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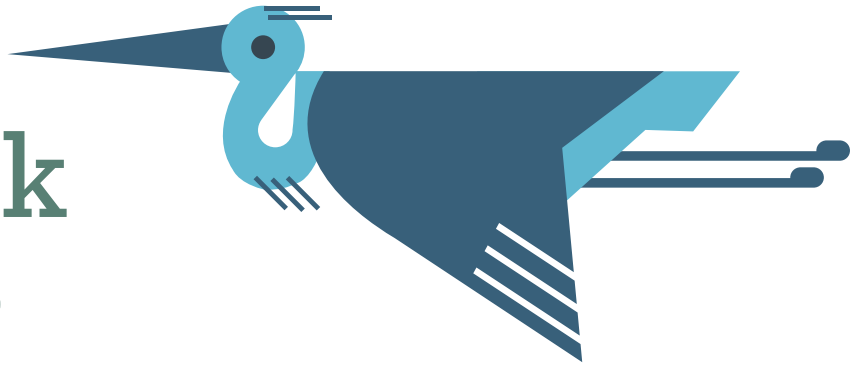


STONY BROOK NATURE CAMP

Discover. Explore. Be Outside.



Welcome to Stony Brook Nature Camp



At Stony Brook Nature Camp in Norfolk, children have the freedom to explore! Campers ages 4-15 discover our wildlife sanctuary's forest, fields, and wetlands during weekly sessions. Trail explorations, hands-on activities, games, crafts, and more provide full ecosystem immersion for an enhanced learning experience, while small group sizes ensure a welcoming, supportive environment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 508-528-3140

Email stonybrookcamp@massaudubon.org

Visit massaudubon.org/stonybrookcamp

A DAY AT CAMP

7:45-8:50 am	Before Camp Program
8:50-9:15 am	Camper drop-off & choice time
9:00-9:30 am	Opening Circle and songs
9:30 am-12:00 pm	Activities, exploration, & hikes
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch & free play
1:00-3:15 pm	Afternoon explorations, hikes, & games
3:15-3:30 pm	Closing Circle & songs
3:30 pm	Camper pick-up
3:30-5:00 pm	After Camp Program



OUR CAMP STAFF

We are passionate about sharing the joy and excitement of the outdoors with campers. Year after year, we receive exceptional feedback about our counselors' creativity and enthusiasm. Staff members are carefully selected for their maturity, caring attitude towards children, and outdoor education and leadership experience. 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.

OUR CAMP DIRECTOR

Marla Cohen (she/her/hers) joined the Mass Audubon family in 1997 and became Stony Brook's Camp Director and Education Coordinator in 2001. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from Ohio University. Outside of camp, Marla spends her time developing and teaching nature programming for local schools, scouts, and families.

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 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. See page 6 for more information.

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 7 to learn more.



Extended Day Options



BEFORE-CAMP PROGRAM

7:45–8:50 am

Campers will spend their pre-camp morning engaged in quiet games and crafts. Please note: Breakfast is not provided. Parents should ensure that campers have eaten a hearty breakfast or bring a small snack.

AFTER-CAMP PROGRAM

3:30–5:00 pm

Campers will spend their post-camp afternoon engaged in games, short hike and crafts. Campers who sign up for this option should bring a second snack for the afternoon.



CAMPER GROUPS & FEES

9:00 am–3:30 pm

Age-appropriate activities deepen campers' knowledge and awareness of nature as they return throughout the summer and years. Each one-week session has a different theme to investigate. (See page 4 for weekly themes.)

Preschool Camp Ages 4–5

Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 5

Led by Stony Brook's Nature Preschool Director Hilary Johansen-Silve, this program will spark curiosity and wonder for young campers as they explore the sanctuary. Through outdoor explorations, crafts, games, songs, and stories, campers are introduced to the wide diversity of life around them.

Wanderers Ages 5–6

Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 5

Wanderers learn about Stony Brook's many ecosystems and what may be found within them. Simple observations and investigations build a foundation of interest and desire to learn more in years to come. Wanderers begin their initiation into the natural world through short hikes, hands-on activities, and creative endeavors.

