Welcome to the
Wild at Art Nature 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 ages 4.5–14 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
8:45–9:15 am Camper drop-off*
9:15 am Opening circle
9:30 am Morning nature, art activities, and snack
12:00 pm Lunch and Free Choice activity
1:00 pm Afternoon nature and art activities
2:45–3:15 pm Camper pick-up*
3:15–5:30 pm After Camp Program

*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 is committed to helping campers to thrive, create, explore, build friendships, and be happy. Team members have expertise in environmental education, ecology, and art. All staff undergo background checks, are certified in CPR and first aid, and receive training in health and safety procedures, child development, natural history, and environmental education best practices.

Mass Audubon requires that all staff, regardless of their work location, disclose their vaccination status. Proof of vaccination status is required immediately upon hire.

Our Camp Leadership Team
Sean Kent (he/him) is in his eighth year as Education Manager and will oversee the Wild at Art Camp. Sean is a skilled educator and leader with broad experience working with children in the art studio, the classroom, maker space, 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 spouse, Kaitlyn, and three daughters, Ella, Johanna, and Serena.

Mass Audubon’s Metro South is excited to welcome Tessa Holleran (she/her) as a full-time educator. She will join Sean in managing the Wild at Art Nature Camp after serving as an energetic and spirited camp counselor at the camp for three years, leading hikes and creating art projects.

More for Members
Mass Audubon membership benefits don’t end when the summer’s over: membership includes year-round free 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.
MINI-SESSIONS
Age Groups 4.5–6 and 7–8
July 5–6 That's Wild: Water Safari
July 7–8 Art Immersion: Wild Painting

Age Groups 9–10 and 11–13
July 5–6 That's Wild: Birds of Prey
July 7–8 Aquatic Adventures

ONE-WEEK SESSIONS
Age Groups: 4.5–6 and 7–8
June 20–24 The Lorax: Being Nature’s Superhero
June 27–July 1 Clay-mazing Treasure Hunters
July 11–15 That’s Wild: Owl Extravaganza
July 18–22 Crucial Keystone Critters
July 25–29 That’s Wild: Bug Safari
August 1–5 That’s Wild: Birds of Prey
August 8–12 Amazing Amphibians and Remarkable Reptiles
August 15–19 Painting and Pollinators

Age Groups: 9–10 and 11–13
June 20–24 Nature’s Serenade: Acoustic Ecology
June 27–July 1 Owl Ecology & Art
August 8–12 Painting Immersion: Nature’s Palette
August 15–19 Nature Photography and Media Art: Build, Create, and Learn

Age Group: 11–14
Weekly,
June 20–August 19 Taking Flight

TWO-WEEK SPECIALTY SESSIONS
Ages 9–10 and 11–14
July 11–22 Ceramics & Pottery Inspired by Nature
July 25–August 5 Nature’s Canvas: Painting, Nature Journaling, & Field Biology
Age Groups 4–6 and 7–8

That’s Wild: Water Safari
July 5–6
Splish-splash, exploring water is a blast! Go on a salamander safari at the vernal pool and search for crayfish and more in the 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 7–8
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

Birds of Prey
July 5–6
Learn about what makes birds of prey different from other birds, search for them around the sanctuary, create art inspired by them, and even see a live bird up close!

Aquatic Adventures
July 7–8
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 the 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

The Lorax: Being Nature’s Superhero
June 20–24
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. Combine the art and stories by Dr. Seuss with your own imagination to create your own world through art.

Clay-mazing Treasure Hunters
June 27–July 1
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 11–15
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.

Crucial Keystone Critters
July 18–22
Discover which species keep our local environments in balance and how they do it! Learn about a new keystone species every day and create art inspired by the roles they play, while exploring the sanctuary and their natural habitats.

That’s Wild: Bug Safari
July 25–29
Turn over logs, search the meadow, and explore in the pine grove to discover the amazing bugs that live on the wildlife sanctuary. Learn different nature journaling techniques, expand your curiosity through detailed nature observation, and use the digital microscope to create amazing art inspired by all the intricate patterns found on bugs.

One-Week Sessions

$390 members; $455 nonmembers

"The Wild at Art camp was such a great experience! You successfully fostered a positive environment where our camper could make new friends, new discoveries, be creative in new ways, and feel comfortable the entire time at camp!" —2021 Camp Family
That’s Wild: Birds of Prey
August 1–5
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 that live at the sanctuary. Let these amazing animals inspire you to hand build clay nests and make watercolor paintings of birds.

Amazing Amphibians & Remarkable Reptiles
August 8–12
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 15–19
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, have fun painting in different ways, including watercolor painting, marbling paper, and creating a collage with acrylic paint and natural materials.

One-Week Sessions (continued)

“Each year the camp gets better and better. Camp counselors and staff are welcoming, attentive, and form strong bonds with the children. My daughter learns (and has fun learning) at camp. And, we use that knowledge year-round by asking questions about nature and art and things she learned at camp.”

