2020
WILD at ART
SUMMER DAY CAMP
Welcome to Wild at Art Camp!

Give your child the chance to experience the transformative power of art and nature at the beautiful Museum of American Bird Art in Canton.

Our unique camp setting—part wildlife sanctuary, part art museum and studio—inspires creativity, promotes well-being, and enhances connections to nature. We provide a safe, fun-filled camp experience specially designed to nurture a child’s happiness and sense of wonder.

Campers have fun and build lasting friendships while naturalists, teaching artists, and trained counselors lead them in outdoor explorations and creative art projects, including kiln-fired pottery, painting, mixed media, printmaking, and more.

A DAY AT CAMP

7:45–9:00 am  Before-Camp Program (optional)
9:00–9:15 am  Camper drop-off
9:15 am  Opening Circle and all-camp activity
9:30 am  Morning nature, art activities, and snack
12:00 pm  Preschool Half Day pick-up
12:00 pm  Lunch and Free Choice activity
1:00 pm  Afternoon nature and art activities
2:45 pm  Closing Circle
3:00–3:15 pm  Camper pick-up
3:00–5:30 pm  After-Camp Program (optional)

NEW THIS YEAR!

Expanded Nature & Art Travel Week sessions, including Field Biology, Marine Biology, and traveling with acclaimed artist, Sherrie York

Half Day Preschool Program for campers ages 3 to 4.5

Sessions on Herpetology and Stream Ecology, Animal Architecture, and Amazing Amphibians and Remarkable Reptiles

OUR CAMP DIRECTOR

Sean Kent is in his sixth year as Education and Camp Director. Sean is a skilled educator and leader with broad experience working with children in the art studio, the classroom, and the outdoors. He has a master’s degree in Field Biology, and his research on pollinators and species interactions has taken him from the Boston Harbor Islands to Belize. Sean lives in Mansfield with his partner, Kaitlyn, and three daughters, Ella, Johanna, and Serena.

OUR CAMP STAFF

We are thrilled that Sarah Howdy is returning as our assistant camp director. Cam Boyce will be returning and leading our after-camp program. Our camp staff is committed to cultivating a safe, diverse, and inclusive environment, allowing campers to thrive, create, explore, build friendships, and be happy. Team members have expertise in environmental education, ecology, and art. All undergo background checks and attend a pre-camp training on safety, child development, and natural history, and all counselors are certified in first-aid and CPR.
CAMP SESSIONS AT A GLANCE

NATURE & ART TRAVEL-WEEK SESSIONS
Ages 11–15
July 6–10  Shore to Shore: Nature, Art, and Exploration
July 20–24  Field Biology, Climate Connections, and Nature Journaling: Nature, Art, & Exploration

MINI-SESSIONS
Ages 4.5–6 & 7–8
June 29–July 1  That’s Wild: Water Safari
July 2–3  Art Immersion: Wild Painting

Ages 9–10 & 11–13
June 29–July 1  Dig it Design: Animal Architecture
July 2–3  Aquatic Adventures

ONE-WEEK SESSIONS
Ages 3–4.5 (9:30 am–12:00 pm)
July 6–10  The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Friends
July 13–17  Shapes and Patterns in Nature
July 20–24  Water Water Everywhere
July 27–31  Salamander Safari
August 3–7  Nature Neighborhood
August 10–14  Animal Families

Ages 4.5–6 & 7–8
June 22–26  The Lorax: Being Nature’s Superhero
July 6–10  Clay-mazing Treasure Hunters
July 13–17  That’s Wild: Owl Extravaganza (Live Animal Week)
July 20–24  Discovering Where the Wild Things Are
July 27–31  That’s Wild: Butterfly Safari
August 3–7  That’s Wild: Clay-mazing Flyers
August 10–14  Amazing Amphibians and Remarkable Reptiles

Ages 9–10 & 11–13
June 22–26  Nature’s Serenade: Acoustic Ecology
July 13–17  Owl Ecology and Art
July 20–24  Nature Photography: Build a Digital Camera to Create Wild Art
July 27–31  Painting Immersion: Nature’s Palette
August 10–14  Herpetology and Stream Ecology

SPECIALTY SESSIONS
Ages 9–10 & 11–14
July 13–24  Ceramics and Pottery Inspired by Nature
August 3–14  Nature’s Canvas: Painting, Journaling, & Field Biology

“ As a first time camper my daughter didn’t know anyone and didn’t know what to expect. With the staff’s calm, positive, and enthusiastic guidance and supervision, she started to explore nature and art in a way she never had a chance to before.”

