

2024 ACNC Day Camp Schedule at a Glance

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

Camps run Tuesday through Friday except July 2 – 5, no Thursday.	Age	4y	5y	6y	7y	8y	9y	10y	11y	12y	13y	14y
	Grade	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
June 25 – 28: Week 1												
Animals Need Plants				x	x							
Building Blocks of Nature						x	x					
Natural Interactions								x	x			
July 2 – 5 (*not July 4, three days only): Week 2												
Mini-Naturalists A (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Discovery Camp				x	x							
Into the Woods and Fields						x	x					
July 9 – 12: Week 3												
Patterns of Nature (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Nature Craft Camp				x	x	x	x					
Creating With Nature								x	x			
July 16 – 19: Week 4												
Wild and Free (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Creature Connections				x	x							
Escape and Chase						x	x					
The Wild Kitchen								x	x			
July 23 – 26: Week 5												
Berry Potions, Cattail Spells (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Settling Wildlands				x	x	x	x					
Survival Camp								x	x			
Teen Treks										x	x	x
July 30 – August 2: Week 6												
Over Trails, Under Trees (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Who's Been Here?				x	x							
Wild for Wildlife						x	x	x				
Animals Camp									x	x	x	
August 6 – 9: Week 7												
Mini Naturalists B (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Down in the Dirt				x	x							
From Pond to Forest						x	x					
Eco-Explorers								x	x			
Intro to Backpacking										x	x	x
August 13 – 16: Week 8												
Water Play			x	x	x							
Woodland Adventures						x	x					
Fun in the Sun								x	x	x		

Camp Color Codes:

- Deep and Sticky Learning
- Free Exploration
- Specialty Camps
- Backpacking Camp

If you have questions, please call the Camp Director.

Important Information for Registration

***PK/K camps:** These half-day camps run 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Optional BYO lunch/recess is available if registered for both morning and afternoon. Pre-camp only for morning session. Post-camp only for afternoon session.

Age/Grade: The child’s age on the first day of camp; the grade they enter in Fall 2024. 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 accommodates some special needs. Call the Camp Director to discuss.

Cost: Prices vary based on materials and travel; most camps are \$210 and members receive a 25% discount. Prices are inside.

CIT/JC: Teens may assist with camps. Counselors-in-Training (CITs) are ages 13 – 15. Junior Counselors (JCs) are ages 16 – 18. Details inside.

Drop-off and Pick-up: You may drop off campers at 8:45 a.m., no earlier, and must pick them up by 3:15 p.m. unless attending Pre-/Post-Camp. Details inside.



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2024 ACNC Day Camp
Weekly, June 25 — August 16
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Summer Day Camp 2024

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. Camp t-shirts are optional with registrations before June 1. Deposits and t-shirt fees are non-refundable.

Discounts

Family Memberships (\$60) and higher get 25% off each session and may register starting January 1. You may purchase, renew, or upgrade memberships 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 starting January 1. Others may register starting February 1. Have your credit card information, and 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 a membership. Scholarships are available for campers who meet certain criteria. Deadlines apply. Apply online at auduboncnc.org/scholarships or contact ACNC.

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 partly driven by the campers’ interests. Adults are present to supervise and teach. Research shows that unstructured play, especially outdoors, is a key developmental component missing from the lives of many children. Time is divided roughly between 70% nature play and 30% structured time.

Pricing: 25% off for \$60 Memberships and higher.

All 4-day, full-day camps are \$210.
All 4-day, half-day camps are \$100.
Shorter or specialty camp prices are listed with camps.

Wild and Free (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 16 – 19, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Afternoon: July 16 – 19, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Berry Potions, Cattail Spells (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 23 – 26, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Afternoon: July 23 – 26, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Over Trails, Under Trees (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 30 – August 2, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Afternoon: July 30 – August 2, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Water Play (Grades K – 2, Ages 5 – 7)

August 13 – 16, 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Discovery Camp (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)

July 2 – 5*, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (T, W, F only)
\$158 (*only three days, not July 4)

Down in the Dirt (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)

August 6 – 9, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Settling Wildlands (Grades 1 – 4, Ages 6 – 9)

July 23 – 26, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Into the Woods and Fields (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)

July 2 – 5*, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (T, W, F only)
\$158 (*only three days, not July 4)

Escape and Chase (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)

July 16 – 19, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Woodland Adventures (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)

August 13 – 16, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Creating With Nature (Grades 5 – 6, Ages 10 – 11)

July 9 – 12, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Eco-Explorers (Grades 5 – 6, Ages 10 – 11)

August 6 – 9, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fun in the Sun (Grades 5 – 7, Ages 10 – 12)

August 13 – 16, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Offsite/Specialty Camps

These camps include extra features, supplies, take-home kits, field trips, or specialty topics. Travel is to both NY and PA locations and may vary with weather.

Pricing: 25% off for \$60 Memberships and higher.

