Discover.
Explore.
Be Outside

BLUE HILLS
NATURE DAY CAMP
at Chickatawbut Hill

2021
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 age-appropriate activities 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 DAY AT CAMP

8:30 am Camper Drop-off, Health Screening, & Games
9:00 am Opening Circle & 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Call (617) 333-0690 ext. 5226
Email bluehillscamp@massaudubon.org
Visit massaudubon.org/bluehillscamp
OUR CAMP STAFF

Our caring, well-prepared counselors are actively engaged in teaching and playing with campers. All staff members bring their enthusiasm for outdoor exploration, a desire to educate, and a compassionate heart for children. Counselors are 18 years of age or older.

The majority of our staff have been with Blue Hills for several years. Our staff have a wide range of backgrounds and interests and they bring their passion for working with kids and nature together here at camp.

All staff are CPR and first aid certified and trained in the use of EpiPens. Junior counselors are at least 16 years of age. Prior to the start of camp, all staff members undergo background checks and participate in training, including COVID-19 safety protocols.

OUR CAMP DIRECTOR

Camp Director Shawn Moriarty (he/him) grew up in Storrs, CT, and attended the University of Connecticut. He has worked with summer camps and outdoor education programs for 34 years around the country. Shawn has a BA in Asian American Relations and a MA in Environmental Education. Shawn is a firm believer that children need to spend time in nature as often as possible and that time at camp can play an incredibly important role in the development of a child.

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.
This year, in lieu of weekly session themes, staff will have the flexibility to determine a daily nature theme and curriculum, making each week of camp unique and easier to fit into your summer schedule.
CHICKADEES
Entering Grades K–1, Ages 5–7
$420 members; $485 nonmembers, per week
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 5
Where does a chickadee live? Where does it look for food? Chickadee campers experience the wonders of nature through hands-on exploration, games, stories, songs, crafts, and short hikes to discover the wildlife of the Blue Hills and the signs they leave. Campers discover food webs and habitats and how they influence the wild animals that live all around us.

NATURALISTS
Entering Grades 2–3, Ages 7–9
$400 members; $465 nonmembers, per week
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8
Grab a magnifying glass, a bug net, and a field guide and learn to be a Naturalist! Campers in this age group investigate the many habitats and animals at Blue Hills through active learning, creative play, science experiments, and hikes. We’ll learn more about the natural world of the Blue Hills, and discover how we can be naturalists in our own neighborhoods.

EXPLORERS
Entering Grades 4–5, Ages 9–11
$400 members; $465 nonmembers, per week
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8
Explorers head out to investigate Blue Hills’ varied ecosystems, awesome views, and amazing wildlife. As experienced hikers, Explorers head to new destinations for even bigger adventures as they play games, develop science experiments, and learn more about the human and natural history of the Blue Hills Reservation.

ADVENTURERS
Entering Grades 6–8 Ages 11–13
$400 members; $465 nonmembers, per week
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8
Lace up your hiking boots and get ready for adventure! Leadership and adventure combine for this challenging and interactive camp experience where campers learn team-building and outdoor skills as they explore the expansive Blue Hills Reservation and its diverse habitats.
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 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.

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.

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.

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
Shawn Moriarty, Camp Director
Blue Hills Nature Day Camp
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Milton, MA 02186
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BLUE HILLS NATURE DAY CAMP 2021 REGISTRATION FORM

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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**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

*Mass Audubon Family Membership if Joining/Renewing ($65): $________
Tax-Deductible Kids to Camp 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 more than 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 Mass Audubon's 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.