two-week)
- Session 5 August 10-21 (two-week)

Fee sessions, 1,2 (Hummingbirds and Kingfishers)
\$230 Mass Audubon members, \$300 non-members
Fee sessions 3,4,5 (Hummingbirds and Kingfishers)
\$405 Mass Audubon members, \$465 non-members

Fee sessions 1,2 (Great Blue Herons)
\$240 Mass Audubon members, \$310 non-members
Fee sessions 3,4,5 (Great Blue Herons)
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2009 Day Camp Brochure

Arcadia Summer 2009 Day Camp Enrollment Information

- **COMPLETE SEPARATE FORMS** for each child you enroll for camp. You may photocopy the enrollment form.
- Come to our camp enrollment afternoon on March 28 from 1-5 pm **OR** **Mail or phone** in enrollment form(s) and check(s) to:
Arcadia Day Camp
127 Combs Road, Easthampton, MA 01027
1-800-710-4550

A **non-refundable enrollment fee** of \$50 for one-week sessions or \$100 for two-week sessions is required for each child's space in camp. All stated fees include this amount; it is not an additional charge.

Refund policy: Deposits are nonrefundable and nontransferable. If you cancel prior to 30 days before the first day of your session, you will be given a full refund minus the deposit. If you cancel within thirty days of the first day of your session you may receive a 50% refund if the program is full and we are able to fill your slot. We reserve the right to cancel a program due to low enrollment. In this event, a full refund will be made. All cancellations must be made in writing. Refunds will not be given for absent or sick days.

Due to the outdoor and exploratory nature of our program, campers must be able to move about on uneven terrain. They are expected to meaningfully participate in age appropriate and small group activities emphasizing nature study. All campers must follow stated behavior expectations and safety rules. If you have any questions regarding your child's ability to participate in our camp program, please contact Patti Steinman, the camp director.

- **You may use a credit card or make check(s) payable to:**
Mass Audubon
- **Mass Audubon members** will be given priority in any set of registrations.
- **Health forms and scholarship information** will be sent to you after we have received your completed enrollment form. Completed forms and a "Certificate of Immunization" are required to attend camp.
- **Final payment and all health and release forms** are due in full, by **June 1**. If you register after that date, all forms and payments are due within two weeks of registration or the **MONDAY** before your child's camp session, whichever comes **FIRST**.
Any late or incomplete forms and payments will accrue a \$25 surcharge per child, to be paid before your child attends camp.
- *You may request copies of background check, health care, and discipline policies as well as procedures for filing grievances, from the camp director.*
- *This camp must comply with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Health (105 CMR 430) and is licensed by the Easthampton Board of Health. Information on these regulations can be obtained at 617-983-6761.*

wildwood
A Mass Audubon Camp for Outdoor Exploration

Is your child ready for overnight Camp?

Wildwood is Mass Audubon's residential summer camp for children ages 9-14. Visit the Wildwood website at:

www.massaudubon.org/wildwood or call toll free 866-MASCAMP