



2023

DRUMLIN FARM CAMP

Discover. Explore. Be Outside.



Welcome to Drumlin Farm Camp!



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call 781-259-2244

Email drumlinfarmcamp@massaudubon.org

Visit massaudubon.org/drumlinfarmcamp

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.

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. Learn more at massaudubon.org/camps.

At Drumlin Farm Camp, children ages 4-17 discover local habitats, connect with the natural landscape, and develop great friendships—a tradition we've maintained since 1956. Campers experience life on a working farm and wildlife sanctuary as they care for farm animals, observe native wildlife, participate in sustainable farming, and discover the science behind nature. At the heart of Drumlin Farm Camp are three leading concepts:

Community

Campers feel free to try new things and make new friends in our welcoming, supportive community.

Interdependence

Campers learn about natural cycles and the interconnectedness of people, agriculture, wildlife, and habitats.

Stewardship

Campers discover how they can care for the world around them as they learn about the importance of wild spaces and the benefits of sustainable farming.



Summer 2023 At-a-Glance

To ensure that as many children as possible have the opportunity to explore and make memories at camp this summer, families may register each camper for no more than four weeks of camp. This policy does not apply to the CIT or ELT programs for teens.

TWO-WEEK FARM & NATURE CAMP

Ages 4-13, Entering Pre-K-Grade 8)

Campers explore their surroundings at a developmentally appropriate level in groups that progress by grade. See page 2.

ONE-WEEK NATURE CAMPS

Curiosity Club (Ages 4-6, Entering Pre-K-Grade 1)

Our youngest campers develop their connection with nature in this half-day program through explorations, games, and crafts. See page 5.

Nature Builders (Ages 7-8, Entering Grades 2-3)

Campers learn about nature from the ground up, then create and build projects to share with the rest of camp. See page 5.

ONE-WEEK FARM CAMPS

Farmyard Frolics (Ages 4-13, Entering Pre-K-Grade 8)

Campers learn all about the farm and help care for crops and livestock. See page 6.

Farm Trekkers (Ages 9-11, Entering Grades 4-6)

Campers discover how farms, communities, and food are connected in Lincoln and around the Boston area. See page 6.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Environmental Leadership for Teens

(Ages 13-17, Entering Grades 8-12)

Teens gain skills and knowledge to become environmental leaders and develop a climate action plan for their communities. See page 7.

Counselors-in-Training (Ages 14-17, Entering Grades 9-12)

Counselors-in-Training (CITs) develop valuable leadership skills as they assist with program creation for younger campers. See page 7.

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 10 to learn more.



OPEN HOUSE

Meet camp staff, do fun activities, explore the sanctuary, and learn more about camp!

Thursday, June 22 4:00-6:00 pm at
Drumlin Farm in Lincoln

AFTER CAMP PROGRAM

Campers can enjoy free play, create a fun craft, go for a nature walk, or play games. Options will vary each day.

3:00-5:30 pm, ages 4-14

“Drumlin Farm Camp is a highlight of our summer every year. The energy, positivity, creativity and care of the staff bring fun and enthusiasm to our children’s learning about the environment, plants, animals, and humans. I love dropping my kids off and seeing them jump into their days and picking them up ready to hear the many amazing details about what they experienced. Drumlin Farm Camp is the best!”

– 2022 Camp Parent

Two-week

Farm & Nature Camp

Ages 4–13 (Entering Pre-K–Grade 8)

PROGRAM DETAILS

Monday–Friday
8:30 am–3:00 pm

Drop-off 8:30–8:45 am
Pick-up 3:00–3:15 pm

Session 1 July 3–14

Session 2 July 17–28

Session 3 July 31–August 11

HANDS-ON NATURE

Explore Drumlin Farm’s wild habitats and farm and the connections between them through hands-on activities like gardening and farm chores, as well as outdoor exploration, nature walks, games, and reflection time. Each day centers on a different nature or farm animal theme.



FOR YOUNGER CAMPERS

Explore farm, field, forest, and pond as you discover the secrets of the sanctuary. Help our farmers out with chores and practice your naturalist skills in Drumlin Farm's diverse habitats.

Seekers

Ages 4-5*

(Entering Pre-K-Kindergarten)

**Campers must be age 4 by June 1.*

Discoverers

Discoverers Ages 5-6 (Entering K-Grade 1)

Trackers

Age 6 (Entering Grade 1)

Explorers

Age 7 (Entering Grade 2)

Naturalists

Age 8 (Entering Grade 3)

FOR OLDER CAMPERS

Farmers

Age 9 (Entering Grade 4)

Experience the life of a farmer as you complete farm chores, harvest crops in the fields, and learn about the journey food takes as it travels from the farm to our tables.