—Camp Parent
Ages 4–6 & 7–8

THAT’S WILD: WATER SAFARI
June 29–July 1
$200 members; $250 nonmembers
Splish-splash, exploring water is a blast! Go on a salamander safari at our vernal pool and search for crayfish and more in our brook. Let your imagination run wild as you create art inspired by salamanders and water, including stamp making, painting, and suminagashi (the Japanese art of paper marbling using water and ink).

ART IMMERSION: WILD PAINTING
July 2–3
$140 members; $190 nonmembers
Get creative with paint, using spray bottles, bubbles, splatter screens, and homemade brushes. Look for wet wildlife, such as frogs and salamanders, and play water games.

Ages 9–10 & 11–13

DIG IT DESIGN: ANIMAL ARCHITECTURE
June 29–July 1
$200 members; $250 nonmembers
Do you love to build, design, and create? Explore our wildlife sanctuary and discover intricate designs used in nature. Learn how birds make nests, ants build colonies, and other animals design habitats. Let the sanctuary be your canvas as you create landscape art and build with natural materials.

AQUATIC ADVENTURES
July 2–3
$140 members; $190 nonmembers
Catch and release crayfish, discover how dragonflies spend some of their life underwater, and use our digital microscope to uncover the miniature world hidden in a drop of vernal pond water. Become an aquatic ecologist as you explore our brook and vernal pool. Your discoveries will inspire your art projects, including mixed-media paintings, collage, and more.

Mini-Sessions

Camp was SUPER EPIC! We painted our clay birds. Some of our birds broke, but it was ok. I love camp!

—Camper
THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR & FRIENDS
July 6–10
Brown bear, brown bear, what do you see? Go on a week-long safari, exploring our wildlife sanctuary through favorite children's books. Learn about hungry caterpillars, mixed up chameleons, and many more Eric Carle favorites. Create paintings and other amazing art using Eric Carle’s storybooks as inspiration.

SHAPES & PATTERNS IN NATURE
July 13–17
Go on a shape hunt and look for repetitions in nature. Build a kaleidoscope with materials that we find in nature.

WATER WATER EVERYWHERE
July 20–24
Splish-splash, exploring water is a blast! Play with water and go on a safari searching for the ways water is used in nature. Create amazing water-inspired art.

SALAMANDER SAFARI
July 27–31
Go on a salamander safari to our vernal pool. Let your imagination run wild as you create salamander inspired art, including making clay salamanders.

NATURE NEIGHBORHOOD
August 3–7
Explore our wildlife sanctuary searching for the different types of homes in nature. Learn what animals need for their homes and what makes them comfy and safe. We will create art inspired by the experience and make a habitat to meet all the needs of our favorite real or imaginary animals.

ANIMAL FAMILIES
August 10–14
Discover the different types of families that live in our wildlife sanctuary. Go exploring for animal babies in nature and create art inspired by the experience. Play baby-parent matching games and go on an egg hunt learning which eggs belong to which birds. Learn about the special ways parents take care of their kids in nature.

*Ages 3–4.5*
9:30 am–12:00 pm
$200 members, $235 nonmembers

*Children must be self-sufficient in the bathroom and at least three years old by the start of camp.*
One-Week Sessions

**THE LORAX: BEING NATURE’S SUPERHERO**
June 22–26
$335 members; $385 nonmembers
Using the Lorax as inspiration, enter the world of Dr. Seuss and become a nature superhero! Using all your senses, learn about the ways animals and plants are nature superheroes and how you can be one, too. Using art and stories created by Dr. Seuss as inspiration, and your own imagination, create your own world through art.

**CLAY-MAZING TREASURE HUNTERS**
July 6–10
$360 members; $410 nonmembers
Explore the wildlife sanctuary and search for wildlife treasure. Create clay artifacts using different ceramic techniques, make maps, and create mixed media art inspired by your discoveries.

**THAT’S WILD: OWLRAGEOUS OWLS**
July 13–17
$360 members; $410 nonmembers
Owls soar into camp again this summer! Spend the week on the prowl for owls. See live owls up close, learn about their special adaptations, and create art based on the different owl species found here in Massachusetts.

