

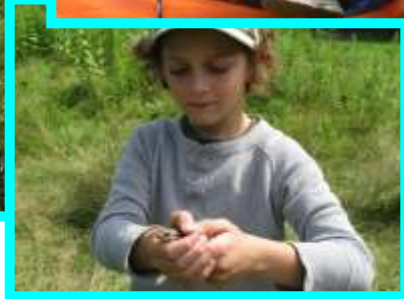
# Pleasant Valley Nature Camp 2010



# Come Join the Fun!

Pleasant Valley's camp, established in 1947, has allowed several generations of children to explore the natural world of the Berkshires. Approximately 1,300 acres of forest, meadows, mountains, brooks and beaver ponds provide a wonderful outdoor laboratory for children. Along with exploring nature, campers have the opportunity to meet new friends, do crafts and play games.

Our camp provides an environment where children can connect with nature and have the freedom to play, discover and explore their interest in the outdoors. The various programs include daily hikes within the sanctuary to observe animals and plants, related nature crafts, games, songs and more.



Our staff is made up of a group of enthusiastic naturalists who are dedicated to providing campers with the best summer experience possible. Many of our staff members were once campers themselves here at Pleasant Valley. They have come back to continue the **wonderful tradition of sharing their appreciation of nature with today's** campers. All of our camp staff members are trained in accordance with ACA accreditation standards including First Aid and CPR certification.

## Discoverers (ages 5-6)

Our youngest campers will participate in age-appropriate outdoor activities that enable them to relate to the wonders of nature through hands-on discovery.

### A is For Amphibian *(June 28-July 2)*

A frog is a what? An amphibian! Begin to learn about animal classification as we search for turtles, fish and frogs in our ponds, newts in our forests, birds in our meadows and mammals all around. Create crafts, play games and participate in activities inspired by the animals we meet along the way.

### Crafty Creatures *(July 5-9 or August 2-6)*

Take short hikes to the ponds, meadows and forests to explore the homes of **Pleasant Valley's creatures. Create artwork inspired by local animals. Play** games and participate in activities inspired by the animals you see and learn about.

### Amazing Mammals *(July 12-16)*

Beavers, and foxes and raccoons, oh my! Explore the many habitats of Pleasant Valley in search of mammal signs. Learn to look for clues that mammals are around. Create your own animal track and play games, make crafts and participate in activities about our furry friends.

### Water Explorers *(July 19-23 or August 16-20)*

**Explore Pleasant Valley's ponds, streams and pools. Get up close and personal** with salamanders, frogs, turtles and many other aquatic creatures. Play water games, make crafts, listen to stories, and don't forget your water shoes!

### Things with Wings *(July 26-30)*

Are bats really blind? Find out the answer to this and many other amazing facts about our friends with wings. Take a short hike to search for birds and their nests in the fields and the forests; create your own bird nest! Enjoy the many games, crafts and activities which will help us learn more about things with wings.



### A Buggy Good Time *(August 9-13)*

Investigate the secret world of insects living under rocks, logs, and earth in our forests, streams and ponds. Use bug boxes and magnifying glasses to get a closer look. Help build a tiny village of nature homes for our insect friends!

## Explorers (ages 7-8)

Campers take part in greater exploration of the sanctuary's many habitats—from meadow to wetland and forest. Each habitat holds wonders awaiting discovery through active learning in the out of doors.

### Life Down Under (*June 28-July 2 or August 16-20*)

Investigate the secret world of creatures living under rocks, logs and earth in the forests, fields, streams, and ponds of Pleasant Valley. We will look at the adaptations slugs, salamanders, shrews and other critters have for a life down under. Help build a tiny village of nature homes!

### Beavers and Bluebirds and Turtles, Oh My!

(*July 5-9 or August 2-6*)

Characteristics of animal groups-mammals, birds, amphibians-will be introduced through an animal of the day. Explore habitats, play games and create crafts to show all that you have learned.

### Winged Wonders (*July 12-16*)

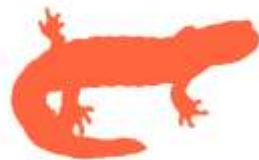
Do you know what a dragonfly looks like before it grows wings and can fly? See for yourself as we explore the life cycles of the many winged creatures that live in the fields, ponds and forests of Pleasant Valley. We will use nets, bug boxes, field guides and binoculars to observe these wonders up close and personal.

### Nature Arts & Crafts (*July 19-23*)

Get crafty using nature as your inspiration as we explore the fields, forests and wetlands of Pleasant Valley. Create unique works of art from natural and recycled objects. Play games and participate in fun activities.

