

We are pleased to have a financial aid program that allows a diversity of campers to experience Wellfleet Bay Natural History Summer Day Camp and our satellite camp in Chatham each year. Please read the following information **before** completing a financial aid application and contact us if you have questions.

**Where does Wellfleet Bay get funds to award as financial aid?**

The amount of financial aid available for camp scholarships is limited and will vary each year depending on the level of funds made available from the following sources:

- Donations made to the Day Camp Scholarship Fund on the registration form
- Profits made from the sale of day camp t-shirts
- Annual distributions from special endowment funds set up to support day camp scholarships
- Donations made by generous members through special fundraising appeals

**How does Wellfleet Bay decide who receives financial aid?**

Wellfleet Bay awards financial aid by application, and any family is welcome to apply. To apply for financial assistance you must send the following:

1. A completed registration form along with a \$25 deposit
2. Income verification documentation
3. A completed financial assistance application

Assistance is awarded for **one session per camper, per summer**. We consider income and family size. We may further reduce a family's expected contribution based on particular circumstances. All financial aid is ultimately awarded at the discretion of the Wellfleet Bay Day Camp Director and the Sanctuary Director.

Please note: To qualify for the Cape Cod Resident Discount and/or Financial Assistance, you must be a current Mass Audubon member at the Family level or above and be the parent, grandparent, or legal guardian of the camper being enrolled. To check your membership status, please call Member Services at 781-259-9500.

**Does Wellfleet Bay guarantee financial aid?**

Wellfleet Bay does not guarantee that a particular camper or family will receive financial assistance. Even if a camper has received assistance before, we cannot guarantee that we'll be able to support a camper at the same level the next summer. As your family's expenses increase every year, so do Wellfleet Bay's. Once your camper has attended Wellfleet Bay Day Camp, we hope your family will plan ahead to make camp fit into a future budget.

We review applications and award assistance after the May 9, 2012 deadline. If we receive a financial assistance application after May 9, 2012 we will keep your application on file to be reconsidered if another family has a change of plans and more assistance becomes available.

**I don't think my family will qualify for assistance. What else can we do to make camp more affordable?**

**Become a Mass Audubon member:** A membership at the family level or higher, kept current through the camp session, entitles you to a discount on camp programs. You pay the membership fee only once a year, no matter how many programs members of your family attend. A grandparent's membership at the family level or higher earns the member discount for a grandchild's camp registration.

**Cape Cod Resident Discount:** You may receive a \$20 discount for half day or \$40 discount for full day per week per child with proof of enrollment in a Cape Cod school district. A copy of a report card, progress report, or letter from the school will all suffice as proof of enrollment. **Ask about a payment plan:** Generally, as long as camp tuition is paid in full at least two weeks before camp, you may make a greater number of smaller payments or spread your payments over a larger time period in a way that suits your family's budget. Please speak to us if you want to set up a payment plan.

**Explore community resources:** There may be funds available from schools and parent organizations, service or environmental clubs, or other community resources (ex. Bailey Boyd Association) that can help you reduce the cost of camp for your family. Families find assistance through these avenues each year. We also provide scholarships through local school systems. Please inquire with the Day Camp Director or your child's teacher about the availability of scholarships.

**If you still have questions about Wellfleet Bay's financial assistance program, please feel free to contact us at 508-349-2615 or [wellfleetbaycamp@massaudubon.org](mailto:wellfleetbaycamp@massaudubon.org).**



**Wellfleet Bay Natural History Day Camp and  
Mass Audubon's Natural History Day Camp in Chatham Financial Assistance Application  
2012**

**Important: Please circle the camp location:**

**Wellfleet**

**Chatham**

If you are applying for financial assistance for several campers, you may complete one application for your family. List all campers' names, birthdates, and grades, and include the costs of all the camp sessions requested in step 3.

Camper Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering Fall '12 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Camper Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering Fall '12 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Camper \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Reach You \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to apply for financial assistance for the following week:**

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Camper's Group	Weekly Session	Date
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Camper's Group	Weekly Session	Date
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Has your camper attended summer day camp at Wellfleet Bay or another Mass Audubon site in a previous year? (Please list Mass Audubon programs your camper attended and which years.)

**How did you hear about Wellfleet Bay and Wellfleet Bay's Financial Aid Program?**

(If you were referred, please include the name of the person or agency that referred you.)

**Step 1: Family Income**

What was your family's income for the last complete calendar year? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Include any income from wages, salary, tips, interest & dividends, unemployment compensation, Social Security benefits, etc. – usually the amount reported in the Income section of a federal tax return.)

How many family members receive total support from this income? \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2: Income Verification (Required – your application cannot be processed without it.)**

Please **attach** a copy of the **first page** of your most recent federal income tax return. (Do not include schedules, worksheets, or state returns.) If a tax return is not available, include copies of W-2 forms or letters detailing Social Security benefits, unemployment compensation, or other income. If your current income is **not** accurately reflected on your tax return or other verification, please explain how your income has changed.

**You MUST remove Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, and other sensitive identifying information before sending your documents!**

**Step 3: Family Contribution & Financial Aid Request**

Of the total tuition amount, \$\_\_\_\_\_, our family can contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_.

(To provide assistance to as many campers as possible, we ask families to contribute as large a portion as they can reasonably afford.)

My family requests a financial assistance award of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Step 4: Additional Information Regarding Financial Need**

Please help us understand your family's financial situation. Are there special circumstances you would like us to consider? You may include information regarding medical expenses, school or college expenses, childcare expenses (including other summer programs), eldercare expenses, child support payments, emergency expenses, unemployment, etc. Attach additional pages if necessary.

**Step 5: Anticipated Benefits of Attending Wellfleet Bay**

Please share with us how you hope your camper will benefit from attending a Wellfleet Bay Summer Day Camp program. If your camper is returning to Wellfleet Bay, please tell us how Wellfleet Bay has positively influenced your camper. Attach additional pages if necessary.

**Signature Required:** I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided on this application is truthful and accurate. I understand that if the information I have provided is found to be untrue, my financial assistance may be revoked.

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

**Return Completed Application, Income Verification, Camp Registration Form, and \$25 Deposit to:**

Mass Audubon, Wellfleet Bay  
Attn: Day Camp  
PO Box 236  
South Wellfleet, MA 02663

**Please do not send your financial aid application materials by e-mail or fax. Use postal mail.**

**Office Use Only**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Awarded \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Notification \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acceptance \_\_\_\_\_ Family Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Final Payment Received \_\_\_\_\_