



Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, we care for 34,000 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 47 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](http://www.massaudubon.org).

**dcr** The Blue Hills Reservation is the largest open space within 35 miles of Boston, encompassing over 7000 acres. The Department of Conservation and Recreation 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.



We are proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association. Developed exclusively for the camp industry, this nationally recognized program focuses on program quality, health and safety, management and operations.

This camp complies with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Regulations and is annually licensed by the Milton Board of Health.

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# Blue Hills Summer Camp 2010

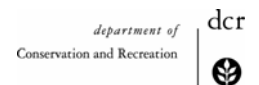
At the Norman Smith Environmental Education Center  
Chickatawbut Hill

## Natural History Day Camp Programs for Grades K-12



**Blue Hills Trailside Museum**  
1904 Canton Avenue  
Milton, MA 02186  
617-333-0690 x 227

**Summer Day Camp**  
Blue Hills Reservation  
Chickatawbut Road, Milton, MA  
[bluehillscamp@massaudubon.org](mailto:bluehillscamp@massaudubon.org)



## Location

Located at the top of scenic Chickatawbut Hill in the Blue Hills Reservation, camp is managed by Mass Audubon's Blue Hills Trailside Museum and owned by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The site offers campers an ideal location to discover the world of nature through exploration, hikes, games, crafts, living history and more!

## Seasonal Staff

Staff members are chosen for their enthusiasm, knowledge and ability to work with youth in an outdoor setting. As college students or recent graduates the staff work as a caring team to create an emotionally and physically safe atmosphere on "The Hill." Each staff member is interviewed and background-checked before participating in an extensive training that includes First Aid & CPR.



## Camper Requirements

Due to the outdoor exploratory nature of our program, campers must be able to move about on uneven terrain. Campers are expected to meaningfully participate in age appropriate activities in a group setting. 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 prior to registration at 617-333-0690 x 227.

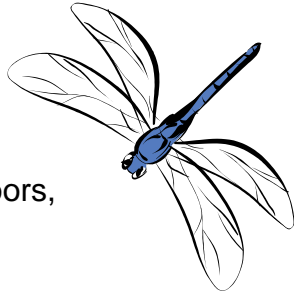
# Session Codes, Dates, & Themes

Session Code	Date	Theme
C1	June 21-June 25	Weather Wonders
C2	June 28-July 2	Beaks, Wings, & Wild Things
C3	July 5-July 9	Beaks, Wings, & Wild Things
C4	July 12-July 16	Hills, History & Habitats
C5	July 19-July 23	Hills, History & Habitats
C6	July 26-30	Gone Buggy
C7	August 2-6	Gone Buggy
C8	August 9-13	Tails & Scales
C9	August 16-20	Tails & Scales
C10	August 23-27	Endangered Zone
N1/E1	June 21-June 25	Weather Wonders
N2/E2	June 28-July 9	Beaks, Wings, & Wild Things
N3/A1	July 12-July 23	Hills, History & Habitats
N4/E3	July 26-August 6	Gone Buggy
N5/E4	August 9-20	Tails & Scales
N6/E5	August 23-27	Endangered Zone
CIT 1	July 5-23	
CIT 2	August 2-20	

# Camper Sessions

## **CHICKADEES: entering grades K & 1** *(Session Code C)*

Young campers will gain general knowledge and develop an appreciation of nature through hands-on activities, stories, songs, and exploration walks close to camp. Chickadees participate in one week sessions with opportunities for large and small group interactions, connections to the great outdoors, and fun with friends.



## **NATURALISTS: entering grades 2-4** *(Session Code N)*

Experiential learning in a natural outdoor setting will challenge campers to learn and explore the world around them through hands-on nature study, creative and physical curriculum, critical thinking activities, and hikes in the Blue Hills Reservation. Non-competitive games, nature crafts, environmental education and teamwork enhance socialization and natural history knowledge.

## **EXPLORERS: entering grades 5 & 6** *(Session Code E)*

Campers will work as a team to choose pre-designed curriculum and explore the Blue Hills Reservation through hikes, natural history activities, and critical thinking challenges. Interactions focus on building campers positive relationships with one another and the environment.

