



Habitat

*Education Center and
Wildlife Sanctuary*

SUMMER CAMP BROCHURE



Whether dipping in the pond for dragonfly nymphs, sweeping in the meadow for grasshoppers, or hiking in the woods, Habitat campers are encouraged to explore, ask questions, and get closer to nature. Our small age-based groups allow campers to connect with each other and the world around them. Through hands-on, minds-on activities, we seek to create an atmosphere that stimulates each camper's individual sense of awareness and wonder and provides a sense of community.

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 and 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, please contact the Camp Director.

Habitat's camp programs are staffed by experienced education professionals and are directed by Habitat Teacher/Naturalist and Camp Director, Jane Higgins. Habitat camp programs comply with the Regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, are licensed by the Belmont Board of Health and are accredited by the American Camp Association. Parents may receive copies of camp policies on staff hiring and background checks, health care, behavior management/discipline and grievance procedures upon request.



Registration Procedures

We will begin accepting registrations on Friday, January 23, 2009. Registrations will be accepted by mail or drop off at the sanctuary. Registrations will be processed in the order they are received.

To Register—Registrations will be accepted starting on Friday, January 23rd, 2009, by mail or drop-off at the sanctuary. Registrations will be processed in the order they are received. To enroll a child, please return the completed registration form with a check for the appropriate deposit (\$50 for one week programs, \$100 for two week programs). **All deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. Please include only one family per registration form and only one camp registration form per envelope.** We strongly encourage you to include “second choices” as it greatly increases the chance of your child receiving a space.

Membership—To attend Habitat camp, we require that all campers be members of Mass Audubon. For \$58, you will receive a one year Family Membership, with benefits of free admission to all Mass Audubon sanctuaries, discounts on programs and items in gift shops, and a subscription to Sanctuary Magazine. If you are a member, please fill in your membership number and expiration date on the space provided. If you are not a member, please enclose a **separate check, payable to Mass Audubon.**

Confirmations and Forms—Enrollment confirmation and camp forms will be mailed or emailed as soon as your registration is processed and in our system. If your child is put on the waiting list, you will receive wait list notification and your deposit will be returned. **No information will be given over the phone or in person.**

Payment and Camper Forms—All forms and the balance of fees are due on or before MAY 1st, unless arrangements have been made with the Camp Director. We will happily set-up payment plans, but the balance must be paid in full by the first day of your child’s session. A **\$25 Late Fee** will be automatically added for any late or incomplete forms and/or payments. We accept only checks as payment for camp.

Refunds—All deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. Cancellations before May 1st may receive a refund of the balance minus the deposit. No refunds will be made after May 1st unless the space can be filled. No rebates will be given for incomplete attendance.

Financial Assistance—At Habitat, we are committed to giving any interested child the opportunity to attend camp. Each year, Habitat provides financial assistance to campers based on economic need and available funds. If you would like to be considered for financial assistance, please circle the appropriate response on the registration form and an application will be sent to you. No deposit will be necessary at the time of registration. If you would like to give other children the opportunity to enjoy camp, you can contribute to the camp fund by adding a donation to your fees. Any support is greatly appreciated.

Carpool Lists—As an environmental organization and a good neighbor, we also encourage you to carpool to camp. Carpool Lists will be distributed in early May. If you would like to be on the carpool list, please circle the appropriate response on the registration form.



Day Camp Programs

Campers may register for only ONE session of either Kindercamp, Habitat Explorers or Ecologists

Kindercamp

For campers entering Kindergarten and grade 1, ages 5-6. Campers must be 5 years old by May 1st.

Kindercamp provides our youngest campers with an opportunity to experience nature through hands-on activities that teach appreciation and respect. Through daily hikes, Kindercampers become familiar with the animals and plants that live here at Habitat and in their own backyards. Afternoons will include story time, games and a daily project. Staff to Camper ratio: 1 staff to 5 campers. Camp meets Monday-Friday.

Fee: \$600.00

Limit: 12 per session

Time: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Choose one session:

Session 1: June 29-July 10

Session 2: July 13-24

Session 3: July 27-August 7



Habitat Explorers

For campers entering grades 1-4, ages 6-9.

Habitat Explorers investigate various natural history themes by visiting Habitat's many different habitats. Each morning, campers venture out in age-based groups to explore the natural world through fun games, hands-on activities and investigations. Following lunch, campers are given free time to relax, read stories or participate in outdoor recreation. During the afternoon, campers choose from a variety of activities, such as nature crafts, cooking, outdoor skills, science projects, hikes, games and other related topics. The day ends with a closing circle that allows children to share their experiences with other campers. Staff to Camper ratio: 1 staff to 5 campers. Camp meets Monday-Friday.



Fee: \$565.00

Limit: 50 per session

Time: 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Choose one session:

Session 1: June 29-July 10

Session 2: July 13-24

Session 3: July 27-August 7

Session 4: August 10-21

Ecologists

For campers entering grades 5-8, ages 10-13.

The Ecologists program is designed to allow middle school students to continue their camping experience at Habitat. Through explorations of Habitat and nearby conservation areas, campers will examine ecological principles including soil, water, plants, ecosystems, predator/prey relationships and environmental issues, as well as learn valuable survival skills, such as orienteering and shelter-building. This year, the Ecologists program will include a field trip to Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary for a canoe program during the first week of each session. The program will then culminate with an overnight on the last Thursday, which will include a cook-out and a night hike. **Camp ends at 9:00 am on the Friday morning after the overnight.** Staff/Camper ratio: 1 staff to 8 campers.

