

Broadmoor Nature Camp

2019 Financial Aid Program

We are pleased to have a financial aid program that allows a diversity of campers to experience Broadmoor each year. Please read the following information **before** completing a financial aid application.

Where does Broadmoor get funds to award as financial aid?

- Donations made to the financial aid fund on the camp registration form
- The Robert and Virginia Weinig Camp Scholarship Endowment Fund

How does Broadmoor decide who receives financial aid?

Broadmoor awards financial aid by application, and we review applications in the order that they are received. You may apply for financial aid without paying a deposit, although we do need you to send a completed registration form with your financial aid application. Aid is awarded for **one session per camper, per summer**. We consider income, expenses and family size. We may further reduce a family's expected contribution based on particular circumstances. Everyone awarded financial aid is expected to pay a portion of the camp tuition, and no one receives an award of the full amount of tuition. All financial aid is ultimately awarded at the discretion of the Sanctuary Director.

Does Broadmoor guarantee financial aid?

Broadmoor does not guarantee that a particular camper or family will receive financial aid. Even if a camper has received aid 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 Broadmoor's. Once your camper has attended Broadmoor, we hope that your family will plan ahead to make camp fit into a future budget. We review applications and award aid in the order applications are received, and it is best to apply as soon as you know you want to send a camper to Broadmoor. If we receive a financial aid application after the budgeted aid has been awarded or after your desired session has filled, we will let you know and will keep your application on file to be reconsidered if another family has a change of plans and more aid or space becomes available.

What else can we do to make camp more affordable?

Become a Mass Audubon member A membership at the family level or higher, purchased when it is convenient for you and kept current through the camp session, entitles you to the advertised camp fee. 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 can cover the membership status for a grandchild's camp registration. If you are not a Mass Audubon member when you apply for financial aid, we may include a membership in your financial aid offer.

Ask about a payment plan Generally, as long as camp tuition is paid in full at by the start of your camper's camp session, 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 the Camp Director if you want to set up a payment plan.

Consider a shorter session One-week sessions are less expensive than two-week sessions.

Explore community resources There may be funds available from schools and parent organizations, United Way chapters, service or environmental clubs, or other community resources that can help you reduce the cost of camp for your family. Families find aid through these avenues each year.



Attn: Elissa Landre, Sanctuary Director

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION
Summer 2019

Confidential

Applicant's Name _____ Relationship to camper(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ / _____ / _____
(Home) (Work) (Cell)

E-mail _____

1. Camper's Name _____ Grade entering Fall 2019 _____

Camp Program / Session / Dates _____

Before Camp dates _____ After Camp dates _____

2. Camper's Name _____ Grade entering Fall 2019 _____

Camp Program / Session / Dates _____

Before Camp dates _____ After Camp dates _____

3. Camper's Name _____ Grade entering Fall 2019 _____

Camp Program / Session / Dates _____

Before Camp dates _____ After Camp dates _____

4. Camper's Name _____ Grade entering Fall 2019 _____

Camp Program / Session / Dates _____

Before Camp dates _____ After Camp dates _____

Office use only:

Date Application Received _____

Amount Awarded _____

Date of Notification _____

Date of Acceptance _____

Funds Transferred _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. What is your family's combined gross income for this year? \$ _____
(Combined gross income is defined as "income from whatever source derived," including interest and dividends received.)

For how many people does this income provide total support? _____

2. **Required information:** Attach a copy of the first page of your most recent **federal tax return**. If a tax return is not available, include copies of W-2 forms or a letter 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 in writing how your income has changed. **You MUST remove Social Security numbers, bank account numbers and other protected information before sending your documents!**

3. How much can you contribute toward the camp fee? \$ _____
(In order to provide assistance to as many campers as possible, we ask families to contribute as large a portion of the total fee as they can reasonably afford.)

4. How much assistance are you seeking? \$ _____

5. Have you received financial assistance from this camp in past years? _____
If yes, when? _____ How much? \$ _____

6. What other camps or programs will your child be attending this summer? _____

7. Please explain below why you are requesting financial assistance. To help us understand your family's financial situation, please include special circumstances such as medical expenses, school or college expenses, childcare expenses (including other summer camp or summer school programs), elderly care expenses, child support payments, housing expenses, etc. The more detail you are able to provide, the more accurate and helpful our financial assistance can be. Feel free to attach a separate page if necessary.

8. Please share with us how you hope your child will benefit from attending Broadmoor Summer Camp this summer. If your child is a returning camper, please tell us how Broadmoor has impacted your child in the past.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in response to the above questions is truthful and accurate.

Signature _____ **Date** _____