

2023



# WILD at ART NATURE CAMP

Discover. Create. Explore. Be Outside.



# Welcome to the Wild at Art Nature Camp

Give your child the chance to experience the transformative power of art and nature.

Our unique camp setting—part wildlife sanctuary, part art museum and studio—inspires creativity, promotes well-being, and enhances connections to nature. We provide a safe, fun-filled camp experience specially designed to nurture a child's happiness and sense of wonder.

Campers ages 4.5–14 have fun and build lasting friendships while naturalists, teaching artists, and trained counselors lead them in outdoor explorations and creative art projects, including kiln-fired pottery, painting, mixed media, printmaking, and more.

## A DAY AT CAMP

7:45–9:00 am	Before-camp Program
8:45–9:15 am	Camper drop-off*
9:15 am	Opening circle
9:30 am	Morning nature, art activities, and snack
12:00 pm	Lunch and Free Choice activity
1:00 pm	Afternoon nature and art activities
2:45–3:15 pm	Camper pick-up*
3:15–5:30 pm	After-camp Program

*\*Pick-up and drop-off times will be staggered by camper group*



## OUR CAMP STAFF

Our camp staff is committed to helping campers to thrive, create, explore, build friendships, and be happy. Team members have expertise in environmental education, ecology, and art. 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 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tessa Holleran (she/her) is heading into her second year as Education Coordinator and Wild at Art Camp Director. She holds a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies from Brandeis University. Throughout the year, Tessa teaches and coordinates art and nature programming in schools and our local communities, as well as serving as Metro South's Accessibility Coordinator.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Call** 781-821-8853

**Email** [mabacamp@massaudubon.org](mailto:mabacamp@massaudubon.org)

**Visit** [massaudubon.org/mabacamp](https://massaudubon.org/mabacamp)



## 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.

## COVID-19 SAFETY

The health and welfare of our campers and staff remain 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](https://massaudubon.org/camps).

## SLIDING SCALE PRICING

Mass Audubon is committed to ensuring that every family that wants their child to experience summer camp has the opportunity to do so. A sliding scale model helps us work toward that goal through an easy and dependable process for families. If cost is still a barrier under the sliding scale structure, financial assistance is also available. See page TK to learn more.





“As a first-time camper, my daughter didn’t know anyone and didn’t know what to expect. With the staff’s calm, positive, and enthusiastic guidance and supervision, she started to explore nature and art in a way she never had a chance to before.”

—2022 Camp Family



# CAMP SESSIONS AT A GLANCE

## MINI-SESSIONS

### Age Groups 4.5–6 and 7–8

July 5–7

Art Immersion: Wild Painting

### Age Groups 9–10 and 11–13

July 5–7

Aquatic Adventures

## ONE-WEEK SESSIONS

### Age Groups: 4.5–6 and 7–8

June 19–23

The Lorax: Being Nature’s Superhero

June 26–30

Clay-mazing Treasure Hunters

July 10–14

That’s Wild: Owl Extravaganza

July 17–21

Crucial Keystone Critters

July 24–28

That’s Wild: Bug Safari

July 31–August 4

That’s Wild: Birds of Prey

August 7–11

Amazing Amphibians and Remarkable Reptiles

August 14–18

Painting and Pollinators

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Nature’s Serenade: Acoustic Ecology

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Owl Ecology and Art

August 7–11

Painting Immersion: Nature’s Palette

August 14–18

Build, Design, and Create: Exploration in The Nest

### Age Group: 11–14

Weekly

Taking Flight: Operating from the Nest

## TWO-WEEK SPECIALTY SESSIONS

### Ages 9–10 and 11–14

July 10–21

Ceramics and Pottery Inspired by Nature

July 24–August 4

Nature’s Canvas: Painting, Journaling, and Field Biology



# Mini-Sessions

Age Groups: 4.5–6 and 7–8

## Art Immersion: Wild Painting

July 5–7

Get creative with paint using spray bottles, bubbles, splatter screens, and homemade brushes. Look for wet wildlife, such as frogs and salamanders, and play water games.

