2020
BLUE HILLS NATURE DAY CAMP
at Chickatawbut Hill

Welcome to Blue Hills Nature Day Camp!

Our unique location atop scenic Chickatawbut Hill invites campers to discover nature through hands-on exploration, creative play, and active learning. Each session features an age-appropriate theme intended to deepen a child's understanding and awareness of the natural world. Small camp groups and experienced, caring staff create a friendly and safe atmosphere on “the hill.”

A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

8:30 am Camper drop-off & group games
9:00 am Opening Circle & large group activities
10:00 am Snack
10:30 am Hike
11:30 am Group exploration
12:00 pm Lunch
12:30 pm Nature exploration, play, & crafts
2:30 pm Closing Circle
3:00–3:15 pm Camper pick-up
3:00–5:30 pm Optional After-Camp Program

NEW LEADERSHIP

This last year has seen lots of changes at Blue Hills! We’re excited to introduce our new Sanctuary and Camp Directors, Lauren Gordon and Zach d’Arbeloff. Both come from successful careers at other Mass Audubon wildlife sanctuaries; Lauren is joining us from Oak Knoll in Attleboro, and Zach from Drumlin Farm in Lincoln. They are excited to be a part of the Blue Hills camp community, learn about summer traditions, and to meet our amazing camp families!

OUR CAMP STAFF

Blue Hills summer camp staff are chosen for their enthusiasm, knowledge, and ability to interact with youth in an outdoor setting. This specialized team works to foster an emotionally and physically safe atmosphere for all campers. Each staff member is interviewed and undergoes a background check and extensive pre-camp training that includes first aid and CPR certification.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call 617-333-0690 ext. 5226
Email bluehillscamp@massaudubon.org
Visit massaudubon.org/bluehillscamp

My kids love Blue Hills Summer Camp! The staff is awesome.
Peepers get to know camp at the Blue Hills! Spend the morning listening to stories, making crafts, playing games, and taking short hikes in safe, small groups of only five campers. Peepers must be self-sufficient in the bathroom. There is no after-camp offered for this program.

Sounds of the Wild
June 22–26, July 13–17, August 3–7
Croooooak, tweet, squeak, chirp, coo, roar, arooooooo—animals make all kinds of sounds! Explore the world of animal sounds and then create your own animal sound chorus.

What’s for Lunch?
June 29–July 3, July 20–24, August 10–14
Herbivores, carnivores, omnivores, and decomposers, oh my! Learn about the diets of wild animals and the different methods they use to find their next meal.

Color by Nature
July 6–10, July 27–31, August 17–21
Nature is full of color! How do animals use color to survive? Use some of the many colors you find to create your own art projects.

Chickadees experience the wonders of nature through hands-on exploration, games, stories, songs, crafts, and short hikes. Campers have opportunities for large and small group interactions, guided outdoor discovery, and imaginative play with friends. Chickadees must be age 5 by the start of their session.

Step, Slither, and Soar
June 22–26, July 13–17, August 3–7
Explore how animals move from place to place whether with wings, paws, or no legs at all in search of the things they need to survive.

Hidden Homes
June 29–July 3, July 20–24, August 10–14
Search for signs of animals down on the ground to up in the trees, find where they build their homes, and build one of your own.

What’s the Buzz?
July 6–10, July 27–31, August 17–21
The hills are alive with the sound of... animals! Listen for birds singing, crickets chirping, and squirrels chattering. Find out why they make all that racket and make your own noises.
Naturalists investigate the many habitats and animals at Blue Hills through active learning, creative play, science experiments, and hikes. Campers will make friends, practice teamwork, and engage their critical-thinking skills.

Nature’s Architects
June 22–26, July 13–17, August 3–7
Humans are not the only creatures who build amazing structures. Spin webs, dig burrows, and build nests to learn about the many ways that animals build their homes. Each day, focus on a different animal habitat and the animals that build their homes there.

Under Our Feet
June 29–July 3, July 20–24, August 10–14
There is a whole word that goes unnoticed right under our feet! Get down and dirty and learn about soil, look for animals that create underground homes, and explore the world of leaf litter.

Following Footprints & Other Animal Signs
July 6–10, July 27–31, August 17–21
Whose footprint is that? What has been chewing on that branch? Who left that scat? Discover your inner tracker, learn how to tell who has been in the Blue Hills, and make some tracks of our own.

Explorers head out to investigate Blue Hills’ varied ecosystems, as we delve deep into natural science. Participate in team building to create your camp community, experiment with nature, and make new friends. The Rip Roaring Raptors and Leaves, Branches, Stems & Roots sessions feature an overnight at “the hill,” during which campers will enjoy a twilight hike, dinner, a campfire, dormitory accommodations, and breakfast.

Rip Roaring Raptors*
June 22–26, July 13–17, August 3–7
$395 members; $465 nonmembers
Soar with these fascinating creatures of flight and discover what makes raptors known as the air’s fiercest fliers. Search the skies around Blue Hills for some of the reservation’s resident raptors including an owl prowl during Thursday’s overnight.

Leaves, Branches, Stems & Roots*
June 29–July 3, July 20–24, August 10–14
$395 members; $465 nonmembers
Investigate plants, from the smallest phytoplankton to the tallest tree. Along the way, learn about plant identification, how plants and other organisms coexist, and why plants grow where they do. Experience the Blue Hills after dark on a Thursday overnight.

