

Arcadia Nature Day Camp

For children ages 4 through 12

Summer 2012

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 immediately receive the discounted camp 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.



If you don't have a use for this brochure, please pass it on to someone who might. Thank You!

2012 Arcadia Summer Day Camp Schedule

Woolly Bears Group

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, 2012)

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

- Session WB June 25-29

Fee: \$210 Mass Audubon members, \$275 non-members

Fireflies Group

Arcadia will offer two 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 the popular all camp game of predator/prey.

Entering grades 1-5

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

- Session FF1 June 25-29
- Session FF2 August 27-31

Fee: \$250 Mass Audubon members, \$315 non-members

Hummingbirds, Kingfishers, and Great Blue Herons Groups

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

Hummingbirds, Kingfishers, and Great Blue Herons each have age appropriate daily natural history themes. Each session includes an all camp game of Predator/Prey, and an Expedition Day. All two-week sessions include our popular 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 permitting).

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

- Session 1 July 2-6 (one-week) *
- Session 2 July 9-20 (two-week)
- Session 3 July 23- August -3 (two-week)
- Session 4 August 6 -17(two-week)
- Session 5 August 20-24 (one-week)

Fee sessions 1,5 (Hummingbirds and Kingfishers)
\$250 Mass Audubon members, \$315 non-members
Fee sessions 2, 3,4,(Hummingbirds and Kingfishers)
\$425 Mass Audubon members, \$490 non-members

Fee sessions 1,5 (Great Blue Herons)
\$260 Mass Audubon members, \$325 non-members
Fee sessions 2, 3,4, (Great Blue Herons)
\$435 Mass Audubon members, \$500 non-members

*Camp is held on July 4



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

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

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

Please print and use one form per camper. This form may be photocopied and found on line at www.massaudubon.org

Camper's Name (first/last) _____	
Date of Birth: _____	Age as of 6/1/12 _____
Grade entering in Fall 2012 _____ Circle one: Female Male	
Street Address: _____ Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
First Parent/Guardian _____	Second Parent/Guardian _____
Eve Phone: _____ Cell: _____	Eve Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Day Phone: _____	Day Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Please send a financial aid form <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N May we share your name with others interested in carpooling? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	

Please enroll my child for the following groups.

Group <u>(Sample) Hummingbirds</u>	Session <u>H3</u>	Dates <u>July 23-August 3</u>
Group _____	Session _____	Dates _____
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(Deposits required: \$50 for each one- week session; \$100 for each two-week session.)

- To qualify for camp tuition discounts you must be a current Mass Audubon member at the \$65 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.

Membership ID # _____

Expiration Date _____

New Membership or Membership Renewal	\$ _____
Camp payment/deposit	\$ _____
Contribution to Day Camp Scholarship Fund	\$ _____
Total amount enclosed	\$ _____

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

Name on card: _____ Card Number: _____

Amount to be charged \$ _____ Exp. Date: _____

I agree to allow the Massachusetts Audubon Society to charge my Visa/Discover or 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: _____



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Arcadia Summer 2012 Day Camp Enrollment Information

- **COMPLETE SEPARATE FORMS** for each child you enroll for camp. You may photocopy the enrollment form.
- **Mail or phone** in enrollment form(s) and check(s) to:
Arcadia Day Camp
127 Combs Road, Easthampton, MA 01027
413-584-3009 or 1-800-710-4550 E-mail: Arcadia@massaudubon.org

DEPOSIT of \$50 for one-week sessions or \$100 for two-week sessions is required to hold each child's space in camp. All deposits are nonrefundable. When enrolling after June 1, payment is required in full. If your family has a special circumstance, please contact the Camp Director to discuss options. Stated fees include this amount; it is not an additional charge.

DEADLINES: The balance of the camp fees are due on or before **June 1**, unless a payment plan has been set up with the Camp Director. The forms for camp are due 3 weeks prior to attendance. A **LATE FEE** of \$20 per camper is automatically added to your balance if any forms or payments are late and/or incomplete. If payment or forms are incomplete, a camper's slot is not guaranteed. If registering after June 1, payment is required in full unless special arrangements are made with the Camp Director. No camper is allowed to attend camp unless all forms, waivers, and payments are complete.

TRANSFER POLICY: Transfers are allowed up to 4 weeks prior to a session start, after which time a \$20 fee will be charged.

REFUND POLICY: Camp fees include a nonrefundable deposit. Refunds are not made for dismissal, failure to attend, absence, or sick days. Cancellations must be made in writing. If you cancel 4 weeks prior to the beginning of the session, you will receive a full refund minus the deposit. If less than 4 weeks notice is given, you will receive a 50% refund, minus the deposit, only if your slot is filled. We reserve the right to cancel a session due to low enrollment. In this event a full refund will be made including the deposit.

- **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.

- *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.



There's more to explore at Wildwood, Mass Audubon's overnight camp, in Rindge, NH. Choose 1- or 2-week sessions for campers ages 9-14, Teen Adventure Trips for campers ages 14-17, or Leaders-in-Training 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.wildwoodcamp.org.

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.



Questions? Please call 413-584-3009 ext. 812 for registration questions or ext. 814 to speak to the Camp Director