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Nature Summer Camps

2019 Summer Camp Catalog

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Woodend Camps

Chevy Chase, MD

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Chevy Chase Camps (Woodend Sanctuary)

Woodend Schedule	June 17 - June 21	June 24 - June 28	July 1 - July 5	July 8 - July 12	July 15 - July 19	July 22 - July 26	July 29 - August 2	August 5 - August 9	August 12 - August 16
Pre-K/K	Where the Wild Things Roam 1 Full Day Nature Explorers 1 AM	Audubon Animals 1 Full Day Bugs Galore 1 Full Day	Creepy Crawlies 1 Full Day Animal Babies 1 Full Day	Backyard Birds 1 Full Day Dino Soar 1 AM	Forest Friends 1 Full Day Backyard Birds 2 AM	Audubon Animals 2 Full Day Dino Soar 2 Full Day	Where the Wild Things Roam 2 Full Day Creepy Crawlies 2 Full Day	Animal Babies 2 Full Day Bugs Galore 2 AM	Nature Explorers 2 Full Day Forest Friends 2 AM
Grades 1-2	Mushroom Hunters Cold Blooded Creatures	Litter Critters Secrets of the Forest	Prehistoric Prowlers Mad Science	Planta-palooza Extreme Animals	Nature & the Imagination Carnivore Camp	Water Works Mammals of Maryland	Soil Sleuths Wild at Heart	Habitat Hikers Planet Pals	Aventuras Aquaticas Backyard Bugs
Grades 3-4	Science Wizards Fossil Hunters	Mythical Creatures Rock Creek Critters	Aquatic Odyssey Can You Dig It?	Craft Crazy Nighttime Flyers	Slugs to Bugs Fantastic Beasts	Talons and Teeth Micro Worlds	Audubon Artists Camp Cuisine	STEAM Team Slither and Slime	Fearsome Foes Wood Wide Web
Grades 5-6	Outdoor Adventures 1 Audubon Chopped Jr.	Nature Engineers Top Chef	Outdoor Skills Farm to Table	Camp Cuisine Master Chef Nature Photography 1	Eco Warriors Beginning Backpacking	Animal Keepers Green Team	Outdoor Adventures 2 Bay Quest	Ethnobotany Advanced Bay Quest	
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A Day at Camp Woodend

Here's what your camper may do on a typical day at Camp Audubon! Activities vary from day to day and according to each camp's theme.

Sample Camp: Backyard Bugs

Theme: What is an insect? What is the difference between insects and other invertebrates?

- 8:45 Drop Off
- 9:15 Camp Gaggle (All campers gather for a morning meeting.)
- 9:30 Morning Circle: What is an insect? Learn characteristics common to all insects.
- 9:45 Hike: Scavenger hunt for insects. Identify native insects.
- 10:30 Snack and Story
- 10:45 Craft: Design and build your own insect out of recycled materials.
- 11:15 Outdoor Exploration: Roll logs and look for decomposers.
- 12:00 Lunch and Free Play
- 1:00 Afternoon Circle: Discuss aquatic insects and their adaptations for survival.
- 1:30 Outdoor Exploration: Ponding! Get the nets and boots as we look for aquatic insects.
- 2:15 Game: Camouflage in the bamboo forest.
- 2:30 Closing Circle: Wrap up and Review
- 3:00 Pick Up or Extended Camp

A Day of Traveling at Camp Woodend

Sample Camp: Outdoor Adventures

Theme: Learning local natural history through outdoor activities

- 8:45 Drop Off
- 9:15 Camp Gaggle (All campers gather for a morning meeting)
- 9:30 Morning Circle: Discuss today's destination: Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center
- 9:45 Travel to CBEC
- 10:30-3:00 Guided kayak tour, lunch, Catch a Bay Critter program
- 3:00 Return to Woodend
- 3:15 Reflections and Nature Journals
- 3:30 Game: Capture the Flag
- 4:00 Pick Up or Extended Camp

Before Care and Extended Camp

Before Care is open to all campers 1st grade and up. Before Care is not offered on Mondays and is capped at 16 campers. Before care provides participants with additional time for outdoor free play with a small group of campers. Check-in for before care will be at the picnic tables on the back lawn.

**New
for
2019!**

Extended Camp is open to all campers in full day Pre-K/K and up. Extended Camp provides participants with a fun, relaxing end to their vigorous day at summer camp. Activities will include crafts, indoor and outdoor games, quiet time for books, and cards. We provide a snack of Goldfish crackers as well.

