2020
NORTH RIVER NATURE CAMP
Welcome to North River Nature Camp!

At North River Nature Camp in Marshfield, children ages 4.5 to 14 are encouraged to explore their curiosity about the natural world. Campers have fun, make friends, and experience nature through outdoor play and discovery at our 225-acre wildlife sanctuary. Daily activities include trail explorations, habitat investigations, hands-on experiments, wildlife observation, creative games and crafts, and more. Each day a new adventure awaits!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call 781-837-9400
Email northrivercamp@massaudubon.org
Visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp

REFER A FRIEND & SAVE!

Receive $20 off your registration when you refer a friend to camp.

Campers must be new to North River Nature Camp and must attend to qualify. For details, visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp.

A DAY AT CAMP

8:45–9:15 am Camper Drop-off & Choice Time
9:15 am Opening Circle
9:45 am Exploratory Hikes, Activities, & Snack
12:00 pm Lunch & Choice Time
1:00 pm Hikes, Games, Crafts, & All-Camp Activities like Campfire & Mudball Toss
2:40 pm Closing Circle & Share Time
3:00 pm Camper Pick-up
3:00–5:00 pm Optional After-Camp Program

OUR CAMP DIRECTOR

This is Jacqui “Nighthawk” Shuster’s first year as Camp Director, after four years as a Camp Counselor and Teacher Naturalist at South Shore Sanctuaries. Jacqui is also our Education Coordinator, developing and leading programs for schools, groups, and families within the community. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a focus in Ecology and Chemistry. Her favorite part of camp is sharing unexpected nature moments with campers!

OUR CAMP STAFF

Staff are carefully selected for their maturity and ability to work with children in an outdoor setting. Our counselors are enthusiastic and caring individuals, dedicated to helping campers develop a special relationship with nature. All undergo background checks, are first aid and CPR certified, and participate in a pre-camp training in safety, child development, and natural history.

LEADERS-IN-TRAINING (LIT)

Ages 15–17, Entering Grades 10–11

$200 members; $240 nonmembers per two-week commitment

Gain valuable leadership skills and job experience as you assist our Camp Counselors. Help plan and deliver camp activities such as nature projects, games, crafts, and songs. Please note: An application is required and is available for download at massaudubon.org/northrivercamp. A consecutive, two-week commitment is required and a mandatory training session will be held during the week of June 22.
**After Camp Program**

Monday–Friday, 3:00–5:00 pm • Weekly, July 13–August 7

$100 members; $120 nonmembers, per week

Campers enrolled in our optional After-Camp program can choose from a variety of activities such as hiking, free play, and crafts. To assure campers get the most of their After-Camp experience we encourage campers to stay until at least 4pm. Preregistration is required and campers should bring a snack.

**WEEKLY THEMES**

Experience a variety of habitats and wildlife found at North River! Explore the outdoors, perform hands-on activities, observe wildlife, play games, make crafts, and more. Sessions with an * include a field trip to Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield or to Duxbury Beach. Field trips take place on Wednesday and are weather dependent. Find more info on field trips on page 5. *Please note: campers must be dropped off and picked up at the field trip destination.*

**Everyday Adventures**

**June 29–July 2**

Kick off your summer at North River, and hit the trail running with all kinds of outdoor fun! Go on scavenger hunts, play games, conduct experiments, and more. This week is all about having fun outside, exploring the natural world, and creating opportunities for adventure every day. *Please note: Camp will not be held on July 3; this week has been prorated: $265 members; $320 nonmembers.*

**Nature Myth Busters**

**July 6–10**

Are bats really blind? And are owls really wise? Embrace your natural curiosity and participate in some nature myth-busting. Using the outdoors as our lab, ask questions about the plants and animals that live at North River, set up experiments, and gather evidence. Participate in observation challenges, use science tools like thermometers and microscopes, and discover the truth about nature. Make special firefly crafts and decorations for North River's third annual Firefly Festival! **Check out our Third Annual Fantastic Firefly Festival** on Saturday, July 11, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Nature Myth Busters participants will receive FREE admission for one adult and one child!

