OAK KNOLL
Summer Camp

Oak Knoll Wildlife Sanctuary • 1417 Park Street • Attleboro

DISCOVER. EXPLORE. BE OUTSIDE!

SUMMER 2019

Mass Audubon CAMPS
ABOUT CAMP

Every day is an adventure at Oak Knoll Summer Camp in Attleboro! Campers ages 4.5 to 12 have fun, learn about nature, and make friends through outdoor exploration, hands-on activities, games, and art.

Themed weekly sessions have campers exploring trails, discovering vernal pools, catching frogs, building forts, and venturing to new places. Small group sizes ensure that our counselors can develop a relationship with each child, creating a caring, supportive environment.

OUR CAMP STAFF

Camp staff members are chosen primarily for their ability to relate to and oversee youth in an outdoor setting. We hire enthusiastic, positive, and knowledgeable counselors who create an emotionally and physically safe atmosphere. All staff members undergo background checks, participate in pre-camp counselor training, and are first-aid and CPR certified.

OUR CAMP DIRECTOR

Chris Hitchener is Oak Knoll's Camp Director and Education Coordinator. Chis holds a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Rhode Island and has worked in environmental education for 25 years. He enjoys bringing his experience and resources to the Southern Massachusetts community through the Oak Knoll Summer Camp program!
CAMPER AGE GROUPS

Camps engage in age-appropriate outdoor exploration and activities. Small group sizes ensure that our counselors can develop a relationship with every child, creating a caring, supportive environment.

DISCOVERERS
Ages 4.5–6 • Entering Kindergarten–Grade 1
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 5
Maximum Group Size: 5 Campers

Discoverers learn about native animals, experience the joy of being out in nature, and play with new friends. Every day is an adventure as campers are introduced to the natural world. Small group size ensures that every child is heard and mentored.

EXPLORERS
Ages 7–8 • Entering Grades 2–3
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8
Maximum Group Size: 8 Campers

Explorers work cooperatively to build structures, play interactive games, and try new things as they expand their science and nature knowledge. Campers learn about native species’ adaptations, behaviors, and food webs while exploring Oak Knoll’s habitats with new friends!

INVESTIGATORS
Ages 9–12 • Entering Grades 4–7
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 10
Maximum Group Size: 10 Campers

Investigators delve deeper into the web of life as they compare native species to those found in other ecosystems. Campers may act as mentors to younger campers and get the chance to explore off trail at Oak Knoll!

“My son really enjoyed his time at camp and I felt comfortable knowing he was in a safe and engaging environment getting fresh air and learning new things.” —Kim S.
HABITAT INVESTIGATION
July 8–12; July 29–August 2
Study the homes of Oak Knoll’s wildest residents as we trek through the sanctuary’s field, forests, and wetlands. The Nature Center has a number of tools and resources to help us get a closer look at our often-overlooked creatures. Keep daily records of what we find and have plenty of time to explore the outdoors.

FANTASTIC WILDLIFE AT OAK KNOLL
July 15–19; August 5–9
Get inspired while learning about amazing mythical creatures. Use your imagination to create majestic creatures through art, crafts, and storytelling. Head out onto the sanctuary to explore actual wildlife like dragonflies, water scorpions, and musk turtles while drawing comparisons to your mythical creations. This week is a perfect blend of creativity and facts.

EXCITING EXPERIMENTS
July 22–26; August 12–16
Conduct a new set of exciting experiments each day! Create slime, explore potential energy, make a fizzy-pop reaction, and try not to break the egg in an egg drop experiment! Work in teams, make messes, and have the best time ever while learning about the world around you. Discover your inner scientist in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

THEMED WEEKLY SESSIONS

Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:30 pm
$275 members; $340 nonmembers, per week
Campers enrolled in our themed weekly sessions explore trails, discover vernal pools, catch frogs, build forts, and venture to new places.
AFTER CAMP PROGRAM

Monday–Friday • 3:30–5:30 pm
$20/day OR $90/week, members and nonmembers*

Need a later pick-up? Our trained camp staff supervise campers enrolled in our After-Camp Program. Campers may choose from a variety of activities, including active games, restful games, coloring, crafts, and reading. The group may also choose to play in the field just outside the Nature Center. Campers can choose to bring a snack from home.

Please note: preregistration is required. This optional program can be added by selecting desired dates on the enclosed registration form or by adding it to checkout when registering online. To add the After-Camp Program post-registration, please contact the Oak Knoll office at oakknollcamp@massaudubon.org or 508-223-3060. Pick-ups that occur after 5:45 pm will accrue a $1-per-minute fee.

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I love these daily newsletters with details and pictures. It’s so nice of you to take the time to do this for us. It really helps me connect with Allie so I can talk with her about her day. Thank you very much for all you do! —Marcelle P.
A DAY AT CAMP

8:30–9:15 am: Camper Check-in & Choice Time
Counselors introduce themselves and campers can choose from a variety of Free Play activities.

9:15–10 am: Opening Circle & Introductions
Counselors introduce the nature theme of the day and help campers get to know one another better through a series of fun, interactive games and activities.