Fees (same rate for members and nonmembers)

\$45 per week for Before Care from 8-8:45 am, Tuesday-Friday (Grades 1 and up only)

\$120 per week for Full Extended Camp from 3-6 pm (Grades 1-4)

\$65 per week for Half Extended Camp from 3-4 pm (Grades Full Day Pre-K/K-4)

\$75 per week for Half Extended Camp from 4-6 pm (Grades 5 and up only)



You must sign up for extended camp for the full week - no daily/drop-in options available. Extended camp is capped at 25 campers per week - sign up early as extended camp fills up quickly!

Spring Break Camp (Grades K-9)

Register online at www.anshome.org/parents

Experience the wonders of Spring at Camp Audubon! Catch frogs in the pond, hike to Rock Creek, and get your hands dirty in our Children's Garden! Grades 6-9 can earn up to 20 SSL hours doing sanctuary stewardship activities.

MCPS: Wednesday, April 17- Friday, April 19, 2019 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Extended camp available from 3-5 pm (\$45)

Members \$255; nonmembers \$310

DCPS: Monday, April 15-Friday, April 19, 2019 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Extended camp available from 3-5 pm (\$75)

Members \$365; nonmembers \$450



Discovery Camp (Pre-K and Kindergarten in Fall 2019)

Discovery camp is for children entering Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten in Fall 2019. For AM camps, your child must be 3.5 years old by the start date of camp. For full day camps, your child must be 4 years old by the start date of camp. Camp enrollment is limited to four weeks.

Where the Wild Things Roam

Session 1: June 17-21 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
Session 2: July 29-August 2 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Let the wild rumpus begin! We will spend the week observing and learning about the wild things that call Woodend's tall forest, green meadows and cool pond their home.

Nature Explorers

Session 1: June 17-21 (8:45 am-12 pm) AM
Members \$185; Nonmembers \$270
Session 2: August 12-16 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

What better way to learn about nature than through hands-on exploration! Join us as we satisfy our curiosity and get our hands dirty looking for slugs, bugs, and more!

Audubon Animals

Session 1: June 24-28 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
Session 2: July 22-26 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Come learn about animals that live in the woods, meadow, and pond at Woodend. From worms to birds to frogs, we will observe and study various animals in their natural habitats at Audubon.

Bugs Galore

Session 1: June 24-28 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445
Session 2: August 5-9 (8:45 am-12 pm) AM
Members \$185; Nonmembers \$270

In this camp, we'll learn all about what makes a bug a bug! We'll look for insects under logs and in the meadow and use magnifying glasses to study their similarities and differences.

Creepy Crawlies

Session 1: July 1-5 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
No camp July 4
Members \$288; Nonmembers \$373
Session 2: July 29-August 2 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Insects, worms, snakes, and slugs are the focus of this favorite camp! Campers learn to separate fact from fiction as they meet and learn all about these amazing creatures.

Animal Babies

Session 1: July 1-5 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
No camp July 4
Members \$288; Nonmembers \$373
Session 2: August 5-9 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Animal babies are amazing! Some are cute and cuddly while others are scruffy and slimy. We will explore how animal babies grow and change, how they communicate, and how their parents protect and teach them.

Backyard Birds

Session 1: July 8-12 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445
Session 2: July 15-19 (8:45 am-12 pm) AM
Members \$185; Nonmembers \$270

Robins, cardinals, chickadees, and woodpeckers are just some of the amazing birds that we'll be talking about (and seeing!) in this camp. We'll learn about what makes a bird a bird and observe local birds in their native habitats.

Dino Scare

Session 1: July 8-12 (8:45 am-12 pm) AM
Members \$185; Nonmembers \$270
Session 2: July 22-26 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

We're going back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the Earth! Bones, fossils, ferns, and gigantic animals will surround us as we investigate the world's pre-historic life forms. We'll even learn to identify some common dinosaurs by their tricky names.

Forest Friends

Session 1: July 15-19 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day
Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445
Session 2: August 12-16 (8:45 am-12 pm) AM
Members \$185; Nonmembers \$270

Come learn about all of our animal friends who live in the forest! From foxes to worms, we'll learn why animals live in forests, what they find to eat, and how they build their homes.

Your child must be 3.5 years of age for an AM camp and 4 years of age for a full day camp. Children must be potty-trained. No nap time is provided. Extended Camp (\$65) is available from 3-4 pm for full day Pre-K/K camps. No before camp available for Pre-K/K.

Exploration Camp (1st and 2nd Grade in Fall 2019)

For children entering 1st or 2nd grade in Fall 2019. All camps are full day and run from 8:45 am to 3 pm.

Mushroom Hunters

June 17-21 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Explore the wonderful world of fungi and all the magical places they can be found. We'll hike through the woods searching for mushrooms and their thread-like mycelium - an underground network that acts as a nutrient highway between plants and fungi!