### Amazing Metamorphosis (*July 26-30*)

Take a closer look at creatures that undergo the amazing process of metamorphosis. Explore our forest, ponds, pools, streams and fields for salamanders, frogs, caterpillars and cocoons.



### Nature Sleuths (*August 9-13*)

Animals are everywhere, many times they are hiding right under our noses! Learn about animal adaptations, learn how to identify animal signs and find their traces, play tracking games, and explore the many habitats of Pleasant Valley.

## Naturalists (ages 9-11)

**A sharper focus on the sanctuary's biological communities and the many creatures that call each home make up the camper's session.** Some sessions include an overnight campout as well as a hike to the summit of Lenox mountain.

### **An Animal A Day...** *(June 28-July 2)*

Learn about a different animal every day! Hike to its habitat, search for and learn to identify its signs, and learn how to tell the differences between mammals, amphibians, reptiles and many more.

### Wilderness Survival *(July 5-9 or Aug 2-6)*

**Find out what it's like to survive in the great outdoors! Learn how to make shelters, cook an outdoor meal, use maps and compasses, stay dry and have fun while staying safe in the great outdoors.** Put your skills to use at a Pleasant Valley campout. These sessions include an overnight on Wednesday.

### Nature Photographers *(July 12-16)*

Hike throughout Pleasant Valley while learning to compose pictures and work with natural lighting. Campers are responsible for providing their own camera and processing.

### More Trees Please! *(July 19-23 or August 16-20)*

Are you green? Come spend the week with us and learn about the many actions you can take to protect our Earth. Learn about invasive species, Leave No Trace principles, and old-age techniques of living off the land through stories, games, crafts, and activities. Join us for the Pleasant Valley campout where you will cook food over the campfire, enjoy a night hike and sleep in tents. These sessions include an overnight on Wednesday.



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### Nature of Art *(August 9-13)*

Translate images from nature into art you create with paint, pencil, fabric, natural objects and other media. Explore the forests, fields and wetlands of Pleasant Valley for inspiration as you work on the trails for some projects and return to the educational center for others. Display your favorite works for Parents Open House on Friday.

## Ecologists (ages 12-13)

Campers gain insight into the greater complexities of the natural world through interactive, hands-on and exploratory studies of the **sanctuary's significant biological diversity**. A greater emphasis on species identification and understanding of natural cycles helps campers appreciate the interconnectedness of all life. Some ecologist sessions include an overnight campout and hike to the summit of Lenox Mountain.

### Water, Water Everywhere! *(June 28-July 2)*

Explore the streams, ponds and pools of Pleasant Valley while finding and learning to identify aquatic species using nets, hand lenses, fish traps and field guides. Learn about the water cycle and healthy wetland habitats. Join in for a game of Macro invertebrate Mayhem!

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### Expert Identifiers (August 9-13)

Explore the many habitats of Pleasant Valley and learn to expertly identify many of the flora and fauna that call our different habitats home. We will use nets, bug boxes, binoculars, and field guides to become expert identifiers.

#### Show Your Mass Audubon Pride!

These new shoe charms fit in Croc™ and Croc-like shoes. Get your shoe charm with a \$10 donation to the Camp Enrichment Fund at Pleasant Valley Nature Camp.

The Camp Enrichment Fund helps to ensure that the camp experience gets better every year! You can make your donation on the registration form, or online at

[www.massaudubon.org/shocharm](http://www.massaudubon.org/shocharm)



There's more to explore at Wildwood, Mass Audubon's only overnight camp, in Rindge, New Hampshire. Choose 1- or 2-week overnight camp sessions for campers aged 9-14, Teen Adventure Trips for campers aged 14-17, or Leaders-in-Training programs for campers entering grades 10-12. Everyone is welcome at our 4-day Family Camp programs. Go wild this summer! Call toll-free 866-MAS-CAMP for more information, or visit Wildwood online at [www.massaudubon.org/wildwood](http://www.massaudubon.org/wildwood).

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A Mass Audubon Camp for Outdoor Exploration

## Hours

Camp is held Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. All sessions are one week long. Campers may register for one or multiple one-week sessions.

## Ages of Children

Campers must be at least 5 years old at the start of their camp session. We do not offer camp for children under 5, but do offer a program **called "Knee-high Naturalists" for children ages 3 & 4 during the summer.** Please see our program catalog or [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org) for more information.

## Registration

To register, please return completed registration form along with your \$50 non-refundable deposit (per session) check or credit card information to:

Pleasant Valley Nature Camp  
472 West Mountain Road  
Lenox, MA 01240

Please make checks payable to *Mass Audubon*. Full payment is due two weeks before the start date of the session.

