Summer Day Camp 2020

Summer Day Camp actively engages children with the outdoors, captivating their interest and inspiring them to connect with the natural world. ACNC achieves this by providing campers with time for free play, outdoor adventures, interactive nature-based lessons, and discovery-based activities.

Requirements at Time of Registration
There is a $25 deposit per child, per session. The balance is due a week before camp. Non-refundable. Camp t-shirts are optional with registrations before June 1. Non-refundable.

Discounts
Family Memberships and higher receive 25% off each session and may register January 1. You may purchase or renew a Family Membership at registration.

Refund Policy
If you cancel more than two weeks before camp, ACNC will refund everything except the membership, deposit, and t-shirt fees. There are no refunds for cancellations made less than two weeks before camp starts.

Register Online at auduboncnc.org/daycamp
Members may register January 1. Others may register February 1. Have credit card information, the child’s health, personal, and emergency contact information ready before registering.

Camperships and Scholarships
Camperships are available for families in financial need. A deposit is required. They may not be used toward the cost of membership. Scholarships are available for campers who meet merit-based criteria. Apply online or contact ACNC for more information. Deadlines apply.

Contact
Sarah Hatfield, Camp Director
Call (716) 569-2345 or email shatfield@auduboncnc.org.
Free Exploration Camps

Free Exploration Camps are nature-play based and driven by the campers’ interests. Adults are present to supervise and teach when questions arise. Research shows that unstructured play, especially outdoors, is a key developmental component missing from the lives of many children. Time is divided between 80% nature play and 20% structured time.

Leap and Fly (Grades PreK – K, Ages 4 – 5)
July 14 – 17, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
$100 (members get 25% off)

Nature Sprouts (Grades PreK – K, Ages 4 – 5)
July 21 – 24, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
$100 (members get 25% off)

Green Play (Grades PreK – K, Ages 4 – 5)
A: July 28 – 31, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
B: August 4 – 7, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
$100 (members get 25% off)

Forest Adventures (Grades PreK – K, Ages 4 – 5)
August 11 – 14, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
$100 (members get 25% off)

Nature Play Camp (Grades K – 4, Ages 5 – 9)
August 18 – 21, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
$196 (members get 25% off)

Wetland Wanderers (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)
July 21 – 24, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
$196 (members get 25% off)

Wild Things (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)
August 4 – 7, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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Fields, Forts, and Fun (Grades 1 – 4, Ages 6 – 9)
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Nature’s Playground (Grades 1 – 4, Ages 6 – 9)
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Explore and Play (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)
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Far Afield (Grades 5 – 6, Ages 10 – 11)
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Offsite Destination Camps

Campers venture offsite to visit natural destinations in the region. There are beautiful and amazing places to see. Exact itinerary is weather-dependent, finalized on camp week.

Tween Treks (Grades 7 – 9, Ages 12 – 14)
A: July 7 – 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
B: August 4 – 7, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
$210 (members get 25% off)

Counselor-In-Training (CIT) and Junior Counselor (JC)

ACNC uses assistants in most camp sessions. CITs and JCs are teenagers wanting to gain experience working with children, volunteer with community organizations, or increase their level of responsibility. ACNC holds a training session for all CITs and new JCs. Interested teens fill out an application, available online. CITs are 13 – 15 and must attend the training, June 29, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. JCs are 16+ who either have been a CIT or JC previously, or must attend the training session. Training fees paid for by Bob and Kathy Frucella.

Pre- and Post-Camp

ACNC is offering extended hours to assist with drop-off and pick up. Pre-Camp drop-off is 8:00 a.m. and costs $15 for the week or $5 per day. Post-Camp runs until 4:30 p.m. and costs $30 for the week or $8 per day. You may add weekly Pre- and Post-Camps at checkout when you register online. Per diem fees are paid at the reception desk the day of camp. Members receive 25% off weekly fees. No discount per diem. No Post-Camp on half-day camps.
Deep and Sticky Learning Camps
Children have a deep curiosity about the world, and providing opportunities for them to wonder, deduce, and conclude through personal experience is the ideal learning environment. These camps are more structured, using themed topics and lessons to engage campers. Time is divided between 70% learning and 30% nature play.