Cold Blooded Creatures

June 17-21 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Do you love reptiles, amphibians, and fish? Then this is the camp for you! We will focus on how these animals are alike and different, learn about their special needs, and compare them to their prehistoric ancestors.

Litter Critters

June 24-28 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360, Nonmembers \$445

In this camp, we'll explore the forest floor looking for creepy crawly insects, decomposers, arthropods, and other invertebrates! We will play games and make crafts to help us learn about the underworld of the forest and why it's so important.

Secrets of the Forest

June 24-28 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

There's more to a forest than what we see. Discover how trees talk to each other, how birds communicate with deer, and how ants protect plants.

Prehistoric Prowlers

July 1-5 (8:45 am-3 pm) no camp on July 4

Members \$288; Nonmembers \$373

Do you know who the prowlers of the Mesozoic era were? Dinosaurs! In this camp we will learn about the different adaptations that made the dinosaurs so successful and what we can learn about them through their fossils.

Mad Science

July 1-5 (8:45 am-3 pm) no camp on July 4

Members \$288; Nonmembers \$373

Calling all junior mad scientists! This is a camp full of experiments, creations, and make-believe. We'll test our theories in our own "lab" and then head outside to investigate nature's coolest concoctions from honey to slug slime.

Plantapalooza

July 8-12 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Discover the wonderful world around you from the perspective of a plant and explore how different plants support our Woodend ecosystem. Learn how carnivorous plants, grasses, leaves, mosses and algae are the base of the food web that sustains life.

Extreme Animals

July 8-12 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Nature is full of wonder, beauty, and unbelievably extreme animals! In this camp we'll learn about the smartest, fastest, and deadliest animals out there and why they have evolved such special traits.

Nature and the Imagination

July 15-19 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

The natural world is a wonderful place to stretch the imagination. Campers will learn to express their creativity and inspirations through drawings, paintings, songs, and movement.

Carnivore Camp

July 15-19 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Sharpen your senses in this camp on predators and their prey. We will discover who eats whom on our sanctuary and learn what adaptations, from stalking to ambushing, help carnivores find their dinner.

Exploration Camp (1st and 2nd Grade in Fall 2019)

Water Works

July 22-26 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

The water we drink today is the same water the dinosaurs swam in! We'll investigate the many forms water takes as it moves in and around our planet. Expect many wet and wild adventures as we explore our pond, Rock Creek, and all things aquatic!

Mammals of Maryland

July 22-26 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

From the mountains to the floodplains, Maryland is home to thousands of mammals. We will learn about their adaptations, habitats, and behaviors. On our own sanctuary we will track raccoons, look for fox dens, and feed our flying squirrels.

Soil Sleuths

July 29-August 2 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

More than a billion organisms can be found in one teaspoon of soil! Let's learn what soil is made of and why so many cool creatures live in it.

Wild at Heart

July 29-August 2 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Have you ever wondered why your dog turns around in a circle before laying down? Or have you ever had the urge to howl at the moon? Some of our favorite domestic animals have fascinating behaviors which tell us that our beloved pets might still be wild at heart.

Habitat Hikers

August 5-9 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Come hike the different habitats here at Woodend and learn how life varies in each. Discover the biogeography of meadow life, learn how to recognize a wetland, and understand how these ecosystems are all interrelated.

Planet Pals

August 5-9 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Children can be environmentalists too! Recycling and composting will all make perfect sense at the end of this camp. We'll make crafts out of recycled materials, pick up trash at Rock Creek, and learn about how kids can make a difference and help their planet.

Aventuras Acuáticas

August 12-16 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Did you know that the water we drink today is the same dinosaurs drank? Explore the different forms that water takes through its journey around the planet and learn Spanish in the process. ¡Tendremos aventuras acuáticas todos los días! (Please bring a change of clothes every day).

Backyard Bugs

August 12-16 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Journey with us as we investigate the meadows, explore the forests, and probe the depths of the pond in search of insects and their kin. Through our observations, we'll learn why there are more insects than humans and why they live almost everywhere on the planet.



Investigation Camp (3rd and 4th Grade in Fall 2019)

For children entering 3rd or 4th grade in Fall 2019. All camps are full day and run from 8:45 am to 3 pm.

Science Wizards

June 17-21 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Erupting volcanoes, oozing slime, and dancing bubbles – we'll learn the science behind these magical reactions in this camp full of experiments and explosions. We'll test our concoctions in our own "lab" and then head outside to discover the powerful forces of nature all around us.

Fossil Hunters

June 17-21 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Join us as we learn about fossils, the creatures that made them, and why there are so important. We'll go fossil hunting and make our own fossils to take home.