Biologists

Ages 9-10 (Entering Grades 4-5)

Be a Drumlin Farm scientist as you catch wild specimens in our fields and ponds, perform experiments to enhance your understanding of the natural world, and discover the natural history of Drumlin Farm. *This program focuses on nature and science rather than farm activities.*

Stewards

Ages 10-11 (Entering Grades 5-6)

Explore our fields and forests as people did hundreds of years ago. Learn about how our interdependent relationship with the land has changed over time and across cultures through historical tools, land stewardship projects, and wildlife observation. *End the session with an overnight campout* at Drumlin Farm.*

Apprentices

Ages 11-13 (Entering Grades 6-8)

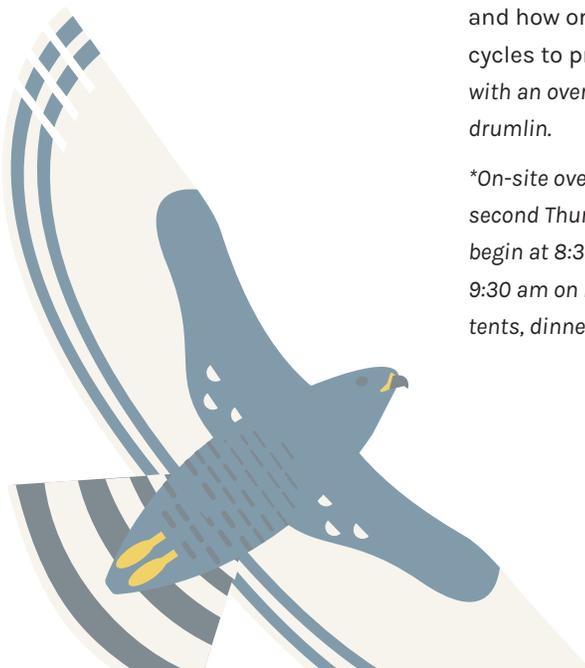
Get hands-on with the farming practices and natural habitats of Drumlin Farm. Discover why sustainable, locally grown food is important to a healthy ecosystem and how organic farms rely on natural cycles to produce food. *End the session with an overnight campout* on the drumlin.*

**On-site overnights take place on the second Thursday of the session. Camp will begin at 8:30 am on Thursday and end at 9:30 am on Friday. Drumlin Farm provides tents, dinner, and breakfast for all campers.*



“ Drumlin Camp is the best. Period. From the quality programming, engaged counselors who are better described as educators, to the admin and back-end management, you could not want for a better experience. ”

— 2022 Camp Parent





One-week

Nature Camps

Ages 4–8 (Pre-K–Grade 3)

PROGRAM DETAILS

CURIOSITY CLUB

Drop-off 8:45–9:00 am

Pick-up 3:00–3:15 pm

NATURE BUILDERS

Drop-off 8:30–8:45 am

Pick-up 3:00–3:15 pm

These programs are nature-focused and will spend limited to no time on the farmyard.



CURIOSITY CLUB

Ages 4-6 (Entering Pre-K-Grade 1)

Weekly sessions June 26-August 11

Learn, laugh, and connect with nature and other campers! This program nurtures our youngest campers through play and sensory exploration. Explore the fields and forest, play games, create crafts, and develop connections that last a lifetime.

Campers must be age 4 by June 1. This program takes place at our preschool building around the corner from Drumlin Farm and will have limited to no time on the farmyard.

NATURE BUILDERS

Ages 7-8 (Entering Grades 2-3)

Weekly sessions from July 3-August 18

Grab your nature journal, sharpen your senses, and get ready to explore how nature influences human design. Each week, visit habitats, test theories, and run hands-on experiments to uncover how the natural world is built. At the week's end, share an experiment or creation of your own with your fellow campers at the Nature Builders Invention Convention. *This program focus on STEM learning in nature and will have limited to no time on the farmyard.*

Life Aquatic

July 3-7, July 24-28

Uncover the adaptations of aquatic mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and invertebrates in our ecosystems, and learn how humans have borrowed from them to travel on—and through—water.

