

2022



BROADMOOR NATURE CAMP

Discover. Explore. Be Outside.





Welcome to Broadmoor Nature Camp!

At Broadmoor Nature Camp in Natick, kids ages 4-17 do what comes naturally: explore, have fun, and make friends. Campers create lifelong memories through guided outdoor explorations, games, hands-on activities, and crafts. They come to understand their place in nature, as well as the importance of preserving it. Small group sizes ensure that campers stay safe and engaged with role models who are creative, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic.



OUR CAMP STAFF

Broadmoor Nature Camp staff are enthusiastic about sharing the joy and wonder of nature with children. We hire knowledgeable, caring educators who support an emotionally and physically safe atmosphere. All staff undergo reference and background checks, are CPR and first aid certified, and receive training in child development, environmental education best practices, and health and safety procedures.

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 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Camp Director Meghan Haslam (she/her) and Assistant Camp Director Chloe Briskin (they/them) share a passion for learning in nature, caring for the land, and “all things camp.” Along with the Site Coordinator, Meghan and Chloe use their combined 25+ years of camp and environmental education experience to train, guide, and support the camp educators. When exploring Broadmoor with campers, Chloe’s favorite activity is searching for frogs and toads, and Meghan enjoys catching and observing bugs in the meadow.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 508-315-6721

Email broadmoorcamp@massaudubon.org

Visit massaudubon.org/broadmoorcamp

MORE FOR MEMBERS

Mass Audubon membership benefits don’t end when the summer’s over; it 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.

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.

A DAY AT CAMP

9:00–9:30 am	Camper drop-off & games
9:30 am	Nature Theme Introduction, Activities, & Games
10:15 am	Morning Snack Break
10:30 am	Nature Exploration & Investigation
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm	Full Day Campers: Nature Exploration, Activities, & Games
1:00 pm	Half-Day Campers Pick-up
2:30 pm	Camper Wrap-up
3:00–3:15 pm	Camper Pick-up

NEW! SLIDING SCALE PRICING

Mass Audubon is committed to ensuring that every family that wants their child to experience the friendships, community, confidence, and connection to nature that takes place at summer camp should have the opportunity to do so. A sliding scale structure levels the playing field for all families, regardless of their current financial circumstances, in an easy and dependable process. To learn more, see page 10 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 Broadmoor Nature Camp, financial assistance is available. See page 10 for more details.

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.



Before-Camp Programs

Campers can enjoy free play, do crafts, and play games. Options will vary each day.

7:30–9:00 am, ages 4–14



CURIOSITY CLUB

Ages 4–5

Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–1:00 pm

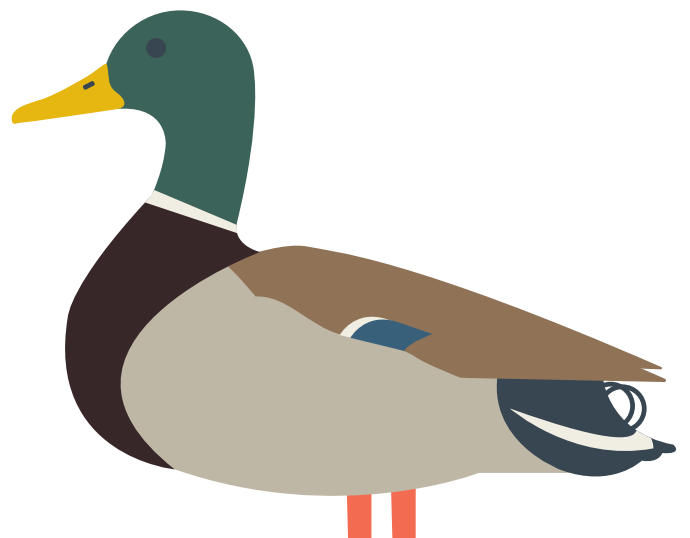
Weekly sessions June 20–August 12 (*No camp on Monday, July 4.*)

Learn, laugh, and connect with nature and other campers. This half-day program nurtures our youngest campers through play, discovery, and sensory exploration. Educational nature activities provide structure for our investigations while games and crafts build friendships and connections.

Campers must be age 4 by June 1.

“ My camper learned so much about plants, animals, and the environment, far more than I expected at such a young age. She really enjoyed the games and hands-on activities. ”

—Camp Parent



DISCOVERERS

Ages 5–6

Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm

Uncover Broadmoor’s greatest mysteries by using your senses to follow nature’s clues! With weekly themes as guidance, Discoverers dig deep into the cycles that make up our local ecosystem from the smallest caterpillar to the biggest tree.

NEW! Feathered Friends

June 20–24, July 11–15, August 1–5

How do birds fly? What makes feathers so special? Learn all about birds and the amazing things they can do. Play a game about migration, sing in a birdsong choir, get an up-close look at wild birds, and make bird-themed crafts to take home.