—2021 Camp Family
Age Groups: 9–10 and 11–13

Nature’s Serenade: Acoustic Ecology
June 20–24
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 27–July 1
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.

Painting Immersion: Nature’s Palette
August 8–12
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.

Nature Photography and Media Art: Build, Create, and Learn
August 15–19
Be inspired by the natural world, build a digital camera to take amazing photos, and use The Nest—MABA’s new nature maker space, design workshop, and art studio—to create mixed media art. Each camper will build and take home a digital camera.

“The counselors were attentive and kind. We had such a great experience at the Wild at Art Camp. It was the highlight of the summer!” — 2021 Camp Parent
Specialty Sessions

Age Groups: 9–10 and 11–14

Ceramics & Pottery Inspired by Nature
July 11–22
$890 members; $990 nonmembers
Immerse yourself in the world of pottery. Learn how to “throw” on pottery wheels and create nature-inspired ceramic sculptures and pottery. Create sculptures that reimagine the animals and plants that live on the sanctuary and in your own neighborhood.

Nature’s Canvas: Painting, Nature Journaling, & Field Biology
July 25–August 5
$850 members; $930 nonmembers,
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.

NEW!
TAKING FLIGHT
AGES 11–14

One-Week Sessions
$500 members; $565 nonmembers, per week (either week)
Using the tools of art and design, campers will become artists, engineers, and scientists during this innovative camp week. Whether it is using the Cricut Maker cutting machines to design stencils or programming the Glowforge laser printer to engrave the sound waves of a singing bluebird they recorded in the meadow, campers will learn new skills, build friendships, and be challenged to problem-solve using the tools of art and design. Once your campers take flight from The Nest at the end of their session, they will leave with a new sense of wonder and confidence to explore the natural world.

WEEKLY THEMES:
June 20–24       Flight
June 27–July 1    Nesting
July 11–15       Miniature Landscapes
July 18–22       Wildflowers
July 25–29       Pollinators
August 1–5       Owls
August 8–12      Hawks and Falcons
August 15–19     Metamorphosis
Counselors-in-Training (CIT)
Age 14–16
$250 members; $315 nonmembers

Are you a high school student who is enthusiastic about camp, nature, and art? We are looking for you! CITs 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.

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

Extended Day Options

Campers will be given a small snack and have a choice of activities, such as arts and crafts, games, our nature play area or nature exploration.

**Before Camp Program**
7:45–9:00 am
$50/week for members; $65/week for nonmembers

**After Camp Program**
3:15–5:30 pm
$25/day for members; $30/day for nonmembers or $95/week for members; $120/ week for nonmembers

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

- Overnight Camp, ages 7-14
- Day Camp, ages 6-11
- Teen Adventure Trips, ages 14-17
- Environmental Leadership for Teens, ages 16-17
- Family Camp, all ages!

Visit massaudubon.org/wildwood or call 866-627-2267 to learn more.
TO REGISTER FOR CAMP
Visit massaudubon.org/mabacamp

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION
A confirmation 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 2, 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 2. After May 2 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.

FINANCIAL AID
We believe connection with the natural world should be available to all. If finances are getting in the way of a summer at Wild at Art Nature Camp, financial assistance is available based on demonstrated financial need and available funds. Scholarships are limited to one session per child; however, all applications are considered and will be accepted on a rolling basis. Payment plan options are also available. Please visit massaudubon.org/campforms to download a scholarship application.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
All camp forms, waivers, and the balance of your camp tuition are due by May 2. If registering after May 2, payment in full is required and a specific camp form will be set for you. A camper cannot attend camp and their spot is not guaranteed until all forms, waivers, and payments are completed (or a payment plan has been established). A fee of $20 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, to be determined by the start of camp based on the latest guidelines from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Visit massaudubon.org/camps for the latest information about COVID-19 safety at Mass Audubon Camps.

All campers must follow stated behavior expectations and safety rules. To ensure a successful camp experience, please discuss any pertinent information regarding your child’s needs with the Camp Director. We strive to make camp a great experience for all, and we can accommodate on a case-by-case basis. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper when, in their judgment, the camper’s behavior interferes with the rights of others or violates the camp’s safety and behavior policies. 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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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

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

Mass Audubon is the largest nature-based conservation organization in New England. Founded in 1896 by two women who fought for the protection of birds, Mass Audubon carries on their legacy by focusing on the greatest challenges facing the environment today: the loss of biodiversity, inequitable access to nature, and climate change.

With the help of our 140,000 members and supporters, we protect wildlife, conserve and restore resilient land, advocate for impactful environmental policies, offer nationally recognized education programs for adults and children, and provide endless opportunities to experience the outdoors at our wildlife sanctuaries. Explore, find inspiration, and take action at massaudubon.org.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION (continued)

KIDS TO CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Help make camp attainable for even more kids with a gift to the Kids to Camp Fund.

DETAILS AT
massaudubon.org/kidstocamp

—Camp Parent