**Project Play***

**July 13–17**

Let curiosity and creativity lead the way as you have fun in nature! Play traditional outdoor games, such as Capture the Flag and Parachute, and sharpen your observation skills with self-guided activities such as Nature Bingo. Use your imagination, choose your own adventures, and make friends with other campers during outdoor unstructured free play. *Please note: This session is for Discoverers and Explorers only.*

**AGE GROUPS**

Different age groups will explore weekly themes through age-appropriate activities and outings.

**Discoverers**

**Ages 4.5–6, Entering Grades K–1**

*Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 5*

Discoverers investigate the sanctuary’s plants and animals using all five senses and are encouraged to follow their natural curiosity. This group has lots of time to play outdoors in nature.

**Explorers**

**Ages 7–8, Entering Grades 2–3**

*Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 6*

Explorers grow their nature and science knowledge through fun group activities and interactive games. This group is encouraged to try new things and engage in free play in nature.

**Naturalists**

**Ages 9–11, Entering Grades 4–6**

*Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8*

Naturalists take a deeper look at the natural world through exploration that includes hiking, nature experiments, games, and more. Programs also include special outings to hike and explore other local conservation areas.
Flying Wild
July 20–24
Keep your eyes to the sky this week as we seek out all kinds of flying creatures! From birds to bats to butterflies, explore the remarkable ways flying animals get around and survive in the wild. Catch insects with a net, practice moving like a bird, and learn about all things with wings at North River. Please note: This session is for Discoverers and Explorers only.

Extreme Earth Artists*
July 27–31
Let your imagination run wild this week as you get crafty with natural items and an assortment of recycled materials. Take your creativity to the extreme by designing artwork using rocks, mud, sticks, and leaves. Turn trash to treasure by creating a recycled art project, and record your outdoor observations through nature-journaling. Please note: This session is for Discoverers and Explorers only.

Tracks, Traces, and Secret Places
August 3–7
Take a walk on the wild side this week as you search for tracks, scat, and secret hiding places along North River’s trails. Conduct sensory experiments to find out how animals communicate with each other and move about in their surroundings. Examine real animal artifacts, such as wings and skulls, and learn about unique adaptations that helps our wildlife survive.

Aquatic Adventures*
August 10–14
Prepare to make a splash as we immerse ourselves in all things aquatic! Discover the incredible properties of water and how you can help protect this vital natural resource. Design and conduct water experiments, use dip nets to catch aquatic critters at the brook, and cool off with some wild and wacky water games!

Summer Rewind
August 17–21
Go on daily adventures as we rewind and replay campers’ favorite summer camp activities! Play water games, go on scavenger hunts, sweep-net in our meadow, and more. Nature’s playground is still open and there’s a lot more to explore!

Ages 9–14, Entering Grades 4–9
Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm
After-Camp option available; see page 2.

Counselor-to-camper ratio: 1 to 5
**Session includes an overnight

Creative Woodcraft I
July 6–10
Ages 9–11, Entering Grades 4–6
$380 members; $455 nonmembers
Unplug and focus your creative energy on the skills and spirit of traditional woodcraft. Using old-fashioned hand tools, create an assortment of age appropriate items to take home and enjoy for years to come. Gain an appreciation for the science and cycles of the forest and build competence and confidence in your woodworking skills.

Nature STEAM: Games & Challenges
July 13–17
Ages 9–14, Entering Grades 4–9
$350 members; $420 nonmembers
Connect to nature through STEAM: science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Play games, participate in cooperative group challenges, and do hands-on activities that engage your curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving. Try designing a boat that can float, experiment with building a squirrel-proof birdfeeder, learn about symmetry in nature, and create temporary art using natural materials. This session includes a field trip to Duxbury Beach.