Rainbow Detectives

June 27–July 1, July 18–22, August 8–12

Search for colors in nature each day and investigate some color mysteries in Broadmoor’s habitats. Through crafts, games, and experiments, campers will explore color as light, learn about shadows, and discover the importance of color for wildlife and the natural world.

NEW! Damsels & Dragons

July 5–8*, July 25–29

Investigate the bug world’s most ferocious hunters: damselflies and dragonflies! Follow their lives from swimming hunters in the marsh to predators of the skies. Create dragonfly crafts, play a predator-prey game, and watch closely for these amazing creatures in different habitats around the sanctuary.

*No camp on Monday, July 4.

“ My daughter had such a wonderful experience at camp this summer. I loved hearing all the amazing things she learned about and how much she loved her counselors!” ”

–Camp Parent





NATURALISTS

Ages 7–8

Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm



Seek out connections in the natural world, and use your imagination to discover the wonders of the sanctuary. Campers in this group use their creativity and curiosity to guide them and learn what being a Naturalist is all about!

NEW! Rock On!

June 20–24, July 5–8*

Dig deep into a million-year history of land, soil, and rocks! Through scientific explorations, you'll uncover the secrets of pebbles, boulders, and bedrock, learning where they came from, why they matter, and how they impact the ecosystem and wildlife found at Broadmoor.

*No camp on Monday, July 4.

Animal Architects

June 27–July 1, August 8–12

Would you make your home at the tip-top of a tree, in a burrow beneath the roots, or in a crack between plates of bark? Explore the many places that animals call home throughout the sanctuary and discover how critters big and small overcome the challenges of different habitats and share resources in an ecosystem.

Nature Detectives

July 11–22, July 25–August 5

There is a mysterious pile of feathers on the trail: who do they belong to, and what happened? Hone your observation skills, learn to identify animal tracks, and navigate the sanctuary with a map. At the end of the session, put your new detective skills to the test to solve nature mysteries as a team.

“ My child came home happy every day from camp which is always a great sign. He said the counselors were all very nice and he was excited about the animals he saw and singing songs. ”

–Camp Parent



EXPLORERS

Ages 9–10

Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm



Get your hands dirty as you seek out the sanctuary's hidden secrets. Explorers investigate the connections within the natural world at Broadmoor using observation, games, crafts, and experiments.

NEW! Herp Alert

June 20–24, July 5–8*

Get to know Broadmoor's slimiest and scaliest inhabitants! Search the sanctuary for snakes, salamanders, frogs, and turtles (also known as herptiles) and learn about the amazing adaptations of these slithering, hopping, and crawling critters.

*No camp on Monday, July 4.

NEW! Nature Neighbors

June 27–July 1, August 8–12

Discover the planet's most powerful pairs in this exploration of natural relationships. Take a close look at pollinators and flowers, trees and fungi, and lichens (which are actually a partnership between two organisms) to uncover the teamwork behind their success. Then, put your camp group's ability to work together to the test with games and challenges that will require you to think like these dynamic nature duos!

Expedition Broadmoor

July 11–22, July 25–August 5

Become a scientist and investigate Broadmoor like you never have before. Trek to the farthest corners of the wildlife sanctuary, learn about the different ecosystems, and help collect data for research projects. Create your own unique map of the sanctuary, tracking the aspect of nature that appeals to you most. *End the two-week session with an overnight campout.***





BIOLOGISTS

Ages 11–14

Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm



Be a Broadmoor scientist as you find wild specimens in our fields, forests, and wetlands. In this program, campers perform experiments to enhance their understanding of the world around them, and discover the natural history of Broadmoor’s plants, animals, and people.

NEW! Soil to Sky

June 20–24, July 5–8*

Explore the world around you one layer at a time, investigating from deep beneath your feet to high in the sky. Discover the cycles that link the rocks to the trees, the fungi to the air, and even the tiniest soil microbes to the largest bird of prey.

*No camp on Monday, July 4.

NEW! Citizen Scientists

June 27–July 1, August 8–12

Put your scientific skills to the test by helping contribute to research projects at Mass Audubon and worldwide! Catalog wildlife sightings through phone apps, meet Mass Audubon scientists, and have amazing opportunities to encounter wild animals up close.

Wilderness Skills

July 11–22, July 25–August 5

What do you need in your backpack for a day hike, or to survive an unexpected overnight outside? Learn wilderness survival essentials, including how to navigate with a map and compass, collect drinkable water, construct a campfire, and practice “leave no trace” skills. Put what you’ve learned into practice during an overnight campout at the end of the session.**

**The on-site overnight takes place on the second Thursday of the 2-week sessions for Explorers and Biologists. Camp begins at 9:00 am on Thursday and ends at 9:30 am on Friday. Broadmoor Nature Camp provides tents, dinner, and breakfast for all campers.



