

2025 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 1–3, no Friday.	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 24 – 27: Week 1												
Mini Naturalists (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Nature Detectives				x	x	x						
The Curiosity Crew							x	x	x			
July 1 – 3 (Three days only, not July 4): Week 2												
Wild Adventures (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Field, Forest, and Fun				x	x							
Animal Architecture						x	x					
July 8 – 11: Week 3												
Ooey and Goey (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Weird and Wild				x	x							
Swamp Things						x	x					
Gross Nature								x	x			
July 15 – 18: Week 4												
Swirls, Whirls, and Rainbows (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Eco-Artists				x	x							
Rebel Nature Journal						x	x					
Create and Play								x	x			
July 22 – 25: Week 5												
Explore and Build (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Into the Wild				x	x	x	x					
Survival Camp								x	x			
Intro to Backpacking										x	x	x
July 29 – August 1: Week 6												
Fur, Feathers, and Scales (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Howls and Growls				x	x	x						
Creature Power Suits							x	x	x			
Teen Treks										x	x	x
August 5 – 8: Week 7												
Water Play (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Puddles to Ponds				x	x	x						
Underwater World				x	x	x						
Wetland Adventures							x	x	x			
August 12 – 15: Week 8												
Down and Dirty			x	x								
Wander and Wonder					x	x	x					
All Day Out								x	x	x		

Camp Color Codes:

- Deep and Sticky Learning
- Free Exploration
- Specialty Camps
- Offsite 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 2025. Age trumps grade.

Preschoolers must be at least four 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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Audubon Community Nature Center

The fun begins with you.

2025 ACNC Day Camp
Weekly, June 24 – August 15
auduboncnc.org/daycamp

Summer Day Camp 2025

Summer Day Camp actively engages children with the outdoors, captivating their interest and inspiring them to connect with the natural world. ACNC provides 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: Katie Finch, Senior Nature Educator and Interim Education Projects Manager, at (716) 569-2345 or kfinch@auduboncnc.org.

Free Exploration Camps

Free Exploration Camps are nature-play-based and partly driven by the campers' interests. 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 camp prices are listed with camps.

Wild Adventures (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 1 – 3, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. (T, W, Th only)

Afternoon: July 1 – 3, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. (T, W, Th only)

*\$75 (only three days, not July 4)

Swirls, Whirls, and Rainbows (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 15 – 18, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: July 15 – 18, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Explore and Build (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 22 – July 25, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: July 22 – July 25, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Water Play (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: August 5 – 8, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: August 5 – 8, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Down and Dirty (Grades K – 1, Ages 5 – 6)

Morning: August 12 – 15, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Field, Forest, and Fun (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)

July 1 – 3, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (T, W, Th only)

*\$158 (only three days, not July 4)

Weird and Wild (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)

July 8 – 11, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Puddles to Ponds (Grades 1 – 3, Ages 6 – 8)

August 5 – 8, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Into the Wild (Grades 1 – 4, Ages 6 – 9)

July 22 – 25, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wander and Wonder (Grades 2 – 4, Ages 7 – 9)

August 12 – 15, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Swamp Things (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)

July 8 – 11, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wetland Adventures (Grades 4 – 6, Ages 9 – 11)

August 5 – 8, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Create and Play (Grades 5 – 6, Ages 10 – 11)

July 15 – 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

All Day Out (Grades 5 – 7, Ages 10 – 12)

August 12 – 15, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Specialty Camps

These camps include extra features, supplies, take-home kits, or specialty topics.

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

Rebel Nature Journal (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)

July 15 – 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$225 (Cost includes supplies)

A rebel nature journal takes journaling to the next level. Straying from traditional techniques, campers might stain their journals with berries, or drop them in the mud – on purpose! – to document their experiences in nature.

Creature Power Suits (Grades 4 – 6, Ages 9 – 11)

July 29 – August 1, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$225 (Cost includes supplies)

Campers investigate different animals to see what gives them their “powers” and then make creature power suits featuring their favorite adaptations. A “fashion” show will conclude the week.

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

July 22 – 25, 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, emergency shelters, how to signal for help, and purifying water. A survival kit is included in the cost of this camp.

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

July 22 – 25, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

\$225 (Cost includes materials)

Builds on skills learned at home or in last year's survival camp. Campers will set up their own camp, learn to prepare meals, stay safe, and be 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.

*Includes an overnight

**Minimum attendance of 4 campers is required.

Offsite Camp

Offsite camps meet at Audubon. Travel is provided to both NY and PA locations and may vary with weather.

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

July 29 – August 1, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$240 (Cost includes materials)

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.

**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. *Shorter camp prices are listed with camps.

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

Morning: June 24 – 27, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: June 24 – 27, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

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.

Ooey and Goopy (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 8 – 11, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: July 8 – 11, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Nature is filled with the ooey, goopy, and slimy. Spend a week exploring mud, slimy slugs and snails, and other weird parts of nature. Round out the week with an ooey goopy craft or two.

Fur, Feathers, and Scales (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 29 – August 1, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: July 29 – August 1, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Animals have all sorts of things that cover their bodies. What do they do and how do they help the animal? Campers will explore what makes these coverings special.

Eco-Artists (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)

June 15 – 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

With nature as their inspiration, campers can use mud, berries, and other natural materials to build, paint, and create art, some to take home and some to leave behind.

Nature Detectives (Grades 1 – 3, Ages 6 – 8)

June 24 – 27, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Campers can collect clues and investigate evidence to hypothesize which animals have been hanging around Audubon. Spend the week making discoveries and solving mysteries by using all five senses to explore the natural world.

Howls and Growls (Grades 1 – 3, Ages 6 – 8)

July 29 – August 1, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Animals communicate in many different ways, many of which we don't understand. Learn about different animal sounds, what they mean, and try to replicate some. Campers will also try their hand at communicating with light, smell, color, and movement.

Underwater World (Grades 1 – 3, Ages 6 – 8)

August 5 – 8, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

There is a world under the surface of the water teeming with life. Explore the plants and animals, from large to microscopic, that live, travel, and search for food in the ponds and streams.

Animal Architecture (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)

July 1 – 3, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (T, W, Th only)

*\$158 (only three days, not July 4)

Animals build structures for shelter, to catch food, and to protect their young. Investigate the wide variety of things animals build and how they do it. Then design and build your own. Can you be an animal architect?

The Curiosity Crew (Grades 4 – 6, Ages 9 – 11)

June 24 – 27, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

What do you notice? What do you wonder? Campers will guide this camp with their curiosity about the natural world around them and use discovery tools to see what answers they can find.

Gross Nature (Grades 5 – 6, Ages 10 – 11)

July 8 – 11, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sometimes nature can be gross. From scat to mud to decaying things, campers will investigate what's going on, what things turn into, and how it is happening.

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, Katie Finch, with questions.