**DISCOVERING WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE**
July 20–24
$335 members; $385 nonmembers
Go on a weeklong animal safari at the sanctuary, explore wildlife through beloved children’s literature, and create your very own illustrated book. Discover techniques used by picture-book illustrators, and use them in your wonderfully wild stories.

**THAT’S WILD: BUTTERFLY SAFARI**
July 27–31
$335 members; $385 nonmembers
Soar, flap, and float as you spend the week discovering how butterflies fly, drink, and eat. Design and build a set of wearable butterfly wings, and “soar” through the sanctuary as you go on a native butterfly safari.

**THAT’S WILD: CLAY-MAZING FLYERS**
August 3–7
$360 members; $410 nonmembers
Soar like a hawk through the woods, swoop like a falcon along the brook, and see live birds, including a hawk and a falcon, up close. Discover amazing birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and other winged creatures that live at the sanctuary. Let these amazing animals inspire you to create clay birds and other animal sculptures using different hand-building ceramic techniques.

**NEW! AMPHIBIANS & REMARKABLE REPTILES**
August 10–14
$360 members; $410 nonmembers
Leap into fun when you go on an amphibian safari and beat the heat while you learn about fascinating reptiles. Live animals will visit camp this week and art projects may include weaving in the woods, painting, and creating collages with natural materials.
NATURE’S SERENADE: ACOUSTIC ECOLOGY
June 22–26
$335 members; $385 nonmembers
Listen to nature’s symphony, as you discover how nature makes music from the dawn chorus of migrating birds to trilling cicadas on a summer afternoon. Create musical instruments with natural materials, install sound sculptures in the sanctuary, and create art inspired by nature’s serenade.

NEW! OWL ECOLOGY & ART
July 13–17
$360 members; $410 nonmembers
Discover the mysterious world of owls, learning about their ecology and interactions with other species. See live owls up close and create owl inspired art.

NEW! HERPETOLOGY & STREAM ECOLOGY
August 10–14
$360 members; $410 nonmembers
Do you love searching for salamanders, learning about the ecology of frogs and snakes, and exploring aquatic environments? Then the herpetology (the study of amphibians, reptiles, and turtles) and stream ecology week is for you! Become a junior herpetologist and aquatic ecologist as you explore our meadow, forest, brook, and vernal pool for “herps.” Live animals will visit camp this week. Your discoveries will inspire your art projects, including mixed-media paintings, collage, and more.

One-Week Sessions
Ages 9–10 & 11–13
9:00 am–3:00 pm

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY: BUILD A DIGITAL CAMERA TO CREATE WILD ART
July 20–24
$425 members; $475 nonmembers*
There is art in science and science in art: one does not exist without the other. Immerse yourself in artistic and scientific inquiry as you build a digital camera and create art. Learn about the science and technology “hidden” inside a camera. At the end of the week, the camera is yours to keep! *Includes materials to make and bring home a digital camera.

PAINTING IMMERSION: NATURE’S PALETTE
July 27–31
$360 members; $410 nonmembers
Gather inspiration from the natural world and explore painting in depth. Paint outside in the fresh air, discover different techniques inside the studio, and get up close with masterpieces in Mass Audubon’s art collection. Enjoy the space and freedom to experiment with painting and create your own masterpieces.

Wild at Art camp is the perfect place for me. I love nature and I love art. That must be why I like it so much.  

—Camper
CERAMICS & POTTERY INSPIRED BY NATURE
July 6–10 & July 13–17
$450 members; $500 nonmembers per week
$850 members; $950 nonmembers both weeks (July 6-17)
Immerse yourself in the world of pottery. Learn how to "throw" on our pottery wheels and create nature-inspired ceramic sculptures and pottery. Create sculptures that re-imagine the animals and plants that live at the sanctuary and in your own backyard.

NATURE’S CANVAS: PAINTING, NATURE JOURNALING, & FIELD BIOLOGY
August 3–7 & August 10–14
$400 members; $450 nonmembers per week
Or $750 members and $850 nonmembers both weeks (August 3-14)
Conduct mini science experiments, survey our vernal pool as an aquatic ecologist, and discover hidden natural treasures. Find monarch caterpillars in the meadow and crayfish in the brook, use our digital microscope to get a closer look at these magnificent creatures, and create wildlife-inspired works of art by sketching and painting what you see.

