



Mass Audubon
DISCOVERY
 NATURE DAY CAMP
 Summer 2009



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Summer camp programs at North River are designed to instill awareness and appreciation of the natural world, teach responsibility for the environment, and promote an understanding of our place in nature. Our goal is to create an experience that helps children feel joy and comfort while discovering the world outdoors. We encourage sharing and reflection so campers can begin to develop a more personal, lifelong connection to the community in which they live.

Save Money with These Specials!

- Complete registration, including payment in full, by February 6 and receive a 10 percent discount off one session and/or
- Register for two or more weeks and receive \$20 off the cost of one session.

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Little Look Abouts

For children age 4^{1/2} by January 1 or entering grade K

Little Look Abouts are involved in activities especially designed for a young child's energy level and curiosity about animals and plants. The small group size allows for extra attention and guidance during daily trail explorations, crafts, and games. Group size is limited to 10 with a 5:1 camper/instructor ratio.

One-week sessions, 9 a.m.-noon Fee is \$180 Member/\$240 Nonmember

Session I
 June 22-26
Awesome Amphibians

Session II
 July 6-10
If You Were a Bug

Session III
 July 20-24
Living Underground

Session IV
 August 3-7
Things That Fly



Discoverers

For children entering grade 1

Each Discoverers session is designed to encourage a young child's curiosity, increase sensory awareness, and promote joyful play in the outdoors. Specific weekly themes will focus learning on exploration, observation, and respect for animals and their habitats. Group size is limited to 10 with a 5:1 camper/instructor ratio.

One-week sessions, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fee is \$210 Member/\$270 Nonmember

Close to Home

June 29-July 2* or July 6-10

Between blades of grass, in cracks of rock walls, or under logs, homes of many animals are closer than you think. Investigate to find out who calls the sanctuary home.

*There is no camp on July 3. Fee for this week is \$168 Member/\$216 Nonmember



Jitters and Critters July 13-17

Hoot, howl, and chirp your way through this week as we discover the incredible world of nocturnal animals and how they hunt, hide, and carry about in the dark.

Fancy Fliers July 20-24

We can flutter and we can flap, but flying was meant for birds and butterflies. Come learn about these fancy fliers, then design and create your own flying creature.

Explorers

For children entering grades 2 & 3

The Explorers program will engage campers with observational and hands-on field activities that emphasize the natural history of animals and the interrelationships of all living things. Each session will include either a field trip to Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary or Duxbury Beach. Group size is limited to 15 with an 8:1 camper/instructor ratio.

One-week sessions, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fee is \$205 Member/\$265 Nonmember

Habitat Hop

June 29-July 2* or July 6-10

Most animals and plants have adapted to one particular habitat, but we'll spend the week hopping from one to another to find out what makes each special to the survival of certain species.

*There is no camp on July 3. Fee for this week is \$164 Member/\$212 Nonmember.

Sundown Secrets

July 13-17

As the sun goes down, creatures arise from daytime slumbers to sneak about in the dark. Learn the secrets of these nocturnal animals and what helps them survive under the stars.



Winged Wonders

July 20-24

Superman was able to fly, and Wonder Woman flew an invisible plane, but neither truly had wings. Seek out and observe some of nature's real winged superheroes.

Naturalists

For children entering grades 4 & 5

The Naturalists program will provide continued field experience to enhance campers understanding of ecological processes. Through experiments, research projects, and field trips, campers will begin to develop a conservation ethic and connect more closely to the South Shore community. Group size is limited to 15 with an 8:1 camper/instructor ratio.

One-week sessions, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fee is \$205 Member/\$265 Nonmember

Eco-Explorers

June 29-July 2* or July 6-10

From the forest to the field and along the brooks and the beach, explore the far reaches of the South Shore Sanctuaries. We'll make a map of our journeys and produce a field guide from our observations. *There is no camp on July 3. Fee for this week is \$164 Member/\$212 Nonmember

North River Nights

July 13-17

Ever wonder what happens at camp during the night? Conduct experiments to find out if any animals have visited and learn how these nocturnal beings have adapted to life after hours.

Bird Brains

July 20-24

Discover what all the chitter chatter is about! Spend each day learning about a specific bird species, determine how they fly, build nests, and find food. We can't put a bird in your brain, but we can have you thinking like one after this week.

Ecologists

For children entering grade 6

The Ecologists program is intended for campers wishing to continue their interest in natural science and will expand on already acquired natural history knowledge. Campers will be engaged in scientific study, learning the methods and techniques used in plant and wildlife community investigations, and assisting with research out in the field. An overnight at the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary will provide a great opportunity to experience the nocturnal side of life, as well as share an experience that promotes team building, respect, and fun! Group size is limited to 15 with an 8:1 camper/instructor ratio.

One-week session, July 27-31, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Overnight will run from 9 a.m., Thursday, July 30-Friday, July 31 at 10 a.m.



Nature Travelers

For children entering grades 7 & 8

From the mountains to the sea is where this week of adventure will lead. Begin the week onshore, hiking along the coast and learning leadership and outdoor skills. Then take to the water in search of shorebirds and whales on a kayak trip off the coast of Cape Cod. Finish out the week in higher elevations on a journey to Mass Audubon's Wildwood Camp for Outdoor Exploration in Rindge, New Hampshire. While there, enjoy camping, swimming, taking part in the ropes course, and hiking the famous Mt. Monadnock. Transportation, camping fees, and food for overnight are included. Group size is limited to 10 with a 5:1 camper/instructor ratio.

One-week session, August 3-7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.* Fee is \$480 Member/\$540/Nonmember
*End times may vary each day.