Nature Craft Camp (Grades 1 – 4, Ages 6 – 9)

July 9 – 12, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
\$225 (Cost includes art materials)

Using mud, berries, and other natural materials, campers can draw inspiration from nature to build, paint, and create art, some to take home and some to leave behind.

The Wild Kitchen (Grades 5 – 6, Ages 10 – 11)

July 16 – 19, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
\$225 (Cost includes supplies)

All the food we eat as humans comes from nature. Campers will taste, prep, and eat plants from both ACNC’s kitchen garden as well as some common wild edibles.

Survival Camp (Grades 5 – 6, Ages 10 – 11)

July 23 – 26, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
\$240 (Cost includes a survival kit)

Campers head out into the woods and fields to learn basic survival skills including building fires and emergency shelters, how to signal for help, and purifying water. A survival kit is included in the cost of this camp.

Animals Camp (Grades 6 – 8, Ages 11 – 13)

July 30 – August 2, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
\$240 (Cost includes travel and admission)

Campers will learn about different groups of animals, wild and domestic, and trace their journey and connections to people. Campers will take a field trip to a zoo, farm, fishery, or other animal care facility to learn more about the relationships between humans and animals.

Teen Treks (Grades 7 – 9, Ages 12 – 14)

July 23 – 26, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
\$240 (Cost includes travel and admission)

Campers explore and discover some of the natural treasures of the region through hiking, climbing, and adventuring. Details on exact destinations and activities are determined the week of camp based on weather.

Backpacking Camp

Intro to Backpacking (Grades 7 – 9, Ages 12 – 14)

August 6 – 9, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
\$240 (Cost includes materials)

Campers will learn the basics of backpacking, including how to set up camp, prepare meals, stay safe, and become more comfortable and confident in the woods. This camp includes an optional overnight** at Audubon. Some supplies will be provided. A supply list will be provided prior to camp.

**Minimum attendance of 4 campers is required.

Deep and Sticky Learning Camps

Children have a deep curiosity about the world. 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 roughly divided between 70% learning and 30% nature play.

Pricing: 25% off for \$60 Memberships and higher.

All 4-day, full-day camps are \$210.
All 4-day, half-day camps are \$100.
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Mini Naturalists A (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 2 – 5*, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. (T, W, F only)
Afternoon: July 2 – 5*, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. (T, W, F only)
\$75 (*only three days, not July 4)

Fueled by their curiosity about the world around them, campers use tools such as magnifying glasses, collecting jars, binoculars, and traps They will document their discoveries through pictures and words.

Patterns of Nature (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 9 – 12, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Afternoon: July 9 – 12, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Campers will get creative and discover the patterns and cycles found in nature through games, exploration, and art.

Mini Naturalists B (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: August 6 – 9, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Afternoon: August 6 – 9, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

See description above.

Animals Need Plants (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)

June 25 – 28, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Healthy habitats have hundreds of interactions between plants and animals. Through exploration and experiments campers will discover ways that animals use plants to survive and learn that plants need animals too.

Creature Connections (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)

July 16 – 19, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Why do plants need soil, and what do omnivores eat? Campers will explore interactions of living and non-living things in their habitat, and learn how they are connected in a large web of life.

Who’s Been Here? (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)

July 30 – August 2, 9:00 a .m. – 3:00 p.m.

What made that hole? Whose tracks are those? Campers will collect clues, search for tracks, investigate bones and skulls, and hypothesize what animals have been there.

Building Blocks of Nature (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)

June 25 – 28, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Campers explore the natural world from the bottom up and the inside out as they search for living things, the habitats they engineer, and the resources they use to survive.

From Pond the Forest (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)

August 6 – 9, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ponds, forest, and fields, oh my! Campers compare and examine animal and plant habitats using tools.

Wild for Wildlife (Grades 3 – 5, Ages 8 – 10)

July 30 – August 2, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Campers learn about the different types of animals and explore some up close. Guest speakers will bring live animals and campers will catch and release others.

Natural Interactions (Grades 5 – 6, Ages 10 – 11)

June 25 – 28, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The natural community is always at work. Living things constantly interact with each other and their surroundings to create and shape the natural world. Learn about the natural interactions that occur every day, all around us.

Pre- and Post-Camp

Pre-Camp: \$18 for the week or \$5 per diem
Drop-off is no earlier than 7:45 a.m.

Post-Camp: \$36 for the week or \$10 per diem
Post-camp runs until 4:30 p.m.

Members receive 25% off weekly fees. No discount per diem. No Post-Camp on morning half-day camps. No Pre-Camp on afternoon half-day camps.

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

CITs and JCs are teenagers who want to gain volunteer experience. ACNC trains all CITs and new JCs. Interested teens should fill out an online application.

CITs are 13 – 15, work with younger camps, and must attend a training. Trainings are three hours and are held certain Saturdays and Mondays (dates TBD). ACNC encourages a week of observation during the first week of camp.

JCs are 16+ who have been a CIT or JC previously and attend a review session or attend a full training session. JCs help with all age groups except the oldest. Contact the Camp Director, Sarah Hatfield, with questions.