Ramblers Ages 7–8

Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8

Ramblers conduct ecosystem investigations on daily outings, using their senses to identify familiar species of plants and animals. Ramblers are encouraged to explore their own areas of interest and further develop their social skills as they participate in activities, games, and crafts.

Explorers Ages 9–10

Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 10

Explorers study their surrounding environment in-depth, learning about complex ecological concepts. This group explores the far reaches of Stony Brook as they participate in activities, games, and crafts.



WEEKLY THEMES

Look Mom, No Spine!

June 26–30 and July 31–Aug 4

Snails and slugs, worms and spiders, centipedes and pill bugs—what do they all have in common? They have no backbone! We'll spend the week searching for and learning about these well-adapted, spineless creatures. Play games to discover their differences and make temporary habitats that match the ones you find outside.

Scales, Slime, & Slither

July 5–7*

Enter the reptile and amphibian realm: roll logs, look under rocks, and dip-net in the pond in search of turtles, snakes, frogs, and salamanders.

**Three-day week; pricing is pro-rated accordingly*

Drip Drop

July 10–14 and August 7–11

Where does water come from? Where does it go? Take a journey beginning in rivers, lakes, and oceans. Dip-net into the ponds at Stony Brook and discover the critters that make their homes in the wet areas of the sanctuary.

Surprise Scientists

July 17–21 and August 14–18

Don't anticipate; participate! We're keeping activities a surprise, but each day you can expect to become a different type of scientist: geologist, biologist, entomologist, chemist, and more! We'll have fun conducting experiments and practicing the skills needed to be the best scientists out there.

Crafty by Nature

July 24–28 and August 21–24

Use your powers of observation and creativity to find things in nature to turn into art. Explore Stony Brook's pond, field, and forest to find inspirations for your masterpieces.



“ My 5-year-old absolutely loved his week at Stony Brook Nature camp. He raves about his counselors and lights up when he talks about going back to camp. I found the camp counselors so welcoming and warm to the campers. I am so pleased with his experience and will definitely sign him up again next summer. ”

— 2022 Camp Parent



SPECIALTY SESSIONS

Ages 9–15

Counselor-to-Camper Ratio: 1 to 10

Delve deeper into art or science with programs designed for older campers.

It's Art, Naturally

July 5–7 • Ages 11–13

Be inspired by the natural beauty around us through the lens of nature and the grounds of Stony Brook. With drawing materials, cardboard, papier-mâché, and recycled and found objects, we will create functional and decorative masterpieces of all shapes and sizes.

Mysteries, Maps, & Riddles

July 10–14 • Ages 12–14

What's that? Who did it? Where are we? Can you figure it out? Join us for a brainteasing week of puzzles. Become a detective, discover new places, and have fun with friends while trying to unravel the mysteries of camp.

This program includes an optional overnight Thursday evening. Campers may stay overnight or leave at 9:30 pm after the night hike and return Friday morning.

Grossology

July 17–21 • Ages 9–11

Believe it when we say this camp is gross! Have a blast exploring the messy, icky, stinky side of science. Discover a wide range of things from slime and snot to mucky and smelly concoctions. Yes, it is disgusting; every day is a perfect adventure in gross.

This program includes an optional overnight Thursday evening. Campers may stay overnight or leave at 9:30 pm after the night hike and return Friday morning.

Adventurers

July 31–August 4 • Ages 11–13

Who knew that studying the ecosystems at Stony Brook could be so much fun! Venture into the science behind the sanctuary's research programs. Activities will include dragonfly mark and recapture, turtle and wetland surveys, biodiversity and conservation-based games, and more.

Nature Magic

July 24–28 • Ages 9–11

Why does skunk cabbage smell? How do fireflies glow? The natural world is full of magical mysteries to explore and discover. Create a glow-in-the-dark fountain and other perplexing potions.

This program includes an optional overnight Thursday evening. Campers may stay overnight or leave at 9:30 pm after the night hike and return Friday morning.