Age Groups: 9–10 and 11–13

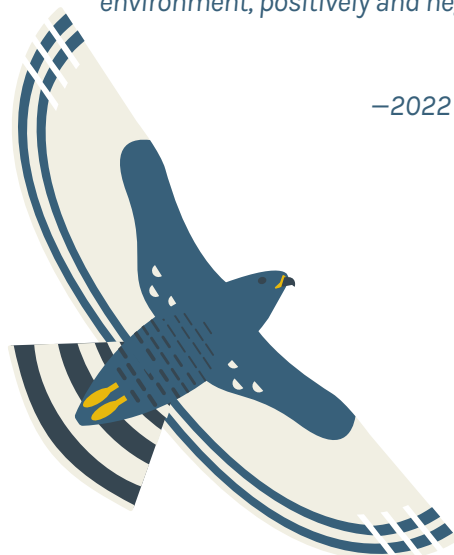
## Aquatic Adventures

July 5–7

Catch and release crayfish, discover how dragonflies spend some of their life underwater, and use our digital microscope to uncover the miniature world hidden in a drop of vernal pond water. Become an aquatic ecologist as you explore the brook and vernal pool. Your discoveries will inspire your art projects, including mixed-media paintings, collage, and more.

“As an educator and a parent, I’m thrilled by the real-world learning opportunities Wild At Art Camp provides. My daughter is learning about diverse animal species, the environment in which they live, and the way in which humans impact the environment, positively and negatively!”

—2022 Camp Family





# One-Week Sessions

Age Groups: 4.5–6 and 7–8

## **The Lorax: Being Nature's Superhero**

**June 19–23**

Enter a world of curiosity and imagination with the inspiration of stories created by Dr. Seuss and become a nature superhero! Using all your senses, learn about the ways animals and plants are nature superheroes and how you can be one, too.

## **Clay-mazing Treasure Hunters**

**June 26–30**

Explore the wildlife sanctuary and search wildlife treasure. Create clay artifacts using different ceramic techniques, make maps, and create mixed media art inspired by your discoveries.

## **That's Wild: Owl Extravaganza**

**July 10–14**

Owls soar into camp again this summer! Spend the week on the prowl for owls. See live owls up close, learn about their special adaptations, and create art based on the different owl species found here in Massachusetts.

## **Crucial Keystone Critters**

**July 17–21**

Discover which species keep our local environments in balance and how they do it! Learn about a new keystone species every day and create art inspired by the roles they play, while exploring the sanctuary and their natural habitats.

## **That's Wild: Bug Safari**

**July 24–28**

Turn over logs, search the meadow, and explore in the pine grove to discover the amazing bugs that live on the wildlife sanctuary. Learn different nature journaling techniques, expand your curiosity through detailed nature journaling, and use the digital microscope to be inspired to create amazing art by all the intricate patterns found on bugs.

## **That's Wild: Birds of Prey**

**July 31–August 4**

Soar like a hawk through the woods, swoop like a falcon along the brook, and see live birds, including a hawk and a falcon, up-close. Discover amazing birds that live at the sanctuary. Let these amazing animals inspire you to hand build clay nests and make watercolor paintings of birds.

## **Amazing Amphibians and Remarkable Reptiles**

**August 7–11**

Leap into fun when you go on an amphibian safari and beat the heat while you learn about fascinating reptiles. Live animals will visit camp this week and art projects may include weaving in the woods, painting, and creating collages with natural materials.

## **Painting and Pollinators**

**August 14–18**

Buzz into an amazing week of learning about pollinators and creating art that will soar. Closely observe butterflies visiting flowers in the meadow and pollinator garden, spend time exploring the wildlife sanctuary, and discover pollination in action. This week you have fun painting in different ways, including watercolor painting, marbling paper, and creating a collage with acrylic paint and natural materials.

“My daughter truly feels like she is a nature superhero! Thank you.”

