BLUE HILLS
NATURE CAMP
at Chickatawbut Hill
Welcome to Blue Hills Nature Camp

Our unique location atop scenic Chickatawbut Hill in Milton 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

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

“My son had a wonderful experience during his week at camp. I found the staff to be excellent and incredibly responsive when we had questions. Thank you so much for a great start to the summer!”

—2021 Camp Parent
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. Junior counselors are at least 16 years of age.

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 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
Mass Audubon is excited to welcome Laney Marcotte (she/her) as the new director of Blue Hills Nature Camp. Laney has extensive experience working with children of all ages: For the past 7 years, she has worked in outdoor education, summer camps—including 40-day, overnight camp trips in the backcountry—and environmental education programs all over the U.S. She holds a Bachelors in Biology from Bucknell University and a Masters in Environmental Education from Southern Oregon University. She is excited to be back in Eastern Massachusetts after growing up in Attleboro.

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.

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.

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.

After Camp Program
Pre-registration is required and can be added when registering online for regular camp sessions. To add the after camp program post-registration, please call or email the camp office.

3:30–5:30 pm | $95/week or $25/day
NATURE CAMP
Ages 5–13

PROGRAM DETAILS
Monday–Friday
8:30 am–3:00 pm
Weekly sessions from
June 20–August 19

WEEKLY THEMES

Each week we will have a theme to focus our attention. Of course, we know that sometimes nature provides us with opportunities to stop and notice something unexpected; time outside often leads to teachable moments on the trail.

Avian Adventures June 20–24
Botany in a Week June 27–July 1
Amazing Animal Adaptations July 4–8
Birds of a Feather July 11–15
Plants Eat the Sun July 18–22
How Do They Do That July 25–July 29
A Little Bird Told Me August 1–5
The World of Plants August 8–12
How Animals Thrive August 15–19
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 learn how they influence the wild animals that live all around us.

NATURALISTS
Entering Grades 2–3, Ages 7–9
$420 members; $485 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 creative play, science experiments, and hikes. Explore 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
$420 members; $485 nonmembers, per week
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8
Explorers venture 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
$420 members; $485 nonmembers, per week
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8
Lace up your hiking boots and get ready for adventure! Leadership and exploration 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.
Counselors-in-Training (CIT)

Ages 14–16

$230 members; $295 nonmembers, per week

Weekly Sessions
June 20–August 19
8:30 am–3:00 pm

If you’re a teen who enjoys being outside in nature, working with children, and wants to learn leadership skills, then our CIT program is for you! Participate in training sessions and assist counselors by creating activities and helping with camp activities. You will develop leadership and educator skills while honing your natural history knowledge in small groups of no more than 8 peers.

In 2022, we expect some COVID restrictions to still be in place, so CITs will only be interacting directly with small camper groups. You will be helping to set up programs and create activities for these camper groups.

If signed up for multiple weeks, CITs will be given additional tasks and more responsibility to help develop their skills further with each successive session. Please note: CITs must be at least 14 years old by the start of camp.

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

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: $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 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 & 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.

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 deadline 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 $25 per camper will be charged for incomplete or late forms, waivers, or payments.

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 Milton Board of Health.

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 Blue Hill 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.
REGISTRATION INFORMATION (continued)

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.

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.

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For information on employment opportunities, visit massaudubon.org/jobs.

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. Operated in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, 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 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.

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