Nature Neighbors

**July 10-14, July 31-August 4,
August 14-18**

Discover the planet's most powerful pairs in this exploration of natural relationships. Take a close look at trees and fungi, pollinators and flowers, and lichens (which are actually a partnership between two organisms) to reveal the teamwork behind their success.

Pollinator Power

July 17-21, August 7-11

Investigate local pollinators and how plants and animals, including humans, rely on them for survival. Dissect flowers, observe wild and domestic pollinators, and identify the habitat needs and predators of these amazing creatures.





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Farm Camps

Ages 4–13 (Entering Pre-K–Grade 8)

PROGRAM DETAILS

Farmyard Frolics:

Drop-off 8:30-8:45

Pickup 3:00-3:15

Farm Trekkers:

Drop-off 8:30-8:45

Pickup 3:15-3:30

FARMYARD FROLICS

Ages 4–13 (Entering Pre-K–Grade 8)

Session 1: June 26–30 | Session 2: August 14–18 | Session 3: August 21–25

Dig into the dirt and experience the life of a farmer during this exciting week of hands-on farm activities! Each day will focus on a different farm animal. Meet our livestock, learn about their different roles on the farm, and complete farm and garden chores. Along the way, sing songs, play games, and make crafts. Campers will be divided into groups by age and grade level.

FARM TREKKERS

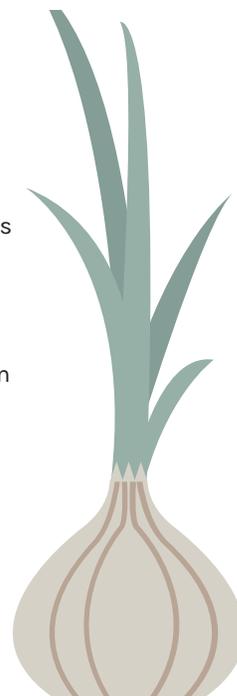
Ages 9–11 (Entering Grades 4–6)

Weekly Sessions from June 26–August 4

Farm Trekkers is a collaborative program co-led by Mass Audubon's Boston Nature Center Camp and Drumlin Farm Camp staff. Each week, 10 Boston-area and 10 Lincoln-area children join together for a camp experience focused around food and farming. Care for the farm animals (cows, sheep, goats, pigs, and more), explore Drumlin Farm and the Boston Nature Center, work in the crops fields and gardens, and taste food you've gathered together. Transportation between the two locations will be provided.

“Professional care, kids come home tired, dirty, and happy. What more can you ask for?”

—2022 Camp Parent



TEEN PROGRAMS

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP FOR TEENS (ELT)

Ages 13–17 (Entering Grades 8–12)

Jump-start your climate activism skills in this two-week environmental leadership camp. Alongside your peers, get your hands dirty as you explore how ecosystems are adapting to a changing climate and how different types of agriculture impact humans and the environment. Learn how to identify areas that are vulnerable to the effects of climate change, locate community 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 the session, we'll help you set goals and share resources so you can take on a climate action project in your community.

COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING (CIT)

Ages 14–17 (Entering Grades 9–12)

Develop your leadership skills by working alongside Drumlin Farm Camp counselors and sharing your love and knowledge of nature with younger campers. Each session, you'll be assigned to work with an age group, enabling you to develop leadership skills and 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.

CITs attend one of two mandatory training sessions (June 27–28 or June 29–30) to learn about child development, safety, and best practices for assisting camp groups.

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

Application & Commitment

Our 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/drumlincamp. A one-session commitment is required to participate. This program is free of charge—participants are welcome to make a donation to help us keep this program free.

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Meet Our Camp Staff

Our Team

Drumlin Farm Camp staff are dedicated and mature educators, naturalists, and students who are looking for more than “just a summer job”. They have experience working with youth, a passion for nature and farming, and a deep commitment to sharing that connection with children. Camp educators foster a caring, fun, and emotionally and physically safe environment to create a cohesive and enjoyable experience for campers. All staff undergo an extensive interview process, reference and background checks, are CPR and first aid certified, and receive training in child development, natural history, environmental education best practices, and health and safety procedures.

Camp Leadership

Drumlin Farm Camp's leadership team is composed of Camp Director Meghan Haslam (she/her) and Assistant Camp Director Chloe Briskin (they/them), along with our unit leaders, behavior and healthcare specialists, camp registrar, and program coordinator. All leadership staff bring extensive experience with camp, childcare, and nature-based education programs. They are passionate about exploring the outdoors, caring for the land we inhabit, and all things camp.