—2022 Camp Family



# One-Week Sessions

Age Groups: 9–10 and 11–13

## Nature's Serenade: Acoustic Ecology

June 19–23

Listen to nature's symphony as you discover how nature makes music, from the dawn chorus of migrating birds to trilling cicadas on a summer afternoon. Create musical instruments with natural materials, install sound sculptures in the sanctuary, and create art inspired by nature's serenade.

## Owl Ecology and Art

June 26–30

Discover the mysterious world of owls, learning about their ecology and interactions with other species. See live owls up close and create owl-inspired art.

## Painting Immersion: Nature's Palette

August 7–11

Gather inspiration from the natural world and explore painting in depth. Paint outside in the fresh air, discover different techniques inside the studio, and get up close with masterpieces in Mass Audubon's art collection. Enjoy the space and freedom to experiment with painting and create your own masterpieces.

## Build, Design, and Create: Exploration in The Nest

August 14–18

Create and innovate with our makerspace, The Nest. Study wildflowers in the meadow and laser engrave your drawings into nature journals, design t-shirts using Cricut Design Space software, and create mini terrariums.

# Two-Week Specialty Sessions

Age Groups: 9–10 and 11–14

## Ceramics and Pottery Inspired by Nature

July 10–21

Immerse yourself in the world of pottery. Learn how to “throw” on pottery wheels and create nature-inspired ceramic sculptures and pottery. Create sculptures that reimagine the animals and plants that live on the sanctuary and in your own neighborhood.

## Nature's Canvas: Painting, Nature Journaling, and Field Biology

July 24–August 4

Conduct mini science experiments, survey our vernal pool as an aquatic ecologist, and discover hidden natural treasures. Find Monarch caterpillars in the meadow and crayfish in the brook, use our digital microscope to get a closer look at these magnificent creatures, and create wildlife-inspired works of art by sketching and painting what you've seen.

*Campers will receive and take home an artist-quality sketchbook and drawing supplies, a watercolor palette with high-quality paints, and a travel-sized watercolor brush. Campers will also receive a “curiosity kit” to take home at the end of their session. All materials are included in the cost of the program.*



# TAKING FLIGHT

## Unleash Your Creativity at The Nest

### Age Groups: 11–14

Using the tools of art and design, campers will become artists, engineers, and scientists during this innovative camp week. Whether it is using the Cricut Maker cutting machines to design stencils or programming the Glowforge laser printer to engrave the sound waves of a singing bluebird they recorded in the meadow, campers will learn new skills, build friendships, and be challenged to problem-solve using the tools of art and design. Once your campers take flight from The Nest at the end of their session, they will leave with a new sense of wonder and confidence to explore the natural world.

#### WEEKLY THEMES

June 29–23	<b>Flight</b>
June 26–30	<b>Nesting</b>
July 10–14	<b>Miniature Landscapes</b>
July 17–21	<b>Wildflowers</b>
July 24–28	<b>Pollinators</b>
July 31–August 4	<b>Owls</b>
August 7–11	<b>Hawks and Falcons</b>
August 14–18	<b>Metamorphosis</b>

## COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING (CIT)

### Age 14–15

Are you a high school student who is enthusiastic about camp, nature, and art? We are looking for you! CITs develop valuable leadership and teaching skills and are an important part of our camp team, contributing to the overall safety and well-being of our campers. All CITs commit to at least two weeks of camp and a mandatory training day on June 16.

To request an application, contact our Camp Director at [tholleran@massaudubon.org](mailto:tholleran@massaudubon.org).



## Extended Day Options

Campers will be given a small snack and have a choice of activities, such as arts and crafts, games, our nature play area or nature exploration.