Into The Wild**
July 20–24
Ages 9–11, Entering grades 4–6
$400 members; $480 nonmembers
Sharpen your wilderness survival skills and learn the basics of keeping yourself safe in the outdoors. Make shelters out of natural objects, learn fire-building techniques, and practice tying different kinds of knots. Learn about the principles of Leave No Trace hiking, and discover your wild side through challenging teambuilding activities and games. Take a field trip to Wompatuck State Park in Hingham to work on orienteering skills, and top off the week with a campout (complete with s’mores) at North River. Thursday overnight with 9:00 am pick-up Friday morning (no camp Friday).
Nature Photography
July 27–31
Ages 9–14, Entering Grades 4–9
$380 members; $455 nonmembers
Explore nature through the lens of your camera and learn how to take great nature photos while being mindful of your surroundings. Hike North River's trails, try out different photography techniques, and practice your micro and macro observation skills. Select your favorite pictures for an end-of-the-week photo show for campers and parents. Please note: Campers will need to bring their own digital camera with SD card. This session includes a field trip.

Creative Woodcraft II
August 3–7
Ages 10–14, Entering Grades 5–9
$380 members; $455 nonmembers
Unplug and focus your creative energy on the skills and spirit of traditional woodcraft. Using old-fashioned hand tools, build a number of projects to share with future campers or to take home. Create rustic furniture and simple folk toys, gain an appreciation for the science and cycles of the forest, and build competence and confidence in your woodworking skills.

Adventure Stewards**
August 10–14
Ages 11–14, Entering Grades 6–9
$425 members; $510 nonmembers
Pack your sense of adventure and travel from sea to summit, discovering how you can help take care of the nature of Massachusetts. Tour the North River on a pontoon boat with the North and South River Watershed Association and hike the seashore with a Mass Audubon Coastal Waterbird Specialist at Duxbury Beach. Head for the hills of Central Massachusetts to camp out for one night at Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary in Princeton and climb to the summit of beautiful Mount Wachusett. Experience nature with friends, learn outdoor skills such as orienteering and fire-building, and gain confidence and leadership skills through teambuilding activities. Overnight will take place Thursday evening; camper pick-up is Friday at 3pm at North River. Transportation, camping fees, and food for overnight are included.

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Visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp
Call 781-837-9400
Mail or bring the registration form and payment to:
North River Nature Camp
2000 Main St
Marshfield, MA 02050

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 $50/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.

REFER A FRIEND DISCOUNT
Receive a $20/friend discount off your camper’s session. For details, visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp.

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). We reserve the right to charge a $20 fee 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 Town of Marshfield 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.

FIELD TRIPS
Campers enrolled in Nature Theme Sessions that include a field trip will spend one day at either Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary in Marshfield or Duxbury Beach. Field trips take place on Wednesday and are weather dependent. Please note: For Nature Theme Sessions, campers must be dropped off and picked up at the field trip destination. For Special Interest Camp Sessions, transportation will be provided to and from trip destinations in Mass Audubon vans.

CAMP POLICY REQUESTS
You may request copies of our background check, health care, discipline, bullying, and grievance policies at any time.

CARPOOL REQUESTS
If you would like to be added to the carpool list, please circle ‘yes’ on your registration form and your information will be shared with other interested families.

CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION
Jacqui Shuster, Camp Director
North River Nature Camp
2000 Main Street
Marshfield, MA 02050
781-837-9400
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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 April 30. Please call the Camp Director to request an application or download one at massaudubon.org/campforms.
Register one of three ways:
1. Call 781-837-9400
2. Visit massaudubon.org/northrivercamp
3. Mail this form and payment to:
   North River Nature Camp,
   2000 Main Street
   Marshfield, MA 02050

Complete a separate form for each camper.

CAMPER
Name ____________________________
Gender ___________________________
Street Address ______________________
City ___________ State ________ Zip ______
Birth Date ______ Age as of June 1 ______ Grade as of 9/2020 ______
Returning Camper? YES / NO Carpool? YES / NO

PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM
Name ____________________________
Relationship to Camper ____________________________
Member # ____________________________
Phone 1 ____________________________ Phone 2 ____________________________
Email _____________________________________________________________
Address (if different) ____________________________
City ___________ State ________ Zip ______

PARENT/GUARDIAN (if different from above)
Name ____________________________
Relationship to Camper ____________________________
Member # ____________________________
Phone 1 ____________________________ Phone 2 ____________________________
Email _____________________________________________________________
Address (if different) ____________________________
City ___________ State ________ Zip ______

KIDS TO CAMP
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
DETAILS AT
massaudubon.org/kidstocamp

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.”
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.