

Registration Procedures for Junior Naturalists and all Home School classes for 2016-2017

To register for **Junior Naturalists, (5 years old)** and **Home School programs (6-13 years old)**, please call Dan McCullough at 617-489-5050 x206. These programs are filled on a first come basis. Full payment is due at the time of registration, \$50 of which is non-refundable. Parents may only register their own children. Mass Audubon **membership is required** for all weekly programs. The fall session begins the week of October 3 (except for the oldest group which starts Friday, September 30.) The winter/spring session will begin in January 2017. Children enrolled in the fall session will have first priority.

Refund Policy: Withdrawal from a program prior to the first class will result in a refund minus a \$50 registration fee. Withdrawal from a program after the start date will result in a prorated refund minus a \$50 registration fee.

Junior Naturalists

For children age 5 by December 31, 2016

Erika Whitworth

Dates: 10 Thursdays, Oct 6–Dec 15, 1:00-3:00pm

Fee: \$250

Erika is looking for 5-year-olds who love to play and explore and learn outside. Slugs in the garden, bugs in the pond; lots to discover in the meadow and beyond! Come spend one afternoon a week learning about our natural world and have a great time doing it! *Program is designed for children who miss the kindergarten cut-off in September or who are being homeschooled. Class will not meet November 24.*

Home School Naturalists

Autumn offers wonderful seasonal events to experience. Habitat will be our outdoor classroom as we witness the sanctuary's plants and animals in this special season. Each week time will be spent outdoors whatever the weather. *Classes will not meet the week of November 21.*

Session 1: (For children ages 6-7 by Fall 2016)

Chris Casolaro

Dates: 10 Wednesdays, Oct 5-Dec. 14, 10:00-noon

Fee: \$250

Session 2: (For children ages 8-9 by Fall 2016)

Barbara Tarrh

Dates: 10 Tuesdays, Oct. 4-Dec. 13, **10:00-noon**

Fee: \$250

Session 3: (For children ages 10-11 by Fall 2016)

Boot Boutwell

Dates: 10 Thursdays, Oct. 6-Dec. 15, 9:30-11:30 am

Fee: \$250

Home School @ Habitat

For children ages 12-13 by Fall 2016

All units taught by Dan McCullough

This program is a series of 2-4 week units on a variety of topics throughout the year. Each two hour class will spend time inside and out exploring the natural world. Some homework will be required. Units can be signed up for separately.

Units and bios on next page.

Mushrooms and Mold

Dates: 2 Fridays, Sep 30 & Oct 7, 10:00-noon

Fee: \$50

It's a great time of the year to explore the strange world of fungi. We'll put our observation skills to the test by finding what is out on the property, before examining them under microscopes and learning some basic ID techniques.

H2O for H2Ome Sch2Ool

Dates: 4 Fridays, Oct 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 10:00-noon

Fee: \$100

Come explore the wet and sometimes wild water at Habitat. From ponds to brooks to our new rainwater retention system, water abounds! We'll run some tests, do some comparisons and generally get wet.

The Stone Walls of New England

Dates: 3 Fridays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 10:00-noon

Fee: \$75

The stone walls in our area have stories to tell. From the glaciers to farmland to landscaping, stone walls have served many purposes. Using Robert Thorson's *Stone by Stone* as a historical backdrop, we'll explore the stone walls at Habitat.

About our home school teachers:

Roland "Boot" Boutwell earned a Certificate in Native Plant Studies from the New England Wild Flower Society in 2000. He teaches and leads guided walks for a variety of nature and conservation organizations including NEWFS, Appalachian Mountain Club, Friends of Middlesex Fells, and Mass Audubon. He has been a Teacher/Naturalist with Habitat since 1997. He is also been seen on many an occasion leading his groups in a song on his guitar.

Chris Casolaro is a full time Teacher/Naturalist at Habitat where he teaches a number of programs including Coyote Club, Outreach school programs, and camp. He graduated from Boston College in 2013 with a BS in Biology and Minor in Italian. Chris is looking forward to bringing his knowledge of New England wildlife and gardening to our home school community.

Dan McCullough is Education Coordinator for onsite programs at Habitat. He graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington with a BS in Education. When not teaching he can often be found scouring the Habitat property for mushrooms and slime molds. A published poet, he brings a love for both words and wildlife to his home school units. He has been with Habitat since 2001.

Barbara Tarrh received a BS in Education from Salem State University but detoured into the fields of publishing and manufacturing before taking time to raise three sons. She was delighted to discover Habitat through a New England Wildflower Society course, and enthusiastically completed teacher/naturalist training in 2004 to resume working with children. She occasionally translates her love of plants and wildlife to fabric and thread in the form of art quilts.