TEEN PROGRAMS

COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING (CITs)

Entering Grades 9–12, Ages 14–17

9:00 am–3:00 pm

Session 1 June 27–July 8*

Session 2 July 11–22

Session 3 July 25–August 5

Session 4 August 8–12

**No camp on Monday, July 4*

Develop your leadership skills by working alongside Broadmoor Nature Camp counselors and sharing your love and knowledge of nature with younger campers. Each session, you'll be assigned an age group to work with, enabling you to develop bonds with campers as you assist with camp programming. Staff will help you develop your individual teaching and leadership styles as you create new lessons and assist with games, songs, crafts, and wacky camp fun.

In addition to being a great résumé builder, hours spent in the CIT program may count toward community service requirements (varies by town).

CITs develop skills in:

- Problem-solving
- Organization & group management
- Leadership
- Listening & communication
- Safety awareness
- Team building

CIT Training

June 22–23

During the mandatory CIT training you'll learn about child development, safety, and best practices for working at camp, plus get to know your fellow CITs.

Application & Commitment

The CIT program is open by application only. If you are interested in participating, please tell us more about your experience and interests by filling out an application at massaudubon.org/broadmoorcamp. A one-session commitment is required to participate.



FEBRUARY VACATION WEEK



February 22–25

Single Day Options:

Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm

APRIL VACATION WEEK



April 19–22

Single Day Options:

Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm

For details and to register visit
massaudubon.org/broadmoor
or call 508-315-6721.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP FOR TEENS (ELT)

Entering Grades 9–12, Ages 14–17

Jump-start your climate activism skills in this two-week environmental leadership camp. Alongside your peers, you'll learn how to identify areas that are vulnerable to the effects of climate change, locate resources to address those vulnerabilities, and become an advocate for climate justice. You'll participate in service projects around the sanctuary, and see what climate action looks like at Mass Audubon.

At the end of your two-week session, we'll help you set goals to take on a climate action project in your community. Join your peers for a virtual meeting at summer's end to share progress and collaborate on projects.

Making Waves

July 11–22*

Dive deep into the connection between water and climate, and investigate our ever-changing waterways at a local, national, and statewide level. Learn about your own watershed and find out how you can “make waves” in your community.

**The ELT program will take place at all three of Mass Audubon's Metro West nature camps and each sanctuary will feature a different theme. Visit our website for more details on ELT sessions at Drumlin Farm Camp in Lincoln, and Habitat Nature Camp in Belmont.*



**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 15–17
- Family Camp, all ages!

Visit massaudubon.org/wildwood or call 866-627-2267 to learn more.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TO REGISTER FOR CAMP

Visit massaudubon.org/broadmoorcamp

Call 508-315-6721

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. The deposit will be applied to your camp tuition and cannot be transferred to another camper, family, or camp location. The deposit is \$100 for full day 1 and 2-week camps, and \$50 for all half-day camps and CITs. 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

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

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.

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 Broadmoor, 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.

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.

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	Tier 1 <i>member/non member</i>	Tier 2 <i>member/non member</i>	Tier 3 <i>member/non member</i>	Tier 4 <i>member/non member</i>	Tier 5 <i>member/non member</i>
Family Adjusted Gross Income	<\$50,000	\$50,000– \$74,999	\$75,000– \$99,999	\$100,000– \$149,999	No financial aid requested
1-week camp	\$115/125	\$285/320	\$365/415	\$480/540	\$565/635
2-week camp	\$225/240	\$565/600	\$735/780	\$960/1020	\$1130/1200
Half-day, mini camp, CITs	\$80/95	\$200/235	\$255/300	\$335/390	\$395/465
Before camp (per week)	\$30/45	\$75/110	\$100/145	\$130/185	\$150/220



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 Natick 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.

BUDDY REQUESTS

Please indicate on your registration form if you would like your camper to be placed with a friend of the same age. 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. We are unable to accommodate buddy requests on the first day of camp.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Visit: massaudubon.org/broadmoorcamp

Broadmoor Nature Camp
280 Eliot Street Natick, MA 01760

WE'RE HIRING!

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

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



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.



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Program	June 20-24	June 27- July 1	July 5-8	July 11-15	July 18-22	July 25-29	August 1-5	August 8-12
Curiosity Club, Ages 4-5	Curiosity Club	Curiosity Club	Curiosity Club	Curiosity Club	Curiosity Club	Curiosity Club	Curiosity Club	Curiosity Club
Discoverers, Ages 5-6	Feathered Friends	Rainbow Detectives	Damsels & Dragons	Feathered Friends	Rainbow Detectives	Damsels & Dragons	Feathered Friends	Rainbow Detectives
Naturalists, Ages 7-8	Rock On	Animal Architects	Rock On	Nature Detectives		Nature Detectives		Animal Architects
Explorers, Ages 9-10	Herp Alert	Nature Neighbors	Herp Alert	Expedition Broadmoor		Expedition Broadmoor		Nature Neighbors
Biologists, Ages 11-14	Soil to Sky	Citizen Scientists	Soil to Sky	Wilderness Skills		Wilderness Skills		Citizen Scientists
Counselors-in- Training Ages 14-17	Required Training	Session 1		Session 2		Session 3		Session 4
Environmental Leaders, Ages 13-17				Making Waves at Broadmoor				

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