MOOSE HILL NATURE CAMP

Nature • Garden • Adventure • Art • Science

Welcome to Moose Hill Nature Camp!

Every day is an adventure at Moose Hill Nature Camp in Sharon! Campers ages 3 to 16 get outdoors and learn about nature through trail explorations, hands-on activities, themed games, and more.

Weekly sessions have campers exploring the sanctuary, getting dirty in farm fields, catching frogs by the pond, experimenting with science, dabbling in art, and venturing to new places. Small group sizes ensure that campers stay safe and engaged.

OUR CAMP PHILOSOPHY
At Moose Hill Nature Camp, we believe it’s important that children learn and grow through their interactions with nature as well as with each other.

We provide opportunities for structured free play, during which campers of various ages and developmental stages interact, learn important social skills, and gain appreciation for nature. We also believe in connecting people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities with nature to enhance quality of life and to spark an interest in preserving nature for future generations.

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, and many are college students majoring in science, psychology, or education.

All 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.

A DAY AT CAMP

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Visit massaudubon.org/moosehillcamp
CAMP PROGRAMS

PEEPER CAMP
Ages 3–4.5
Weekly June 15–August 28 | 9:00 am–12:00 pm (half day)
$210 members; $275 nonmembers per week
Weekly June 15–August 28 | 9:00 am–4:00 pm (full day)
$330 members; $395 nonmembers per week
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 5
Explore weekly themes through outdoor and indoor activities designed to encourage campers’ natural curiosity. Circle Time promotes listening, learning, and sharing; crafts help develop fine motor skills; nature walks enhance sensory awareness; and outdoor play strengthens the body. Lead Teacher Patti Austin has 25 years of teaching experience and loves working with preschoolers. Half-day Peepers leave before lunch, while full-day Peepers enjoy lunch and return to the classroom for rest time, story time, and supervised play in the pine forest. Children must be self-sufficient in the bathroom and at least three years old by the start of camp.

NATURE CAMP
Ages 4.5–12
Weekly June 15–August 28
$330 members; $395 nonmembers per week
Nature Camp connects children with the world around them through outdoor explorations, hands-on activities, fun games, and creative crafts. Weekly themes are explored by everyone, but activities differ for each age group.

DISCOVERERS | Ages 4.5–6
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 5
Discoverers learn about native animals, hike the property, learn to use their senses to explore their environment, and play with new friends. Small group size ensures that each child is heard and has opportunities to contribute.

EXPLORERS | Ages 7–8
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8
Explorers work cooperatively to explore Moose Hill’s various ecosystems; play interactive games; and dig deeper into native species’ adaptations, behaviors, and food webs. Explorers will also learn about our climate here in Massachusetts and how they can play a role in conserving nature.

INVESTIGATORS | Ages 9–12
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 10
Investigators delve deeper into the web of life comparing native wildlife species to those found in other ecosystems. Campers act as mentors to younger campers and explore the sanctuary on and off-trail. Investigators will also get the opportunity to learn more about Earth Science topics such as geology, weather, and the Water Cycle.

THEMES FOR PEEPERS & NATURE CAMP
Please visit our website for details on each week’s theme.
MAMMALS
June 15–19
FEATHERED FRIENDS
June 22–26
ECO EXPLORERS
June 29–July 3
GREEN & GROWING
July 6–10
REPTILES GALORE
July 13–17
INSECTS ABOUND
July 20–24
WILD WEATHER
July 27–July 31
SWAMPS & STREAMS
August 3–7
NATURE’S BASEMENT
August 10–14
HABITAT HUNT
August 17–21
BEST OF THE SUMMER
August 24–28
ART CAMP
Ages 9–13
Weekly June 22–August 21 | 9:00 am–4:00 pm
$370 members; $435 nonmembers per week
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 10
You don’t have to be an artist to enjoy Art Camp! Create unique art projects, discover self-expression with different mediums, explore the sanctuary for inspiration, and learn how to bring nature into your art. Each session has a different theme.

Please visit our website for details on each week’s theme.

ROOTS GARDEN CAMP
Ages 7–9
Weekly July 6–August 21 | 9:00 am–4:00 pm
$370 members; $435 nonmembers per week
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 6
Want to dig in and get your hands dirty with gardening? Explore the sanctuary’s Farm House Gardens, learn about sustainable gardening techniques, and find out what to plant to attract pollinators. Pick, sample, and prepare veggies straight from the garden beds!

SCIENCE CAMP
Ages 10–13
Weekly June 15–August 21 | 9:00 am–4:00 pm
$370 members; $435 nonmembers per week
Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 10
Interactive, hands-on activities that explore a variety of scientific concepts make learning science fun! Science Campers explore the property, conduct a wide range of experiments, and participate in activities designed to engage curiosity and imagination. Each session has a different theme.

