OAK KNOLL NATURE CAMP
Welcome to Oak Knoll Nature Camp

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

Campers explore trails, discover vernal pools, catch frogs, build forts, and venture to new places. Small group sizes ensure that our counselors can develop a relationship with each child, creating a caring, supportive environment.

A DAY AT CAMP

8:50–9:15 am  Camper Drop-off & Choice Time
9:15 am  Opening Circle
9:45 am  Exploratory Hikes, Activities, & Snack
12:00 pm  Lunch & Choice Time
1:00 pm  Hikes, Games, & Crafts
2:40 pm  Closing Circle & Share Time
3:00 pm  Camper Pick-up

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call 508-223-3060
Email oakknollcamp@massaudubon.org
Visit massaudubon.org/oakknollcamp
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 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 DIRECTOR
This is Jacqui “Nighthawk” Shuster’s (she/her) third year as North River Nature Camp Director and first year as regional Camp Director for Mass Audubon South East. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a focus in Ecology and Chemistry. Her favorite part of camp is sharing unexpected nature moments with campers!

OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
At Mass Audubon Camps, we strive to create a safe, inclusive, and caring camp environment where each person is respected and supported in their learning and growth. We believe that diversity—both in nature and in our human communities—is essential to strength, resilience, and innovation, and we are committed to recognizing the unique contributions of each community member.

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 and 2021 will guide us into another great summer in 2022. 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. For the latest updates on COVID-19 safety at camp, visit massaudubon.org/camps.

NEW!
SLIDING SCALE PRICING
Mass Audubon is committed to ensuring that every family that wants their child to experience summer camp should have the opportunity to do so. A sliding scale model helps us work toward that goal through an easy and dependable process for families. To learn more, see page 6 and visit massaudubon.org/camps.

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 Oak Knoll 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.
Nature Camp
Sessions
Ages 4.5–12

PROGRAM DETAILS
Monday–Friday | 9:00 am–3:00 pm
Weekly sessions from June 27–August 19
See page 6 for pricing details

CAMPER AGE GROUPS

Discoverers
Ages 4.5–6, Entering Grades K–1
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 5
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 sizes ensure that every child is heard and mentored.

Explorers
Ages 7–8, Entering Grades 2–3
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8
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.

Naturalists
Ages 9–12, Entering Grades 4-6
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 10
Naturalists take a deeper look at the natural world through exploration that includes hiking, nature experiments, games, and more.
Experience a variety of habitats and wildlife found at Oak Knoll. Explore the outdoors, perform hands-on activities, observe wildlife, play games, make crafts, and more.

Weekly Themes

**Discoverers & Explorers**

**Nature Mysteries**  
July 5–8 *(No camp on July 4. Session prorated.)*  
Are bats really blind? And are owls really wise? Embrace your natural curiosity this week and participate in some nature myth-busting. Using the outdoors as our lab, ask questions about the plants and animals that live at Oak Knoll, set up experiments, and gather evidence. Participate in observation challenges, use science tools like thermometers and microscopes, and discover the truth about nature.

**Fantastic Wildlife**  
July 11–15  
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 science.

**Flying Wild**  
July 18–22  
Keep your eyes to the sky this week as we seek out all kinds of flying creatures. From birds to bats to butterflies, explore the remarkable ways flying animals get around and survive in the wild. Catch insects with a net, practice moving like a bird, and learn about all things with wings at Oak Knoll.

**Extreme Earth Artists**  
July 25–29  
Let your imagination run wild this week as you get crafty with natural items and an assortment of recycled materials. Take your creativity to the extreme by designing artwork using rocks, mud, sticks, and leaves. Turn trash to treasure by creating a recycled art project and record your outdoor observations through nature-journaling.

**Tracks, Traces, and Secret Places**  
August 1–5  
Take a walk on the wild side this week as you search for tracks, scat, and secret hiding places along Oak Knoll’s trails. Conduct sensory experiments to find out how animals communicate with each other and move about in their surroundings. Examine real animal artifacts, such as wings and skulls, and learn about unique adaptations that help our local wildlife survive.

**Aquatic Adventures**  
August 8–12  
Prepare to make a splash as we immerse ourselves in all things aquatic. Discover the incredible properties of water and how you can help protect this vital natural resource. Design and conduct water experiments, use dip nets to catch aquatic critters at the brook, and cool off with some wild and wacky water games.

**Naturalists**

**Everyday Adventures**  
June 27–July 1  
Kick off your summer at Oak Knoll and hit the trail running with all kinds of outdoor fun! Go on scavenger hunts, play games, conduct experiments, and more. This week is all about having fun outside, exploring the natural world, and creating opportunities for adventure every day.

**Summer Rewind**  
August 15–19  
Go on daily adventures as we rewind and replay campers’ favorite summer camp activities! Play water games, go on scavenger hunts, sweep-net in our meadow, and more. Nature’s playground is still open and there’s a lot more to explore!
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TO REGISTER FOR CAMP
Call  508-223-3060
Visit  massaudubon.org/oakknollcamp

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

DEPOSIT
A nonrefundable deposit of $50/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 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 on or before May 2. After May 2, 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 & 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.

SLIDING SCALE PRICING
Under the sliding scale model, every family will enroll for camp at a tuition rate based on their annual gross income. At registration, you will have the opportunity to select the pricing that best fits your family’s gross income bracket. You will be asked to upload income verification documentation at a later time if you selected Tiers 1–4. Registrants at Tier 5 are not required to provide income verification. A deposit is due at the time of registration; the final balance and all paperwork are due by May 2, 2022. If cost is still a barrier under the tiered structure, financial assistance (in the form of scholarships) is also available.

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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 all camp forms are due two weeks prior to your start date. 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 City of Attleboro’s 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, 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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*To qualify for the Member rate, you must be a current Mass Audubon member at the Family level or above and be the parent, grandparent, or legal guardian of the camper being enrolled. You may join or renew your membership at the time of registration.

My child counts down the days until camp starts and is truly sad the day it ends. He talks about the counselors at home the entire week he is at camp.

Always an awesome experience. I never think twice about leaving my kids with the staff at Oak Knoll.
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.

WE'RE HIRING!
For information on employment opportunities, visit massaudubon.org/jobs.

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.

Wildwood

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.

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