

2021



# ARCADIA NATURE DAY CAMP

Discover. Explore. Be Outside.



# Welcome to Arcadia Nature Day Camp!

Camp is a place for children to play games, make friends, learn about nature, have fun, and get a little dirty in the outdoors. What better place to do this than a wildlife sanctuary?

At Arcadia Nature Day Camp in Easthampton and Northampton, children can develop their interests in the outdoors, connect with nature, and have the freedom to play and gain confidence in the natural world. Our 700-acre wildlife sanctuary features protected forests, fields, and vernal pools—the perfect setting to explore a variety of ecological communities.

Each week, campers take part in nature play, crafts, games, field or ponding explorations, and lots of hikes. Each group (with the exception of the Photography Camp) will have 10 campers and 2 staff.



Camp Photos © Phil Doyle

## A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

<b>8:45–9:15 am</b>	Camper Check-in*, Health Screening, and Games
<b>9:30 am</b>	Opening Circle, Daily Nature Theme Introduction, Mystery, & Riddle
<b>10:00 am</b>	Snack
<b>10:30 am</b>	Morning Hike & Activities
<b>12:00 pm</b>	Lunch, Games, & Stories
<b>12:45 pm</b>	Game, Craft, or Nature Play
<b>1:45 pm</b>	Theme-Based Activity Time
<b>2:45 pm</b>	Closing Circle
<b>3:00–3:15 pm</b>	Camper Pick-up*

**\*Pick-up and drop-off times will be assigned prior to the start of camp.**

## OUR CAMP STAFF

Counselors are chosen for their enthusiasm, experience, nature knowledge, sense of both fun and safety, and ability to work with children in an outdoor setting. They are college graduates, professionals, or undergraduate students in an environmental or educational field. All staff undergo background checks, are certified in CPR and first aid, and take COVID-19 safety training prior to the start of camp.

## OUR CAMP DIRECTOR

Camp Director Patti Steinman has been part of the Mass Audubon family for 30 years, both as a teacher and an administrator. She has an M.S. degree in Environmental Studies from Antioch University New England. During the camp day, Patti often can be found playing games with the campers, telling stories, or hiking with the Great Blue Herons, identifiable by her ever-present bear hat.

## 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 a safe summer of camping in 2020 will guide us into another great summer in 2021. 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.

We anticipate that we will continue to practice the wearing of masks, physical distancing, small group sizes, enhanced sanitizing protocols, and all other recommended health and safety guidelines. As we learn more from working closely with partners in public health, childcare, and camping, we will continue to keep our camp community updated.

Please note that any photos depicting children without face coverings were taken prior to 2020. All Mass Audubon program participants are now required to wear masks.





# NATURE CAMP SESSIONS



**For 2021, all sessions will be one week (Monday–Friday) of full-day camp from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.  
\$385 members; \$450 nonmembers per session**

## **Hummingbirds • Ages 5–6** (Entering Kindergarten and grade 1)

**June 28–August 27**

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

Get to know Arcadia’s varied habitats and the plants and animals that inhabit them. Learn about the natural world through hikes, simulation games, sensory awareness activities, scavenger hunts, and creative play. Enjoy day hikes, bringing your lunch on the trails, and create fun crafts using natural objects.

## **Kingfishers • Ages 7–8** (Entering grades 2–3)

**June 28–August 27**

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

Explore the far reaches of Arcadia, including our much-loved clay pits and stream beds, on daily hikes. Learn to use a net to safely catch frogs and insects that live in aquatic habitats like vernal pools or streams, as well as creatures that live in fields, like grasshoppers and crickets. Cool off on hot days with a run through a sprinkler or hose. Play games and begin piecing together the web of life to understand the meaning of “community” on various levels.

## **Great Blue Herons • Ages 9–12** (Entering grades 4–6)

**June 28–July 23, August 2–6, August 16–27**

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

Embark upon the Arcadia Quest, a fun and interactive hike where you’ll learn about the nature of Arcadia, both its present and past history. Participate in real research projects, which might include monitoring vernal pools, digging for and documenting endangered mussels, or surveying bird boxes for nesting species.



# NATURE CAMP SESSIONS (continued)

## Fireflies • Ages 6–12 (Entering grades 1–6)

August 30–September 3

**\$395 members; \$460 nonmembers per session**

Counselor-Camper Ratio: 1 to 5 (age 6)

Counselor-Camper Ratio: 1 to 8 (ages 7 and older)

Each day brings a new nature theme such as wildlife, “things with wings”, or fabulous fungi, which campers will explore in groups with children of a similar age range. Mornings focus on nature play while afternoons include crafts and more games.

## Photography Camp • Ages 10–16

July 26–30 and August 9–13

**\$420 members, \$485 nonmembers per session**

Counselor-Camper Ratio: 1 to 10

Learn how to use a digital camera to take awesome nature photographs, and create your own nature journal. While developing your photographic eye, hike the trails for that perfect nature image, then review your images with fellow campers, learn photography tips and techniques, and of course play some camp games.

Families will receive a PowerPoint presentation of camper photos after the camp session. Campers must bring their own digital cameras or phones.

“ Favorite thing? Everything, seriously! ”

“ She loved playing games, ponding, and fielding. And, she loved her counselors! ”



wildwood

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

- Overnight Camp, ages 7–14
- Day Camp, ages 6–11
- Teen Adventure Trips, grades 9–12
- Environmental Leadership for Teens, grades 10 & 11
- Family Camp, all ages!