Please visit our website for details on each week’s theme.
**NEW! WOLVES**  
**Wilderness Outdoor Living & Exploration Skills**  
**Ages 11–14**

Weekly June 22–July 10 & August 17–21  
9:00 am–4:00 pm  
$400 members; $465 nonmembers per week  

Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 6

Have you seen those shows where people spend days or weeks out in the wilderness and they make it look like anyone can do it? We can’t promise that you will get on any of those shows, but we will teach you how to travel safely in the backcountry with modern equipment. In WOLVES you will learn backcountry basics (shelter, food, fire, water, navigation, and safety) and Leave No Trace techniques to make your next wilderness trip more rewarding.

at Purgatory Chasm in Sutton, and hike up Mt. Wachusett in Princeton.

**LAKE VIEW ADVENTURE**  
**August 3–7 | 9:00 am–4:00 pm**  
(includes two overnights)  
$600 members; $665 nonmembers

Enjoy some hikes in Southeastern Massachusetts, then venture up to New Hampshire to climb up Little Monadnock Mountain one day, and then follow a stream to the top of a hill the next. Spend two nights at Wildwood (Mass Audubon’s overnight camp in Rindge, NH), where you will canoe, enjoy a ropes course, and make lasting friendships. *The overnights are Wednesday and Thursday night. Meals on this trip are not kosher.*

**SOUTH COAST EXPLORE**  
**August 10–14 | 9:00 am–4:00 pm**  
$545 members; $610 nonmembers

Explore the tidal marshes and coastal nesting habitats of Southeastern Massachusetts. Search the intertidal zone at Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary in South Dartmouth and Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary in Barnstable for marine life, visit Save The Bay Exploration Center in Newport, RI, take a walk along Humarock Beach in Scituate, and learn about how native turtles and seals are cared for at the National Marine Life Center in Buzzards Bay.

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**NATURE ADVENTURE CAMP**  
**Ages 12–15**

Weekly June 22–August 21 | 9:00 am–4:00 pm  
$370 members; $435 nonmembers per week  

Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 6

Curiosity and a love of adventure do not go away when you get older. Enter Nature Adventure Camp! Get out and explore parts of Moose Hill that most people never get to see. Learn primitive wilderness survival and navigation skills, as well as techniques that you can use to interpret the natural world. The more you know, the less you need is Nature Adventure Camp’s motto.
LEADERS-IN-TRAINING (LIT)
Ages 14–16

Weekly June 22–August 21 | 9:00 am–4:00 pm
$135 members; $200 nonmembers per week

Develop your leadership skills alongside other teens. Participate in team-building activities, complete a leadership skills evaluation, design and lead an activity, and learn kid-friendly nature-camp activities. Each week will have the same framework, but the activities will be unique.

NEW! COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING (CIT)
Ages 14–16

Weekly June 22–August 21 | 8:45 am–4:15 pm
$135 members; $200 nonmembers per week

If you’re a teen who enjoys working with children and wants to learn leadership skills and how to be a camp counselor, apply to be in our CIT program! Participate in training sessions and assist counselors with leading camp activities. During 2-week sessions, you will develop staff and nature skills. Then spend the next week getting direct experience with campers. Once someone has completed the CIT program, they can return for additional weeks to gain more experience.

For more information or to request an application, contact Julia Signorella at 781-784-5691 or jsignorella@massaudubon.org.

Before & After
Camp Options

Pre-registration is required. These options can be selected when registering online. To add either option post-registration, please call or email the Camp Office.

BEFORE-CAMP PROGRAM
7:15–9:00 am | $40/week

AFTER-CAMP PROGRAM
4:00–6:00 pm | $16/day or $75/week

“The innovative and well-planned options top off what is the perfect experience for our children.”

—Camp Parent

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 or call 866-627-2267 to learn more and register.
TO REGISTER FOR CAMP
Visit massaudubon.org/moosehillcamp
Call 781-784-5691 x8105

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 of $75/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 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). A fee of $20 per camper will be charged for incomplete or late forms and waivers.

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 Sharon 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
One buddy request per camper will be honored when possible. Both campers must be the same age and both must request each other. Please indicate on the online registration form or on the paper registration form the buddy name. After registration we can accept buddy requests in writing up to one week prior to the first day of your camper’s session.

AGE & GRADE
Campers are grouped by age as of June 15, and grade level is considered. Contact the Camp Office if you need assistance in registering your child in their grade level.

SESSION TRANSFERS
Session 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 may not be possible.

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 are due by June 1. Please call the Camp Director to request an application or download one at massaudubon.org/campforms.

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Moose Hill Camp has instilled a wonderful appreciation for nature and our natural resources in my son. He has a ‘blast’ there all summer and he can’t wait to go back.

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.