

# 2026 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.	Age	4y	5y	6y	7y	8y	9y	10y	11y	12y	13y	14y
	Grade	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>June 23 – 26: Week 1</b> (NY schools still in session)												
Mini Naturalists (a.m./p.m)		x	x									
Wondering About Wildlife				x	x	x						
Tools of the Trade							x	x	x			
<b>June 30 – July 3: Week 2</b>												
Who Lives Here? (a.m./p.m)		x	x									
Forts and Fun				x	x							
Home Sweet Shelter						x	x					
Backpacking										x	x	x
<b>July 7 – 10: Week 3</b>												
Patterns of Nature (a.m./p.m)		x	x									
Nature's Artists				x	x							
Nature Craft Camp						x	x					
Create and Play								x	x			
<b>July 14 – 17: Week 4</b>												
Sunshine and Clouds (a.m./p.m)		x	x									
Up in the Air				x	x							
Skyward Explorers						x	x					
Soaring Sights								x	x			
<b>July 21 – 24: Week 5</b>												
Nature Connections (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Animal Feasts				x	x							
Predator, Prey, and Plants						x	x					
The Wild Kitchen								x	x			
<b>July 28 – 31: Week 6</b>												
From the Roots Up (a.m./p.m)		x	x									
Growing Wild				x	x	x						
Forest Adventures							x	x	x			
Teen Treks										x	x	x
<b>August 4 – 7: Week 7</b>												
Like an Animal (a.m./p.m.)		x	x									
Sense of Wonder				x	x	x						
Animal Superpowers				x	x	x						
Scents and Senses							x	x	x			
<b>August 11 – 14: Week 8</b>												
Days of Play			x	x								
More to Explore					x	x	x					
Wild and Free								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 2026. 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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Weekly, June 23 – August 14  
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# Summer Day Camp 2026

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 Chelsea Jandreau, Education Director, at cjandreau@auduboncnc.org or (716) 569-2345.

## 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.

### Who Lives Here? (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

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

### Sunshine and Clouds (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 14 – 17, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
Afternoon: July 14 – 17, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

### Nature Connections (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 21 – 24, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
Afternoon: July 21 – 24, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

### Like an Animal (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: August 4 – 7, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
Afternoon: August 4 – 7, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

### Days of Play (Grades K – 1, Ages 5 – 6)

August 11 – 14, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Forts and Fun (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)

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

### Nature's Artists (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)

July 7 – 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Growing Wild (Grades 1 – 3, Ages 6 – 8)

July 28 – 31, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Sense of Wonder (Grades 1 – 3, Ages 6 – 8)

August 4 – 7, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### More to Explore (Grades 2 – 4, Ages 7 – 9)

August 11 – 14, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Skyward Explorers (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)

July 14 – 17, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Forest Adventures (Grades 4 – 6, Ages 9 – 11)

July 28 – 31, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Scents and Senses (Grades 4 – 6, Ages 9 – 11)

August 4 – 7, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

July 7 – 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Wild and Free (Grades 5 – 7, Ages 10 – 12)

August 11 – 14, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Speciality Camps

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

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

### Nature Craft Camp (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)

July 7 – 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$225 (Cost includes supplies)

Using materials found in nature, campers will ignite their artistry to create woodland crafts from mud, berries, sticks, and everything in-between.

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

July 21 – 24, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$225 (Cost includes supplies)

Campers are immersed into the world of foraging and gardening for common edible plants. Learning to identify, prep, and enjoy snacks that come from the wild and onto our plates will satisfy any appetite.

## Offsite Camps

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

### Backpacking (Grades 7 – 9, Ages 12 – 14)\*\*

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

\$240 (Cost includes travel and materials)

By learning backpacking skills, such as packing gear, setting up camp, cooking meals, and staying safe, campers will gain confidence and comfort in the woods. This camp includes an offsite overnight backpacking trip. Some gear will be provided. A schedule of the week and a supply list will be provided prior to camp.

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

July 28 – 31, 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 before camp based on weather.

*\*\*Minimum attendance of 4 campers is required.*

## 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.

## 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.** 4-day, full-day camps are \$210. 4-day, half-day camps are \$100.

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

Morning: June 23 – 26, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: June 23 – 26, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Fuel your child's curiosity and get up-close with nature.

Provided with tools such as binoculars, magnifying glasses, and jars, campers will document their discoveries through journaling and drawing.

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

Morning: July 7 – 10, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: July 7 – 10, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

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

### From the Roots Up (Grades PK – K, Ages 4 – 5)

Morning: July 28 – 31, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: July 28 – 31, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Discover the diversity of plant parts from flowers to trees, and figure out how different plants get the resources they need to survive and thrive.

### Up in the Air (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)

July 14 – 17, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

With the help of exploration, creativity, and a visit to Audubon's feathered friends learn more about the living and non-living things that float, fly, and hover in the sky.

### Animal Feasts (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)

July 21 – 24, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Everyone has to eat and that includes animals too! Learn all about what different animals eat, what senses they use to find food, and how they keep their food safe.

### Wondering About Wildlife (Grades 1 – 3, Ages 6 – 8)

June 23 – 26, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Campers will nurture their curiosity by learning about and exploring the natural world like a naturalist.

### Animal Superpowers (Grades 1 – 3, Ages 6 – 8)

August 4 – 7, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Animals use their senses in ways both similar and different from humans. Campers will explore some animal super-senses to see how they find food, get around, and stay away from danger.

### Home Sweet Shelter (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)

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

Where do animals live? Spend the week exploring how animals make their homes and create shelters of your own.

### Predator, Prey, and Plants (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)

July 21 – 24, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

From plants using the sun to predators hunting their prey, campers will explore how food and energy moving through the food chain allow living things to stay energized for life in the wild.

### Tools of the Trade (Grades 4 – 6, Ages 9 – 11)

June 23 – 26, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Campers will explore the tools available to naturalists and learn how to use them. From tiny organisms under a microscope to the far away through binoculars, campers can investigate nature from every angle.

### Soaring Sights (Grades 5 – 6, Ages 10 – 11)

July 14 – 17, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Look up into the sky and what do you find? Campers will focus on nature in the air – flying animals, airborne plants, and more!

## 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 on 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, Chelsea Jandreau, with questions.