**WORK
WITH US!**

Email your resume and
cover letter to
[drumlinfarmcamp@
massaudubon.org](mailto:drumlinfarmcamp@massaudubon.org)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TO REGISTER FOR CAMP

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REGISTRATION POLICY

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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. 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 all camps. 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

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).

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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 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 Lincoln 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.

BUDDY REQUESTS

You can request that your camper to be placed in a group 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.

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

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 Drumlin Farm 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 scholarship application.



SLIDING SCALE PRICING

Under the sliding scale model, every family will register 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 15. If cost is still a barrier under the tiered structure, financial assistance (in the form of scholarships) 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	<\$50,000	\$50,000–\$74,999	\$75,000–\$99,999	\$100,000–\$149,999	NO INCOME VERIFICATION REQUIRED
One-week camps	\$123/\$139	\$307/\$348	\$400/\$453	\$523/\$592	\$615/\$697
Two-week camps	\$246/\$262	\$615/\$656	\$799/\$853	\$1,045/\$1,115	\$1,230/\$1,312
Farm Trekkers	\$97/\$113	\$242/\$283	\$315/\$369	\$412/\$482	\$485/\$567
After Camp (per week)	\$43/\$59	\$107/\$148	\$140/\$193	\$183/\$252	\$215/\$297

WE'RE HIRING!

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

WHERE TO FIND US

DRUMLIN FARM WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

208 South Great Road, Lincoln

massaudubon.org/drumlincamp

QUESTIONS?

Call us at 781-259-2244

Email us at drumlinfarmcamp@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.



Vacation Week Programs!



Entering Pre-K–Grade 5, ages 4–11

Turn out-of-school time into out-of-doors time at our Vacation Week programs in February and April. Experience Drumlin Farm in a whole new way as you learn about what goes on behind the scenes during winter and spring.

February Vacation Week

February 21–24

Single Day Options: Tuesday–Friday,
9:00 am–3:00 pm

April Vacation Week

April 18–21

Single Day Options: Tuesday–Friday,
9:00 am–3:00 pm

For details and to register, go to massaudubon.org/drumlinvacationweek

Or call 781-259-2244

MORE NATURE CAMP FUN



For even more Mass Audubon Nature Camp adventures in Metro West, check out Broadmoor Nature Camp in Natick at massaudubon.org/broadmoorcamp and Habitat Nature Camp in Belmont at massaudubon.org/habitatcamp.



wildwood

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.

Drumlin Farm Camp Registration Calendar

Two Week Camps	6/26-6/30	7/3-7/7	7/10-7/14	7/17-7/21	7/24-7/28	7/31-8/4	8/7-8/11	8/14-8/18	8/21-8/25
Seekers , Ages 4-5, Pre-K-K		Session 1		Session 2		Session 3			
Discoverers , Ages 5-6, K-Grade 1		Session 1		Session 2		Session 3			
Trackers , Age 6, Grade 1		Session 1		Session 2		Session 3			
Explorers , Age 7, Grade 2		Session 1		Session 2		Session 3			
Naturalists , Age 8, Grade 3		Session 1		Session 2		Session 3			
Farmers , Age 9, Grade 4		Session 1		Session 2		Session 3			
Biologists , Ages 9-10, Grade 4-5		Session 1		Session 2		Session 3			
Stewards , Ages 10-11, Grades 5-6		Session 1		Session 2		Session 3			
Apprentices , Ages 11-13, Grades 6-8		Session 1		Session 2		Session 3			
Environmental Leaders , Ages 13-17, Grades 8-12		Session 1		Session 2		Session 3			
Counselors in Training , Ages 14-17, Grades 9-12	Required Training	Session 1		Session 2		Session 3		Session 4	
One Week Camps	6/26-6/30	7/3-7/7	7/10-7/14	7/17-7/21	7/24-7/28	7/31-8/4	8/7-8/11	8/14-8/18	8/21-8/25
Curiosity Club , Ages 4-6, Pre-K-Grade 1	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7		
Nature Builders , Ages 7-8, Grades 2-3		Life Aquatic	Nature Neighbors	Pollinator Power	Life Aquatic	Nature Neighbors	Pollinator Power	Nature Neighbors	
Farm Trekkers Ages 9-11, Grades 4-6	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6			
Farmyard Frolics , Ages 4-13, Pre-K-Grade 8	Session 1							Session 2	Session 3

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