WILD at ART
SUMMER DAY CAMP
Welcome to Wild at Art Summer Day Camp

Give your child the chance to experience the transformative power of art and nature.

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

8:45–9:15 am  Camper drop-off* & health screening
9:15 am  Opening Circle & group activity
9:30 am  Morning nature, art activities, & snack
12:00 pm  Lunch & Free Choice activity
1:00 pm  Afternoon nature & art activities
2:45-3:15 pm  Camper pick-up

*Pick-up and drop-off times will be staggered by camper group

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Call  781-821-8853
Email  mabacamp@massaudubon.org
Visit  massaudubon.org/mabacamp
OUR CAMP STAFF
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 (including COVID-19 protocols), child development, and natural history, and all counselors are certified in first aid and CPR.

OUR CAMP LEADERSHIP TEAM
Sean Kent (he/him) is in his seventh year as Education Manager 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. We are thrilled that Sarah Howdy (she/they) is returning as our Assistant Camp Director.

MORE FOR MEMBERS
Mass Audubon membership is not just about summer fun for your campers: It includes free year-round admission to our statewide network of wildlife sanctuaries, where the whole family can explore and enjoy the outdoors. Members also enjoy great savings on nature programs and gift shop purchases. Learn more at massaudubon.org/membership.

COVID-19 SAFETY
The health and welfare of our campers and staff remains our highest priority. We feel confident that the success of Mass Audubon Camps in designing and offering a safe summer of camping in 2020 will guide us into another great summer in 2021. We will continue to stay informed and engaged with the work of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the American Camp Association to ensure best practices with regard to staying safe as we move through the developing phases of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We anticipate that we will continue to practice the wearing of masks, physical distancing, small group sizes, enhanced sanitizing protocols, and all other recommended health and safety guidelines. As we learn more from working closely with partners in public health, childcare, and camping, we will continue to keep our camp community updated.

Please note that any photos depicting children without face coverings were taken prior to 2020. All Mass Audubon program participants are now required to wear masks.

NEW THIS YEAR!
This summer, The Nest, a nature maker space, design workshop, and art studio space will be newly opened and in use at summer camp. Learn more at massaudubon.org/maba.

There’s more to explore at Wildwood, Mass Audubon’s overnight camp in southern New Hampshire:

- Overnight Camp, ages 7–14
- Day Camp, ages 6–11
- Teen Adventure Trips, grades 9–12
- Environmental Leadership for Teens, grades 10 & 11
- Family Camp, all ages!

Visit massaudubon.org/wildwood or call 866-627-2267 to learn more.
MINI-SESSIONS
Age Groups 4.5–6 and 7–8
July 6–7  That’s Wild: Water Safari
July 8–9  Art Immersion: Wild Painting

Age Groups 9–10 and 11–13
July 6–7  Dig it Design: Animal Architecture
July 8–9  Aquatic Adventures

ONE-WEEK SESSIONS
Age Groups: 4.5–6 and 7–8
June 21–25  The Lorax: Being Nature’s Superhero
June 28–July 2  Clay-mazing Treasure Hunters
July 12–16  That’s Wild: Owl Extravaganza
July 19–23  Discovering Where the Wild Things Are
July 26–30  That’s Wild: Butterfly Safari
August 2–6  That’s Wild: Clay-mazing Flyers
August 9–13  Amazing Amphibians and Remarkable Reptiles
August 16–20  Painting and Pollinators

Age Groups: 9–10 and 11–13
June 28–July 2  Owl Ecology and Art
July 19–23  Nature Photography, STEAM, and Media Art: Build, Create, and Learn
August 9–13  Painting Immersion: Nature’s Palette
August 16–20  Herpetology and Stream Ecology

TWO-WEEK SPECIALTY SESSIONS
Ages 9–10 and 11–14
July 12–23  Nature-Inspired Pottery
July 26-August 6  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
Age Groups 4–6 and 7–8
$175 members; $230 nonmembers, per session

That's Wild: Water Safari
July 6–7
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 8–9
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.