Campers will receive and take home an artist-quality sketchbook, high-quality drawing supplies, a watercolor palette with high-quality paints, and a travel-sized watercolor brush. Campers will also receive a "curiosity kit" to take home at the end of their session. All materials are included in the cost of the program.

“...The campers were encouraged to make connections with other kids and my camper came out of camp every day just smiling from ear to ear. Thank you so much for the experience!”

—Camp Parent
Calling all adventurers, artists, and nature lovers! Visit amazing locations, create art, and have fun with friends. All participants will receive and take home an artist-quality sketchbook, drawing supplies, and other art supplies. All admission fees, materials, and ice cream stops are included in the cost of the program. The travel program schedule is subject to change. Space is extremely limited and sessions will fill up quickly; early registration is encouraged. Sign up for more than one travel week and save $50.

WEEK 1 July 6–10
Explore the intertidal zone, discover wildlife along freshwater streams and ponds, and sketch a landscape while listening to the waves crash at the beach. Travel to diverse aquatic habitats, including Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge in Rhode Island and Buzzards Bay in Bourne, learn about habitat restoration at Mass Audubon’s Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary in Plymouth, go on scenic hikes, and learn about marine biology and freshwater ecology at Woods Hole in Falmouth.

WEEK 2 July 13–17
Travel to internationally renowned artist Barry Van Dusen’s studio for a behind-the-scenes tour, and to Mass Audubon’s Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary in Princeton to sketch and paint with Barry in the field for a truly one-of-a-kind experience. Visit World’s End in Hingham to explore incredible intertidal and terrestrial ecosystems. Tour the unique Nature Lab at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) for a chance to create art inspired by its collection. And explore the Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence to draw animals from live subjects.

WEEK 3 July 20–24
Learn about climate change and habitat restoration when you travel to Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset, Plum Island and the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge in Newburyport, and Mass Audubon’s Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary in Plymouth.

WEEK 4 July 27–31
Sketch, paint, and create amazing art with Sherrie York, acclaimed artist and educator. Travel to amazing natural habitats and cultural institutions. See inspiring works at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, make a terrarium and sketch at the Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Bolyston. Create art at the Nature Lab at RISD in Providence. Go on scenic hikes at Mass Audubon’s Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary in South Dartmouth and explore other stunning ecosystems and landscapes.
COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CITS)
$250 member; $300 nonmember
Are you a high school student who is enthusiastic about camp, nature, and art?
We are looking for you! Counselors-in-Training (age 14-17) develop valuable leadership and teaching skills and are an important part of our camp team, contributing to the overall safety and well-being of our campers. All CITs commit to at least two weeks of camp and a mandatory training day on June 24. To request an application, contact Camp Director Sean Kent at skent@massaudubon.org.

Before & After Camp Options
We offer Before Camp and After Camp options for every session. Please note: preregistration is required.

BEFORE CAMP:
7:45–9:00 am | $50 per week

AFTER CAMP:
3:00–5:30 pm | $25 per day or $95 per week

TAKING FLIGHT: Youth Bird Art Juried Exhibit
Calling all young artists! Every year we host a youth bird art exhibition for young artists to create a greater awareness and appreciation for birds while also fostering the development of young artists and sharing their work with the public.

This is the fourth year of our exhibition and submissions are accepted between January 15 and June 15, 2020. The exhibition is open to young artists of all skill levels, ages 4 to 18. For more information and to enter, visit massaudubon.org/youthart.

There’s more to explore!

Mass Audubon’s overnight camp in New Hampshire
- Overnight Camp, ages 8-14
- Wildwood Warblers, ages 7-8
- Teen Adventure Trips, grades 9-12
- Environmental Leadership Program, grades 10-11
- Counselors-in-Training, grade 12
- Family Camp, all ages!

Visit massaudubon.org/wildwood or call 866-627-2267 to learn more and register.
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TO REGISTER FOR CAMP
Visit massaudubon.org/mabacamp
Call 781-821-8853

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION
A confirmation letter/e-mail containing important documents and information will be sent once your camper’s registration has been processed.