10–10:15 am: Snack & Bathroom Break

10:15–11:15 am: Hike, Activity, & Craft (Rotation 1)
Campers are organized into their age groups and participate in an age-appropriate hike, activity, or craft.

11:15 am–12 pm: Hike, Activity, & Craft (Rotation 2)
Campers are organized into their age groups and participate in an age-appropriate hike, activity, or craft.

12–1 pm: Lunch & Free Play Time

1–2 pm: Hike, Activity, & Craft (Rotation 3)
Campers are organized into their age groups and participate in an age-appropriate hike, activity, or craft.

2–2:45 pm: Animal Encounters
Campers meet some of the wildlife found at Oak Knoll. This is a time for observation, questions, and sharing.

2:45–3:30 pm: Closing Circle & Clean-Up
The whole camp group gathers to review what they learned and prepares for the tomorrow’s activities.

3:30–3:45 pm: Camper Pick-Up

3:30–5:30 pm: After Camp Program (Optional)
Campers may choose from a variety of activities, including active games, restful games, coloring, crafts, and reading.
To Register for Camp:
Visit massaudubon.org/oakknollcamp
Call 508-223-3060
Mail or bring this form and payment to:
Oak Knoll Wildlife Sanctuary
1417 Park Street
Attleboro, MA 02703

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 of $75/camper/session is required to register for camp. The deposit will be applied to your camp tuition and cannot be transferred to another camper, family, or camp location. If you are 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 on or before May 15. After May 15 no refund is available. Lost 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 Discount
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
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.

Payment Plans
Payment plan options are available. Please 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.

“Oak Knoll has always been a family favorite!”
—Ellen B.
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 Attleboro 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.

Camp Contact Info
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CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Register online at massaudubon.org/oakknollcamp

Please complete a separate form for each camper.

Register online or by phone, or mail this form with payment to
Oak Knoll Wildlife Sanctuary, 1417 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703

Please complete a separate form for each camper.

Register online or by phone with a credit card or mail this form with payment.

Camper

Last Name: _______________________First Name: _______________________Gender: ________
Street Address: _______________________City: __________________State: ____ Zip:__________
Birth Date: __ /__/__ Age as of June 1: ____ Grade as of Sept: ___ Returning Camper? YES / NO

Person Completing This Form

Name: ____________________________
Relationship to Camper: ____________________________
Phone 1: ________________ Phone 2: ______________________
E-mail: ____________________________
Member #: ______________________
Address (if different): ______________________
City: ________________ State: ___ Zip: ________

Payment Information

Total Camp Session(s): $_____
Total Before/After Camp Session(s): $_____
*Mass Audubon Family Membership
  if Joining/Renewing ($65): $_____
Tax-Deductible Campership
  Fund Donation: $_____
Early Bird Discount: –$_____
TOTAL DUE: $_____
Amount Paid Today
(Min Deposit $/Camper/Session): $_____
Balance Due by May 15: $_____

Enroll my camper in After Camp DAILY on these dates: ______________________
Enroll my camper in After Camp WEEKLY starting: ______________________

Payment Method

Check Included OR Credit Card □DISC □MC □VISA
Name on Card: ____________________________
Card #: ____________________________
Exp. Date: ___________ Verification Code: ___________
Signature: ________________ Date: ______________

“I agree to allow the Massachusetts Audubon Society to charge my credit card in the amount(s) specified above and understand that refunds will only be provided in accordance with the refund policy outlined in this brochure. I have read and agree to the refund policy outlined in this brochure.”
ABOUT THE SANCTUARY
Looking out over Lake Talaquega, it’s hard to imagine that this serene setting was once a buzzing entertainment destination, complete with a casino and hotel. Now Oak Knoll, just minutes from downtown Attleboro, offers a natural respite with wooded trails and boardwalk winding through a red maple swamp, upland forest, and freshwater marsh, and around the lake’s perimeter.

ACRES
51 acres

TRAIL MILEAGE
1.5 miles

SANCTUARY HIGHLIGHTS
• Native turtle species, invertebrates, and other exhibits in the nature center, a former residence built in 1759.
• Fragrant and colorful gardens, with native plants offering food and shelter to birds and butterflies.
• Easy-to-see tracks and signs of wildlife such as cottontail rabbits and foxes.
• Salamanders and frogs in and around the vernal pools.
• Nature Play Area, where kids can use found objects to build fairy homes, hide in a giant bird’s nest, and hop along Sid the Snake Stump Jump.

THERE’S MORE TO EXPLORE
• Overnight Camp, ages 9–14
• Wildwood Warblers, ages 7–8
• Teen Adventure Trips, ages 14–17
• Leaders-in-Training, grades 10 & 11
• Family Camp, all ages!

Visit massaudubon.org/wildwood or call 866-627-2267 to learn more.
Mass Audubon protects 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 125,000 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.

Connect With Us

“Thanks for helping my boys have a great summer
—Jen C.

Thank you for having Adam volunteer this past week at the camp. I always enjoy his stories on the way home. He always leaves with a smile, and most important, with a new appreciation for the hard work it takes to work with children.
—Parent of a Leader in Training