Age Groups 9–10 and 11–13
$175 members; $230 nonmembers, per session

Dig It Design: Animal Architecture
July 6–7
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 habitat. Let the sanctuary be your canvas as you create landscape art and build with natural materials.

Aquatic Adventures
July 8–9
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.
Age Groups: 4.5–6 and 7–8

$385 members; $450 nonmembers, per session

The Lorax: Being Nature’s Superhero
June 21–25

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
June 28–July 2

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: Owl Extravaganza
July 12–16

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 19–23

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 26–30

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.

“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
That’s Wild: Clay-mazing Flyers
August 2–6
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.

Amazing Amphibians & Remarkable Reptiles
August 9–13
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.

Painting & Pollinators
August 16–20
Buzz into an amazing week of learning about pollinators and creating art that will soar. Closely observe butterflies visiting flowers in the meadow and pollinator garden, spend time exploring the wildlife sanctuary, and discover pollination in action. This week you have fun painting in different ways, including watercolor painting, marbling paper, and creating a collage with acrylic paint and natural materials.

Age Groups: 9–10 and 11–13
$385 members; $450 nonmembers, per session*

Nature’s Serenade: Acoustic Ecology
June 21–25
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.
Owl Ecology & Art
June 28–July 2
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.

Nature Photography, STEAM, & Media Art: Build, Create, & Learn
July 19–23
$475 members; $540 nonmembers
Be inspired by the nature world, build a digital camera and take amazing photos, and use The Nest, MABA’s own nature maker space, design workshop, and art studio space to create mixed media art. Each camper will build and take home a digital camera.

Painting Immersion: Nature’s Palette
August 9–13
Paint outside in the fresh air and discover different techniques inside the art studio and The Nest, MABA’s new maker space. Enjoy the space and freedom to experiment with painting and create your own masterpieces.

Herpetology & Stream Ecology
August 16–20
Do you love searching for salamanders and turtles, learning about the ecology of frogs and snakes, and exploring aquatic environments? Then Herpetology (the study of amphibians and reptiles), 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.” Your discoveries will inspire your art projects, including mixed-media paintings, collage, and more.

One-Week Sessions (continued)

Camp is always a positive experience, but this year it was also just what she needed. She can be herself, be outdoors, and she loves the staff, campers, and creative experiences. We are so grateful to have been able to send her again this summer. It is such a well-run program. Thank you for making it possible.

—Camp Parent
Age Groups: 9–10 and 11–14

Ceramics & Pottery Inspired by Nature
July 12–16 & July 19–23
$475 members; $540 nonmembers, for the July 12–16 week only
$875 members; $990 nonmembers, for both weeks, July 12–23

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 neighborhood.

Nature’s Canvas: Painting, Nature Journaling, & Field Biology
July 26–30 & August 2–6
$450 members; $515 nonmembers, per week (either week)
$800 members; $930 nonmembers, both weeks (July 26–August 6)

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’ve seen.

Campers will receive and take home an artist-quality sketchbook and 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.

Counselors-in-Training (CITs)
$250 members; $315 nonmembers

Are you a high school student who is enthusiastic about camp, nature, and art? We are looking for you! Counselors-in-Training 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 before camp starts.

To request an application, contact mabacamp@massaudubon.org.
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
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
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.

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 be able to follow all COVID-19 safety protocols, including wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. Camp families will be required to complete a daily health screening and attestation before their child can be admitted to camp.

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.

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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
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 20 nature centers. From inspiring hilltop views to breathtaking coastal landscapes, serene woods, and working farms, we believe in protecting our state’s natural treasures for wildlife and for all people—a vision shared in 1896 by our founders, two extraordinary Boston women.

Today, Mass Audubon is a nationally recognized environmental education leader, offering thousands of camp, school, and adult programs that get over 225,000 kids and adults outdoors every year. 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 for today’s and future generations. We welcome you to explore a nearby sanctuary, find inspiration, and get involved. Learn how at massaudubon.org.

WILD at ART HIGHLIGHTS

Highly qualified, professional staff
Individualized approach
Inspiring, nature-based art activities
The Nest – MABA’s maker space
Kiln-fired art projects
Science-infused camp sessions
Beautiful & dynamic environment