**Tiny Nature (Grades PreK – K, Ages 4 – 5)**
June 30 – July 3, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
$100 (members get 25% off)
Using magnifying glasses, microscopes, bug jars, and other naturalist tools, campers explore some miniature places and the creatures that live there.

**Mini Naturalists (Grades PreK – K, Ages 4 – 5)**
July 7 – 10, 9:00–11:30 a.m.
$100 (members get 25% off)
Armed with nets, jars, maps, and tools, the mini naturalists will explore Audubon’s property to engage their curious minds.

**Budding Naturalists (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)**
July 14 – 17, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
$196 (members get 25% off)
The natural world is filled with mystery and fascination. Budding naturalists will hike, birdwatch, pond-dip, journal, and track animals to satisfy their curiosity.

**Protect and Defend (Grades 1 – 4, Ages 6 – 9)**
July 7 – 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
$196 (members get 25% off)
Animals survive by finding food, shelter, water, and protecting themselves from danger. Campers learn how animals protect and defend themselves using scent, teeth, claws, and chemicals.

**Discover the Wild (Grades 1 – 6, Ages 6 – 11)**
June 30 – July 3, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
$196 (members get 25% off)
To discover what lives in the world one must know how to find it. Campers will learn tracking, observation techniques, trapping methods, and collection tools as they explore the fields, forests, and wetlands at Audubon.

**Creature Connections (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)**
July 14 – 17, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
$196 (members get 25% off)
Plants and animals depend on each other for survival. Campers will explore these interactions and learn how nature is connected in one large web of life.

**The Underland (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)**
August 4 – 7, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
$196 (members get 25% off)
Underfoot lies a land that thrives in darkness, dampness, and constant temperature. Campers will learn about the creatures that live here and how they survive the darkness.

**Tracks and Signs (Grades 3 – 6, Ages 8 – 11)**
July 21 – 24, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
$196 (members get 25% off)
Animals leave behind clues as they go about their daily lives. Eating, sleeping, hunting, playing, and travelling tales are all written in the natural world. Campers will learn how to read the landscape to discover those stories.

**Into the Woods (participants of 2019 Survival Camp)**
July 14 – 17, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tuesday for prep day, Overnight departure 9:00 a.m. Wednesday to return 3:00 p.m. Friday.
$350 (members get 25% off)
Building on the skills learned in Survival Camp, campers will venture into the woods to camp overnight. Campers will set up their own camp, prepare their own meals, and play games that teach backwoods skills. Most importantly, campers will learn better how to successfully function as a team and build self-confidence.

This camp is made possible with support from Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church and Allegheny Outfitters.
2020 ACNC Day Camp Schedule at a Glance

For session details, please look inside. Full camps may run a second session if waitlist fills.

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Camp Color Codes:
- Deep and Sticky Learning
- Free Exploration
- Adventure Camps
- Prerequisite required:
- 2019 Survival Camp

Important Information for Registration

*PK/K camps: These are half-day camps, running 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. No Post-Camp available.

Age/Grade: The child’s age on the first day of camp; the grade s/he enters in Fall 2020. Age trumps grade.

Preschoolers must be at least 4 by the first day of camp.

Campers must be able to take care of their own toilet needs.

ACNC can accommodate some special needs. Call the Camp Director for details.

Cost: Prices vary based on materials and travel; most camps are $196 and members receive a 25% discount. See inside for more prices.

CIT/JC: Teens may be assistants for the camps. Counselors-in-Training (CITs) are ages 13 – 15. Junior Counselors (JC) are ages 16 – 18. Details inside.

Drop-off and Pickup: You may drop campers off no earlier than 8:45 a.m. and must pick them up by 3:15 p.m. unless enrolled in Pre- or Post-Camp. Details inside.

Membership Information

A Family Membership or higher is needed to apply the 25% discount. Prices are changing April 1, 2020. Memberships may be upgraded from lower levels. Details of benefits and who is included in membership levels are available online. You may purchase or upgrade online at auduboncnc.org or by phone at (716) 569-2345.

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