Outdoor Leaders

August 7–11 • Ages 13–15

Do you have what it takes to be a leader? Challenge yourself to find out! Develop your leadership skills while having fun with time-honored camp activities. Develop a community service project and kid-friendly nature activities that will prepare you to become a Counselor-in-Training (CIT).

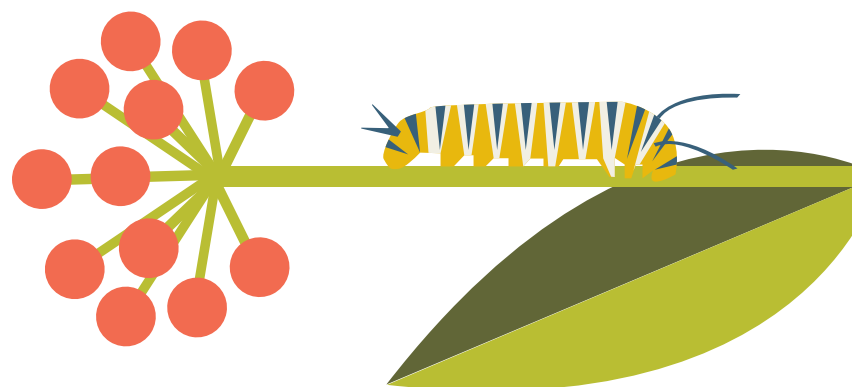
Counselors-in-Training

Ages 15–17

Application Deadline: May 23

Experience the fun, challenges, and rewards of camp as you assist camp counselors. Gain valuable leadership skills and participate in the planning of weekly camper activities, such as nature projects, crafts, songs, and games.

Please note: an application is required. Contact Camp Director Marla Cohen at mcohen@massaudubon.org or 508-528-3140 ext. 7122 to request an application.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TO REGISTER FOR CAMP

Visit massaudubon.org/stonybrookcamp
Call 508-528-3140

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 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. If you are unsure of your member status, please contact Mass Audubon Member Services by calling 781-259-9500 or emailing 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.

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 for the most up-to-date 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.

BUDDY REQUESTS

You may request that your camper be placed in a group with a friend of the same age. 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. 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.

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.

CAMP LICENSE

Our camp complies with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR 430) and is licensed by the Norfolk 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.

CAMPOUTS

If your child is participating in a specialty session with a campout, you will receive a packing list by email.

CAMP CONTACT INFO

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508-613-8052
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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 any Mass Audubon 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 financial aid 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.

	Tier 1 <i>member/nonmember</i>	Tier 2 <i>member/nonmember</i>	Tier 3 <i>member/nonmember</i>	Tier 4 <i>member/nonmember</i>	Tier 5 <i>member/nonmember</i>
Family Adjusted Gross Income	<\$60,000	\$60,000–\$94,999	\$95,000–\$119,999	\$120,000–159,999	No income verification required
One-week Nature Camps (all ages)	\$94/\$113	\$241/\$282	\$313/\$367	\$410/\$480	\$486/\$565
July 4 Week	\$64/\$80	\$159/\$200	\$207/\$260	\$270/\$340	\$318/\$400
Specialty Camp: It's Art, Naturally	\$82/\$99	\$206/\$247	\$268/\$321	\$350/\$420	\$412/\$494
Specialty Camps: Mysteries, Maps & Riddles, Grossology, and Nature Magic	\$118/\$134	\$294/\$335	\$382/\$436	\$500/\$570	\$588/\$671
Specialty Camps: Adventurers and Outdoor Leaders	\$106/\$122	\$264/\$306	\$344/\$398	\$450/\$520	\$529/\$612
Before Camp (per week)	\$16/\$33	\$41/\$82	\$53/\$107	\$70/\$140	\$82/\$165
After Camp (per week)	\$22/\$39	\$56/\$97	\$73/\$126	\$95/164	\$112/\$195

WE'RE HIRING!

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

WHERE TO FIND US

STONY BROOK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

108 North Street, Norfolk, MA 02056

massaudubon.org/stonybrookcamp

508-613-8052

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.

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



*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 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.