### Before Camp Program

7:45–9:00 am

### After Camp Program

3:15–5:30 pm

“ We are grateful we found you and your camp. Each year, the boys are so happy to attend! Your staff is friendly and helpful, and the kids really enjoy it. Thank you for all the hard work you and your staff put into the camp each year. ”

—Camp Family



# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## TO REGISTER FOR CAMP

Visit [massaudubon.org/mabacamp](https://massaudubon.org/mabacamp)

Call 781-821-8853

Email [mabacamp@massaudubon.org](mailto:mabacamp@massaudubon.org)

## REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

A confirmation letter/email 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:

- One-week Sessions: \$75/camper/session
- Two-week Sessions: \$100/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. If you are unsure of your member status, please contact Mass Audubon Member Services by calling 781-259-9500 or by emailing [membership@massaudubon.org](mailto:membership@massaudubon.org)

## 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 their spot is not guaranteed until all forms, waivers, and payments are completed (or a payment plan has been established).

## 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 safe summers of camping for the past three years will guide us into another great summer in 2023. 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 continue to navigate COVID-19. For the latest information on COVID-19 safety at Mass Audubon Camps, please visit [massaudubon.org/camps](https://massaudubon.org/camps).

## CAMPER REQUIREMENTS

Campers are expected to be able to follow all safety protocols, including COVID-19 policies, which will be determined by the start of camp based on the latest guidelines from the Massachusetts Department of Public

Health. Visit [massaudubon.org/camps](https://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 Canton 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, health care, discipline, bullying, and grievance policies at any time.



## 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 Wild At Art 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](https://massaudubon.org/campforms) to download a scholarship application.



## SLIDING SCALE PRICING

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 tier that best fits your family's gross income. If you select Tiers 1-4, you will be asked to upload income verification documentation at a later time. Registrants at Tier 5 do not need to provide income verification. A deposit is due at the time of registration; the final balance and all paperwork are due by May 15. If cost is still a barrier under the tiered structure, financial aid is also available.

	<i><b>Tier 1</b></i> member/nonmember	<i><b>Tier 2</b></i> member/nonmember	<i><b>Tier 3</b></i> member/nonmember	<i><b>Tier 4</b></i> member/nonmember	<i><b>Tier 5</b></i> member/nonmember
<b>Family Adjusted Gross Income</b>	<b>&lt;\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000–\$94,999</b>	<b>\$95,000–\$119,999</b>	<b>\$120,000–\$159,999</b>	<b>No income verification required</b>
<b>Non-specialty Sessions</b>	\$82/\$96	\$205/\$240	\$287/\$336	\$348/\$408	\$410/\$480
<b>Mini Camp</b>	\$48/\$62	\$120/\$155	\$168/\$217	\$204/\$263	\$240/\$310
<b>Pottery</b>	\$195/\$209	\$488/\$523	\$683/\$732	\$829/\$888	\$975/\$1,045
<b>Field Biology</b>	\$180/\$194	\$450/\$485	\$630/\$679	\$765/\$825	\$900/\$970
<b>The Nest</b>	\$105/\$119	\$263/\$298	\$368/\$417	\$446/\$506	\$525/\$595
<b>Before Camp (per week)</b>	\$10/\$11	\$25/\$28	\$35/\$39	\$43/\$47	\$50/\$55
<b>After Camp (per day)</b>	\$5/\$6	\$13/\$14	\$35/\$39	\$21/\$24	\$25/\$28

# 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](https://massaudubon.org/kidstocamp)

## WE'RE HIRING!

For information on employment opportunities, visit [massaudubon.org/jobs](https://massaudubon.org/jobs).

## QUESTIONS?

Call us at 781-821-8853

Email us at [mabacamp@massaudubon.org](mailto:mabacamp@massaudubon.org)

## 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](https://massaudubon.org/membership).



# WILD at ART HIGHLIGHTS

Highly qualified, professional staff

Individualized approach

Inspiring, nature-based art activities

The Nest – MABA's maker space

Kiln-fired art projects

Science-infused camp sessions

Beautiful & dynamic environment



## *There's more to explore at Wildwood, Mass Audubon's overnight camp in New Hampshire:*

- Overnight Camp, ages 7-15
- Teen Adventure Trips, ages 14-17
- Environmental Leadership for Teens, ages 16-17
- Family Camp, all ages!

Visit [massaudubon.org/wildwood](https://massaudubon.org/wildwood) or call 866-627-2267 to learn more.



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 160,000 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](https://massaudubon.org).