For identity safety assurances, fax and e-mail submissions are not accepted.

## Financial Aid

Financial aid is available on a limited basis to those with financial need. Call 413-637-0320 to request an application. Completed financial aid forms are due to our office by May 14, 2010.

Do you have multiple campers and require additional forms? Additional forms are available on our website at [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org).

## Refund Policy

A non-refundable deposit of \$50 per session, to be applied to the tuition balance, is required for registration and will not be refunded under any circumstances. Refunds are not made for sick days, absence, failure to attend or dismissal. Fee balances, paid by cash, check, or credit card, and camp forms must be received by our office no later than two weeks prior to the start of a camp session.

Failure to submit payment or camp forms by that date will result in a \$15 late fee. No refunds will be made after that date, and deposits are non-refundable.

## Campouts

Campouts occur on Wednesday nights, for sessions that include one. Campers remain at camp the day after the campout for a full day.

## Reduced Fees for Multiple Sessions!

If registering a child for more than one session, please deduct \$25 from the fee for sessions two through eight.

## Not a member?

Go to [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org) or stop by the sanctuary to become a member today and begin enjoying the wonderful benefits of membership including reduced camp and program rates. You can also become a member when you register for camp!



## 2010 Camp Schedule

	Dates	Session	Fee Member/Nonmember	Theme
<i>Discoverers Ages 5-6</i>	6/28-7/2	D1	\$260/\$300	A is For Amphibian
	7/5-7/9	D2	\$260/\$300	Crafty Creatures
	7/12-7/16	D3	\$260/\$300	Amazing Mammals
	7/19-7/23	D4	\$260/\$300	Water Explorers
	7/26-7/30	D5	\$260/\$300	Things With Wings
	8/2-8/6	D6	\$260/\$300	Crafty Creatures
	8/9-8/13	D7	\$260/\$300	A Buggy Good Time
	8/16-8/20	D8	\$260/\$300	Water Explorers
<b>Explorers Ages 7-8</b>	6/28-7/2	E1	\$260/\$300	Life Down Under
	7/5-7/9	E2	\$260/\$300	Beavers and Bluebirds and Turtles, Oh My!
	7/12-7/16	E3	\$260/\$300	Winged Wonders
	7/19-7/23	E4	\$260/\$300	Nature Arts & Crafts
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<i>Naturalists Ages 9-11 (Starred sessions include campout)</i>	6/28-7/2	N1	\$260/\$300	<b>An Animal A Day...</b>
	7/5-7/9	*N2*	\$325/\$375	Wilderness Survival
	7/12-7/16	N3	\$260/\$300	Nature Photographers
	7/19-7/23	*N4*	\$325/\$375	More Trees Please!
	7/26-7/30	N5	\$260/\$300	Life Down Under
	8/2-8/6	*N6*	\$325/\$375	Wilderness Survival
	8/9-8/13	N7	\$260/\$300	Nature of Art
	8/16-8/20	*N8*	\$325/\$375	More Trees Please!
<b>Ecologists Ages 12-13 (Starred sessions include campout)</b>	6/28-7/2	EC1	\$260/\$300	Water, Water Everywhere!
	7/5-7/9	*EC2*	\$325/\$375	More Trees Please!
	7/12-7/16	EC3	\$260/\$300	Nature of Art
	7/19-7/23	*EC4*	\$325/\$375	Wilderness Survival
	7/26-7/30	EC5	\$260/\$300	Nature Photographers
	8/2-8/6	*EC6*	\$325/\$375	More Trees Please!
	8/9-8/13	EC7	\$260/\$300	Expert Identifiers
	8/16-8/20	*EC8*	\$325/\$375	Wilderness Survival



Registration Form

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female

Grade entering 9/2010: \_\_\_\_\_

Has Camper Previously Attended this Camp? Y / N Year \_\_\_\_\_

Sessions desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass Audubon Member #(REQUIRED for member rate) \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our camp?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mass Audubon Family Membership fee (if applicable) .....\$ 58

Donate to the camp scholarship fund. For each \$10 donation we'll send you a camp shoe charm! (see page 6) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid or charged now (minimum \$50 deposit per child, per session, balance due two weeks before sessions start date).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed the program and determined that is appropriate for my child. I understand that the fees paid by cash, check, or credit card for day camp tuition will only be reimbursed in accordance with the written policy (page 7).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method  Check included  Credit Card

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Type (circle one) MC    VISA    DISCOVER

**"I agree to allow the Massachusetts Audubon Society to charge my Discover/ MasterCard/ VISA in the amount specified above and understand that refunds will only be provided in accordance with the refund policy (stated on page 7). Signature**  
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