Fee: \$625.00

Time: 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Limit: 24 per session

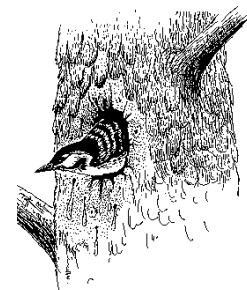
Choose one session:

Session 1: June 29-July 10; *Overnight:* July 9, 3:30 pm—July 10 9:00 am

Session 2: July 13-24; *Overnight:* July 23, 3:30 pm—July 24, 9:00 am

Session 3: July 27-August 7; *Overnight:* August 6, 3:30 pm—August 7, 9:00 am

Session 4: August 10-21; *Overnight:* August 20, 3:30 pm—August 21, 9:00 am



Theme Camps

The following camps are theme camps. Because they will cover different topics, campers who are enrolled in other sessions may enroll.

For ages 4.5-5, pre-K-Kindergarten

The following programs are half-day programs for children ages 4.5-5. Staff/Camper ratio: 1 staff to 5 campers.

Fees: \$150.00 per session

Limit: 10 per session

Time: Sessions 1A (morning)

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Sessions 1B (afternoon)

1:00-4:00 pm

Sensational Senses

“Stop, Look, Listen, Feel and Taste”! Nature has many secrets to tickle your senses. Find out how animals use their senses to find their food, their homes, and each other.

Sessions 1A, 1B: June 22-26

Night Critters

Why do owls and bats hunt at night? Why do fireflies flash their lights? Discover the amazing world of nocturnal animals and how they hunt, hide and ramble about in the dark.

Sessions 1A, 1B: August 10-14

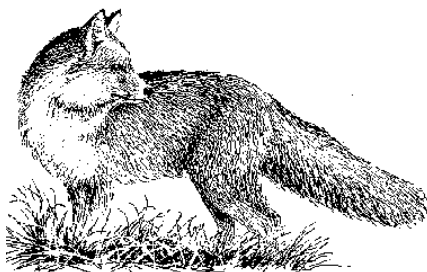


Bug Mania

Beetles and grasshoppers and flies, oh my! Bring your net and your magnifying glass and let's look for bugs. Learn about metamorphosis and other unique adaptations that help these small creatures survive in many different habitats.

Sessions 1A, 1B: August 17-21

For ages 6-9, entering grades 1-4



Amazing Mammals

How is an elephant related to a bat? They are both mammals! Mammals come in many different shapes, sizes and colors. Discover the unique characteristics of mammals and how they differ from each other. Learn about endangered animals and what you can do help them. Staff/Camper ratio: 1 staff to 5 campers.

Fee: \$285.00

Limit: 50

Session 1: June 22-26, Monday-Friday

Time: 9:00 am-3:30 pm

For ages 12-14, entering grades 7-9

Trekkers

Expand your horizons and discover habitats beyond Habitat. Through day trips and camping, Trekkers investigate the natural and cultural history of rivers in New England. Day trips occur on Tuesdays and the second Monday of each session. Camping trips occur each Wednesday through Friday. Campers will participate in activities such as hiking and canoeing. Staff to Camper ratio: 1 staff to 5 campers. Camp meets Monday-Friday.

Fee: \$850.00

Limit: 10

Time: 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Session 1: June 29-July 10—Day trips to Blackstone, Charles and Merrimack Rivers;
Camping trips to Mt. Greylock and Cape Cod

Session 2: July 13-24—Day trips to Concord and Merrimack Rivers;
Camping trips to Monadnock Conservation Center, NH and Cape Cod

Session 3: July 27--August 7—Day trips to Blackstone, Charles and Concord Rivers;
Camping trips to Crawford Notch, NH and Saco River, ME



Camp Registration Form

Return this registration and deposit to: Habitat Summer Camps, 10 Juniper Road,
Belmont, MA 02478

Guardian Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____
Additional Guardian _____
Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____
Email _____

Membership Information -for current MAS members : Membership ID # _____ Expiration Date _____

Please register my child/children for the following camp programs:

Camper 1 Name _____ Circle one: Female Male
Age at start of camp _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade entering (September 2009) _____
First Choice Program _____ Session # _____
Second Choice Program _____ Session # _____
Additional One-Week Theme Program _____ Session # _____

Camper 2 Name _____ Circle one: Female Male
Age at start of camp _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade entering (September 2009) _____
First Choice Program _____ Session # _____
Second Choice Program _____ Session # _____
Additional One-Week Theme Program _____ Session # _____

Camper 3 Name _____ Circle one: Female Male
Age at start of camp _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade entering (September 2009) _____
First Choice Program _____ Session # _____
Second Choice Program _____ Session # _____
Additional One-Week Theme Program _____ Session # _____

Please circle:

Would you like to be included on a carpool list?	Yes	No
Would you like to be considered for financial aid? (see page 2 for more information)	Yes	No

Payment:

We only accept checks as payment for camp. Please make checks payable to Mass Audubon/Habitat for camp deposits and tuition. For membership, please include a separate check, payable to Mass Audubon.

Nonrefundable, non-transferable deposit per program (\$50 for 1 week, \$100 for 2 weeks) (*required*) _____
Full tuition payment, including **nonrefundable, non-transferable deposit** (optional) _____
\$58.00 MAS Family Membership (**separate check, please**) _____
Optional donation to scholarship fund to help other campers receive financial assistance _____
TOTAL _____

I have read the refund policy (on page 2) and understand that refunds will only be provided in accordance with the refund policy as stated in this brochure.

Please sign _____ Date _____