## **ADVENTURERS: entering grades 7-9** *(Session Code A)*

Leadership and Adventure combine for a challenging experience in the out-of-doors. Teambuilding, critical thinking, outdoor living skills, and a community service project will allow campers to explore the Blue Hills Reservation, build on their foundation of Natural History knowledge, and enjoy working and socializing as a small group.

# Policies and Procedures

## **Group Placement**

Campers are placed in groups first by grade and then by age. Generally, we will have one group per grade level for the Chickadees and Naturalists. Because we want our campers to be able to learn and socialize in a developmentally appropriate setting we do not accept requests for group placement. Should your family have siblings that are in the same grade and you would rather that they participated in different groups from one another please contact the Camp Director to discuss the feasibility of this.

Staff members are trained to integrate campers into the group and encourage positive socialization and friendships at all times. We appreciate your understanding and acceptance of this essential policy.



## **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.

## **Paperwork & Payment Deadline**

All health forms and the balance of your fees are due on or before **June 1, 2010**. Those registering after June 1st must pay in full and complete all forms at the time of registration. Campers are not permitted to attend camp unless all camp specific paperwork is complete and payments have been received in full.

# Registration

A separate and fully completed registration form must be submitted for each camper by one of the methods detailed below. Please indicate sessions by the session code.

To become a Mass Audubon member, download additional registration forms or find more information please visit the Trailside Museum during our hours of operation: Friday-Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. or go to [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org)

## IMPORTANT Registration Notes

- Registrations are accepted by mail or in person *only* beginning January 15, 2010.
- Confirmations will be sent to you via the email address you provide so please be sure to write legibly.
- Registration is not complete unless accompanied by the full deposit.
- Please do not leave registrations under the door of the museum. If we are closed, our mailbox is located at the end of the driveway.
- For identity safety assurances, fax and email submissions are not accepted.



# Camp Fees and Hours

<u>Camp Fees</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nonmember</u>
<b>One-week sessions:</b>	<b>\$270</b>	<b>\$315</b>
<b>Two-week sessions:</b>	<b>\$540</b>	<b>\$600</b>
<b>Extended Day (1 week):</b>	<b>\$ 70</b>	<b>\$ 85</b>
<b>Extended Day (2 week):</b>	<b>\$ 110</b>	<b>\$135</b>

## Camp Hours

The traditional camp day is Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. *An Overnight for Naturalists and Explorers is offered the final Thursday of each two week session with pick up on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.*

The Extended Day Program is Monday-Friday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and includes games, sports, crafts, and small group activities.



## COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT) Program: *for students entering grades 10-12*

Campers will experience the inner workings of being a camp staff member first hand. A three week commitment is required. Campers will participate in workshops on leadership, child development, and behavior management and then put knowledge into practice while shadowing counselors, interacting with campers, and leading pre-planned activities.

To become a CIT there is an application that can be requested via phone or email. The program fee is \$100. CITs will be notified of acceptance on a rolling basis. Training will begin in mid-June. This is considered to be a volunteer program and does count for school community service.

To request information you may call 617-333-0690 x 227 or contact [bluehillscamp@massaudubon.org](mailto:bluehillscamp@massaudubon.org)

## 2010 Blue Hills Summer Camp

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Ph: 617-333-0690 x 227 [bluehillscamp@massaudubon.org](mailto:bluehillscamp@massaudubon.org)

**Fill out one form per child and return in person or by US Mail only.**

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Camper's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address (If different from parent) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evening phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M F Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in 2010 \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ First time at Blue Hills summer camp? Y N

Mass Audubon member # \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Required for member rate)

I am not a member but would like to join Mass Audubon, enclosed is a separate check for \$58

<b>Name of Session</b> (please circle the sessions you are interested in)	<b>Extended Day</b> (please circle corresponding sessions)
C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8 C9 C10	CX1 CX2 CX3 CX4 CX5 CX6
N1 N2 N3 N4 N5 N6	CX7 CX8 CX9 CX10
E1 E2 E3 E4 E5	NX1 NX2 NX3 NX4 NX5 NX6
A1	EX1 EX2 EX3 EX4 EX5

Enclosed is my full payment for camp \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enclosed is my full payment for extended day \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Enclosed is a donation for the scholarship fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Form of payment:

Cash  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Visa/Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_

Account #

Exp. Date

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand and accept the refund policy.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**Help a child discover nature—donate to Trailside's camp scholarship fund today. Thank you!**