DEPOSIT
A nonrefundable deposit is required to register for camp as follows:
One-Week Sessions: $75/camper/session
Two-Week Sessions: $150/camper/session
Travel Session: $250/camper/session
The deposit will be applied to your camp tuition and cannot be transferred to another camper, family or camp location. If registering after May 15, payment in full is required (unless a payment plan has been established with the Camp Director).

REFUND POLICY
A full refund, minus the nonrefundable deposit, is provided to camp families who cancel in writing on or before May 15. After May 15 no refund is available. Deposits are not transferable, and refunds are not given for participant dismissal, failure to attend, absence, or sick days. If we must cancel a session, you will receive a full refund.

MEMBERSHIP & DISCOUNTS
Mass Audubon members at the Family level or above receive a discounted rate. To qualify, your membership must be current through your camper’s last session, and you must be the parent, grandparent, or legal guardian of the camper being enrolled. Membership can be purchased or renewed at the time of registration.

PAYMENT PLANS
Payment plan options are available. Contact the Camp Director for more information.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
Register before March 1 for four or more camp weeks per family and receive a $100 discount.
Not valid with any other offer, discount, or campership.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
All camp forms, waivers, and the balance of your camp tuition are due by May 15.
If registering after May 15, payment in full is required and a specific camp form deadline will be set for you. A camper cannot attend camp and his/her spot is not guaranteed until all forms, waivers, and payments are completed (or a payment plan has been established). A fee of $25 per camper will be charged for incomplete or late forms and waivers.

CAMPER REQUIREMENTS
Campers are expected to meaningfully participate in age-appropriate activities, including outdoor exploration and nature study. To ensure a successful camp experience, please discuss any pertinent information regarding your child’s special needs with the Camp Director. We can accommodate on a case-by-case basis in order to establish the best strategy for a great summer camp experience. All campers must follow stated behavior expectations and safety rules. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper when, in his/her judgment, the camper’s behavior interferes with the rights of others or the smooth functioning of the group or activity, or violates the camp’s behavior policy. In such cases no refunds will be provided. If you have any questions regarding your child’s ability to participate in our camp program, please contact the Camp Director.

CAMP LICENSE
Our camp complies with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR 430) and is licensed by the Canton Board of Health.

ACA ACCREDITATION
We are proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association. Developed exclusively for the camp industry, this nationally recognized program focuses on program quality, and health and safety, management, and camp operations.

CAMP POLICY REQUESTS
You may request copies of our background check, healthcare, discipline, bullying, and grievance policies at any time.

TRAVEL SESSIONS
Campers participating in our off-site travel program will begin and end at the Wild at Art Camp. Campers will be transported in a 2019 15-passenger van driven by camp staff who have been trained, evaluated, and checked by our insurance company. Parents will be provided with an itinerary on the first day of their camper’s session. Due to the nature of this travel program, destinations may change as a result of weather or camper preference. Parents will be notified in advance of any changes.

CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION
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FINANCIAL AID
Financial assistance is available based on demonstrated economic need and available funds, and is generally limited to one session per child; however, all applications are considered. Applications are due by May 15. Please call the Camp Director to request an application or download one at massaudubon.org/campforms.

KIDS TO CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND
DETAILS AT massaudubon.org/kidstocamp
I cannot say enough good things about Wild at Art camp! It is an intimate setting, the staff are excellent, and the director is hands on with all of the kids and parents. My daughter got to spend the summer outside, exploring nature, hiking on the trails, and getting in touch with her creative side with lots of art and photography. She came home with paint on her clothes, dirt on her skin, tired and happy! She can’t wait to go back this summer!

—Camp Parent

WILD AT ART CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

• Highly qualified, professional staff
• Individualized approach
• Inspiring, nature-based art activities
• Exciting travel-week programs
• Kiln-fired art projects
• Science-infused camp sessions
• Beautiful & dynamic environment

Mass Audubon protects more than 38,000 acres of land throughout Massachusetts, saving birds and other wildlife, and making nature accessible to all. As Massachusetts’ largest nature conservation nonprofit, we welcome more than a half million visitors a year to our wildlife sanctuaries and nature centers. Today, Mass Audubon is a nationally recognized environmental education leader, offering thousands of camp, school, and adult programs. With more than 135,000 members and supporters, we advocate on Beacon Hill and beyond, and conduct conservation research to preserve the natural heritage of our beautiful state. We welcome you to explore a nearby sanctuary, find inspiration, and get involved. Learn how at massaudubon.org.