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



# 2021 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Register online at [massaudubon.org/arcadiacamp](https://massaudubon.org/arcadiacamp)

Dates	Camp Group	Session	Fee (member/nonmember)
June 28-July 2	Hummingbirds 1	HB1	\$385/\$450
June 28-July 2	Kingfishers 1	KF1	\$385/\$450
June 28-July 2	Great Blue Herons 1	GBH 1	\$385/\$450
July 5-9	Hummingbirds 2	HB2	\$385/\$450
July 5-9	Kingfishers 2	KF2	\$385/\$450
July 5-9	Great Blue Herons 2	GBH2	\$385/\$450
July 12-16	Hummingbirds 3	HB3	\$385/\$450
July 12-16	Kingfishers 3	KF3	\$385/\$450
July 12-16	Great Blue Herons 3	GBH3	\$385/\$450
July 19-23	Hummingbirds 4	HB4	\$385/\$450
July 19-23	Kingfishers 4	KF4	\$385/\$450
July 19-23	Great Blue Herons 4	GBH4	\$385/\$450
July 26-30	Photography Camp 1	PC1	\$420/\$485
July 26-30	Hummingbirds 5	HB5	\$385/\$450
July 26-30	Kingfishers 5	KF5	\$385/\$450
August 2-6	Hummingbirds 6	HB6	\$385/\$450
August 2-6	Kingfishers 6	KF6	\$385/\$450
August 2-6	Great Blue Herons 5	GBH5	\$385/\$450
August 9-13	Photography Camp 2	PC2	\$420/\$485
August 9-13	Hummingbirds 7	HB7	\$385/\$450
August 9-13	Kingfishers 7	KF7	\$385/\$450
August 16-20	Hummingbirds 8	HB8	\$385/\$450
August 16-20	Kingfishers 8	KF8	\$385/\$450
August 16-20	Great Blue Herons 6	GBH6	\$385/\$450
August 23-27	Hummingbirds 9	HB9	\$385/\$450
August 23-27	Kingfishers 9	KF9	\$385/\$450
August 23-27	Great Blue Herons 7	GBH7	\$385/\$450
August 30-Sep 3	Fireflies	FF	\$395/\$460



“It was incredible! Our camper didn't have any complaints. I am so thankful for your organization and all the things it includes. Our kiddo still says 'leave no trace' when outside.”



# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## TO REGISTER FOR CAMP

Call 413-584-3009

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

**Mail or bring** the attached form and payment to: Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary  
127 Combs Road Easthampton, MA 01027

## REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION

A confirmation email containing important documents and information will be sent once your camper's registration has been processed.

## DEPOSIT

A **nonrefundable** deposit of \$50 per camper/session is required to register for camp as follows:

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 bookkeeper).

## 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 DISCOUNT

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 Camp Registrar for more information: [arcadia@massaudubon.org](mailto:arcadia@massaudubon.org) or 413-584-3009 ext. 5812.

## 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/camper will be charged for incomplete or late forms and waivers.

## CAMPER REQUIREMENTS

Campers are expected to be able to follow all COVID-19 safety protocols, including wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. Camp families will be required to complete a daily health screening and attestation before their child can be admitted to camp.

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 behavioral expectations and safety rules. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper when, in 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, Patti Steinman, at 413-584-3009 ext. 5814.

## CAMP LICENSE

Our camp complies with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (105 CMR 430) and is licensed by the Easthampton and Northampton Boards 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, program management, and camp operations.

## CAMP POLICY REQUESTS

You may request copies of our background check, healthcare, discipline, bullying, and grievance policies at any time.

## 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 your camper's session start date, after which time transfers are not permitted.

## CAMP CONTACT INFO

Patti Steinman, Camp Director

Arcadia Nature Day Camp  
127 Combs Road • Easthampton, MA 01027

413-584-3009 ext. 4814

[psteinman@massaudubon.org](mailto:psteinman@massaudubon.org)

[massaudubon.org/arcadiacamp](https://massaudubon.org/arcadiacamp)

## FINANCIAL AID

Financial assistance is available based on demonstrated financial need and available funds, and is generally limited to one session per child; however, all applications are considered and will be accepted on a rolling basis. Please contact the Camp Registrar at 413-584-3009 ext. 5812, or [arcadia@massaudubon.org](mailto:arcadia@massaudubon.org) to request an application, or download one at [massaudubon.org/campforms](https://massaudubon.org/campforms).





# ARCADIA NATURE DAY CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

## To Register

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Visit [massaudubon.org/arcadiacamp](http://massaudubon.org/arcadiacamp)

Mail the attached form and payment to:

**Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary**  
**127 Combs Road**  
**Easthampton, MA 01027**

**Complete a separate form for each camper.**

*Please verify that the session you want still has openings before mailing us your payment.*



## CAMPER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of June 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade as of September 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Camper? YES / NO

Session Codes (e.g. FF1, GBH2) \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Camper \_\_\_\_\_

Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Add to Carpool List? YES / NO

Phone 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/GUARDIAN (if different from above)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Camper \_\_\_\_\_

Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Add to Carpool List? YES / NO

Phone 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## 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."*

**KIDS TO CAMP**  
**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**DETAILS AT**

[massaudubon.org/kidstocamp](http://massaudubon.org/kidstocamp)



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**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 20 nature centers. From inspiring hilltop views to breathtaking coastal landscapes, serene woods, and working farms, we believe in protecting our state's natural treasures for wildlife and for all people—a vision shared in 1896 by our founders, two extraordinary Boston women.

Today, Mass Audubon is a nationally recognized environmental education leader, offering thousands of camp, school, and adult programs that get over 225,000 kids and adults outdoors every year. 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 for today's and future generations. We welcome you to explore a nearby sanctuary, find inspiration, and get involved. Learn how at [massaudubon.org](https://massaudubon.org).