Stories in Stone
July 6–10, July 27–31, August 17–21
$360 members; $430 nonmembers, per week
How were the Blue Hills formed? Find out by investigating how the forces of nature shape our landscape through exploration and experimentation. Build an exploding volcano, make a mini glacier, and explore the unique geologic formations of the Blue Hills. There is no overnight during these sessions.
Leadership and adventure combine for this challenging and interactive camp experience where campers learn team building and outdoor skills. Some sessions include an overnight, featuring a twilight hike, dinner, campfire, dorm accommodations, and breakfast.

**Birding 101**  
**July 6–10, July 27–31**  
$460 members; $530 nonmembers, per week  
Learn what makes birds different, how to identify different species, and where to look to find them. Start the week learning how to use binoculars then travel to other nearby birding hotspots. End the week and put our skills to the test at our Thursday overnight at Chickatawbut Hill.

**State Parks & Sanctuaries**  
**July 13–17, August 3–7**  
$425 members; $495 nonmembers, per week  
Learn about Massachusetts’ many state parks and wildlife sanctuaries. Visit some of these nearby natural wonders and explore the different habitats and ecosystems that they feature! Each session includes a day canoeing with a naturalist at Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary. There is no overnight during these sessions.

**Wilderness Survival**  
**July 20–24, August 10–14**  
$505 members; $575 nonmembers, per week  
Make shelters, build a solar oven, learn about some of Massachusetts’ edible wild plants, and learn to plan a hike of your very own. Finish the week with a Thursday overnight at Wildwood, Mass Audubon’s overnight camp in Rindge, New Hampshire. Put your skills to the test, push yourself on the ropes course, and spend some time on Hubbard Pond. Campers leave from Blue Hills on Thursday morning and will return Friday afternoon.

**COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING**  
**Ages 15–17**  
**Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–3:00 pm**  
**June 22–July 10, July 13–31, August 3–21**  
**$100 application/training fee**  
Develop leadership and teaching skills, and gain valuable experience as you assist counselors in leading camp activities. An application and a three-week commitment are required to participate. To request an application, please contact the Camp Director. Applications are due May 15; applicants will be notified of acceptance on a rolling basis with training beginning mid-June.

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**Entering Grades 6–9**

- Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–3:00 pm
- Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8

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**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](http://massaudubon.org/wildwood) or call [866-627-2267](tel:866-627-2267) to learn more and register.
TO REGISTER FOR CAMP
Three Ways to Register for Camp:
Visit massaudubon.org/bluehillscamp
Call 617-333-0690 x5226
Or mail or bring this form and payment to:
Blue Hills Trailside Museum, 1904 Canton Avenue, Milton, MA 02186

All registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received.

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: $50/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. 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).

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 Milton Board of Health.

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 will be evaluated on a rolling basis. Please call the Camp Director to request an application or download one at massaudubon.org/campforms.

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.

SESSION TRANSFERS
Sessions transfer requests will be honored if there is space available and if a request is made at least two weeks prior to the session start date, after which time transfers are not permitted.

BUDDY REQUESTS
One buddy request per camper will be honored when possible. Both campers must be the same age and both must request each other. All buddy requests must be made in writing at least one week prior to the first day of camp. Please indicate on your registration form if you would like your camper to be placed with a friend of the same age.

CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION
Zach d’Arbeloff, Camp Director
Blue Hills Nature Day Camp
1904 Canton Avenue
Milton, MA 02186
617-333-0690 ext. 5227 (director)
617-333-0690 ext. 5226 (registrar)
bluehillscamp@massaudubon.org
massaudubon.org/bluehillscamp
Register one of three ways:
1. Visit massaudubon.org/bluehillscamp,
2. Call 617-333-0690 ext. 5226
3. Mail this form and payment to Blue Hills Camp
   1904 Canton Avenue
   Milton, MA 02186

Please complete a separate form for each camper.

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

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**CAMPER**

Name ____________________________
Gender __________________________
Street Address ____________________
City ____________________________ State ___________ Zip ____________
Birth Date _______________________ Age as of June 1 ____________
Grade as of September 2020 _______ Returning Camper? YES / NO

**PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM**

Name ____________________________
Relationship to Camper __________________________
Member # __________________________ Add to Carpool List? YES / NO
Phone 1 __________________________ Phone 2 __________________________
Email __________________________
Address (if different) __________________________
City __________________________ State ___________ Zip ____________

**PARENT/GUARDIAN (if different from above)**

Name ____________________________
Relationship to Camper __________________________
Member # __________________________ Add to Carpool List? YES / NO
Phone 1 __________________________ Phone 2 __________________________
Email __________________________
Address (if different) __________________________
City __________________________ State ___________ Zip ____________

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

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

**PAYMENT METHOD**

Check Included OR Credit Card
Please make check payable to: Mass Audubon
DISC/MC/VISA # __________________________
Exp. Date: ____________ Verification Code: ____________
Signature: __________________________

“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.”
The Blue Hills Reservation is the largest open space within 35 miles of Boston, encompassing over 7,000 acres. The Department of Conservation and Recreation manages this property for the public to enjoy hiking, biking, horseback riding, boating, and more. For more information, please contact the DCR at 617-698-1802. Operated in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Blue Hills Trailside Museum is the interpretive center for the Blue Hills Reservation and features a natural history museum and outdoor exhibits of native wildlife.

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.