Counselors In Training

The CIT Program for teens age 14-16 is an opportunity for young adults to gain naturalist and leadership skills, foster personal growth while acting as a volunteer assistant to day camp counselors. Previous experience working with children is helpful. CITs must attend a one-week orientation/training session and we require a minimum commitment of three weeks. Contact the camp director for more information and to apply.



There's more to explore at Mass Audubon's overnight camp in Rindge, New Hampshire.
Go wild this summer!
Call toll-free 866-MAS-CAMP for details, or visit wildwood online at www.wildwoodcamp.org

New Programs for 2009

Nature Crafts

For children entering grades 1 & 2

Tired of making crafts that just get stuck on the fridge? Rocks, twigs, leaves, and other natural items will serve as our craft material this week. Through exploratory trail hikes, we'll seek inspiration from the outdoors and then let natural creativity take its course!

One-week session, July 27-31, 9 a.m.-noon

Fee is \$190 Member/\$250 Nonmember

Nature Creations—Art Camp

For children entering grades 3, 4, & 5

Painting with mud and sculpting with sand are just a few ways to combine the world of art with the outdoors. Spend this week immersed in the beauty of the South Shore and let your imagination run wild as we use various materials to interpret the landscape. Note: This is not a technical art camp; it is intended to provide campers the opportunity to express themselves creatively while having fun in the outdoors.

One-week session, July 27-31, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fee is \$215 Member/\$275 Nonmember

Everyday Adventures

For children entering grades 1, 2, 3, & 4

Scavenger hunts, nature games, skits, songs, treasure maps, group games, shelter building, experiments, and more! That's what this week is all about, playing outside and probably getting dirty! Lots of energy and a sense of adventure are a must to endure all these exciting activities.



One-week session, August 3-7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fee is \$215 Member/\$275 Nonmember

Trailblazers

For children entering grades 4, 5, & 6

Join the Camp Director this week to share in two of her favorite activities, looking at maps and hitting the trail! Spend each day venturing to a new destination and discover the joy of walking a well-beaten path. We'll enjoy the fresh air, learn about Leave No Trace, and begin to establish a sense of place.

One-week session, August 10-14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fee is \$225 Member/\$285 Nonmember



Discovery Day Camp is accredited by the American Camping Association. This camp must comply

with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR430) the Marshfield Board of Health and the American Camp Association and is licensed by the local board of health. In compliance with Department of Public Health requirements (105 CMR 430109) you may request a copy of the Discovery Day Camp's health and discipline policies and staffing procedures as well as procedures for filing a grievance.

A Typical Day at Camp...



8:45-9:15 a.m.	Check In and Option Time
9:15-9:30 a.m.	All Camp Opening Circle
9:30 a.m.-Noon	Activities/Explorations
Noon-1 p.m.	Lunch and Free Play
1-2:30 p.m.	Activities/Crafts
2:30-2:45 p.m.	Wrap and Pack
2:45-3 p.m.	Closing Sharing Circle

Camp and Registration Information 2009

Camper Expectations—Due to the active outdoor and exploratory nature of our camp program, participants must be able to move about on uneven terrain. Campers are expected to participate meaningfully in age-appropriate activities, with a focus on nature study, and follow stated behavior expectations and safety rules. If you have a question regarding your child's ability to participate, contact the camp director at 781-837-9400.

Summer Camp Staff—Our instructors are enthusiastic and caring individuals, dedicated to helping children develop a special relationship with the natural world. All staff undergo background checks and participate in safety, child development, and natural history training. All are First Aid and CPR certified.

Meet the Staff and Other Campers!

Got questions? We've got answers.

Join us for an informational session, designed for registered campers and parents to learn more about camp and meet the staff.

June 18, 2009, 6-7 p.m.

A Deposit/Enrollment Fee of \$75 per week must accompany each registration. All deposits are nonrefundable and nontransferable to other sessions or persons. After your child's registration is processed, you will receive a confirmation packet with all necessary forms. Please notify the office if you do not receive the packet within two weeks. Please note, Massachusetts state law and the American Camping Association require all campers to submit completed health forms supplied by the camp and a current immunization record with a doctor's signature every year.

Deadline—All health forms and the balance of your fees are due on or before May 25, unless special arrangements are made with the Camp Director. Those registering after May 25, pay in full and a for deadline will be set. A **\$20 Late Fee** per camper is automatically accrued for any late or incomplete forms and/or payments. Staff members require time to review these forms so that we can better understand the needs of our campers. **No camper is allowed in camp unless all health forms, waivers, and payments are complete.**

Waiting List—If a session is full, your child can be added to a waiting list. If a space does not open up, your payment will be refunded.

Refund Policy—The camp fee includes a nonrefundable \$75 enrollment fee. If you cancel for any reason before camp begins, your refund is calculated by the following schedule: 60+ days in advance, 100 percent; 21 days in advance, 50 percent; less than 21 days in advance, no refund. All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. We reserve the right to cancel a session due to low enrollment. In this event, a full refund will be given. Refunds are not given for sick or absent days.

Become a member and SAVE—Membership helps to meet our mission—protecting the nature of Massachusetts. Benefits include free admission to 42 sanctuaries, program and shop discounts, and subscriptions to the South Shore newsletter. To receive the member rate, your membership of family-level (\$58) or higher, must be current through your last session. You may purchase a membership with your registration.

Camp Scholarship Fund—We offer partial scholarships dependent on need. To be considered for a scholarship, please call the camp director to receive an application.

TO REGISTER—Mail, fax, or drop off a completed registration form and deposits.