Mythical Creatures

June 24-28 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Why did the dragon develop the ability to breathe fire? We will use outdoor exploration, art, stories, and our imagination to learn about animal adaptations and to develop our very own creative creatures.

Rock Creek Critters

June 24-28 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

What kind of critters live in creeks? And how do they survive there? We will answer these questions and many more while getting wet and muddy exploring Rock Creek. We'll even have a look at some of these small critters under a microscope!

Aquatic Odyssey

July 1-5 (8:45 am-3 pm) no camp July 4

Members \$288; Nonmembers \$373

In this investigative camp, campers submerge themselves in the water cycle and aquatic ecosystems. We will get our feet and hands wet as we explore the plants and animals of our local pond and streams.

Can You Dig It?

July 1-5 (8:45 am-3 pm) no camp July 4

Members \$288; Nonmembers \$373

Indiana Jones isn't the only one who enjoys the excitement of an archeological dig! Conducting an on-site dig and examining fossils and artifacts of the past will be just the beginning of this adventure.

Crafts Crazy

July 8-12 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Embrace your creative side with this camp designed for all the crafters out there!

Nighttime Flyers

July 8-12 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Get ready to delve deep into caves with bats and fly high in the sky with owls as we discover fun facts about nighttime flyers. We'll learn how bats use echolocation, why moths are attracted to your porch light, and set up a trail camera to track our nocturnal visitors.

Slugs to Bugs

July 15-19 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360

Nonmembers \$445

Do you get excited about slime and the creepy crawly things that live under logs? Then this is the camp for you! Beetles, slugs, and centipedes are just a few animals we'll get to find and study up close in this camp.



Fantastic Beasts

July 15-19 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Explore the world of the mythical creatures found in the movie. Learn what fantastic beasts can be found in nature and what their super powers are. Explore the habitats at Woodend and find what creatures could be hiding in our very own forest.



Investigation Camp (3rd and 4th Grade in Fall 2019)

Talons and Teeth

July 22-26 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Believe it or not, Maryland is home to many predators including foxes, hawks, bobcats, bears, coyotes, snakes, and more! In this exciting camp, we'll discover how these creatures find and hunt their prey, the important role predators play in the food chain, and how to find and track them.

Micro Worlds

July 22-26 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Let's dive into a drop of pond water and explore the life inside, like diatoms and ciliates! We'll use microscopes and magnifiers to explore the thousands of organisms that can be found in our soil, water, and air.

Audubon Artists

July 29-August 2 (8:45am-3pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Nature will be our inspiration as we learn a new art technique every day. From murals to natural dyeing, painting to working with clay, we will explore as many different art forms as possible.

Camp Cuisine

July 29-August 2 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

In this camp we will learn about edible wild plants, how to care for a garden, and sustainable farming. We will plant and pick in the Woodend Children's garden, as well as visit a local farmer's market to find ingredients for our creations. From the science of soil to the taste of freshly picked basil, this camp will satisfy.



STEAM Team

August 5-9 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math will be what this camp is all about. We'll do experiments, learn how solar panels work, and discover art in Nature. Get ready to think, build, and test your critical thinking skills!

Slither and Slime

August 5-9 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Want to learn about both slimy animals and scaly ones? In this camp we will look at the similarities and differences of reptiles and amphibians, their special needs, and compare them to their prehistoric ancestors.

Fearsome Foes

August 12-16 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

What's the world's deadliest animal? What's the difference between a venomous snake and a poisonous frog? Come find out the answers to these questions and ask so many more!

Wood Wide Web

August 12-16 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$360; Nonmembers \$445

Did you know that the trees in a forest communicate with each other and exchange energy stores? In this camp we will explore the Wood Wide Web, the concept that there is a network of communication happening between all the organisms of a forest.

Contribute to the Summer Camp Scholarship Fund

Help give all children the opportunity to experience the wonders of nature! We provide an average of 25-30 full scholarships to campers each year. Please donate when you register online.

Pre-Teen Camps (5th and 6th Grade in Fall 2019)

For children entering 5th and 6th grades in Fall 2019. Camps run from 8:45 am to 4 pm.

Outdoor Adventures

Session 1: June 17-21 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Session 2: August 5-9 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$471; Nonmembers \$556

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

This classic camp highlights some of the best outdoor activities in our area. Climb to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain, kayak and catch Bay critters at the Chesapeake Environmental Research Center, and be challenged by a ropes course. All along the way, we'll hone our natural history skills.



Audubon Chopped Jr.

June 17-21 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$385; Nonmembers \$470

Day camp based at Woodend - no traveling

Love the TV show Chopped? Then come develop your cooking skills in this spin-off camp! Use your creativity and see what you can make with fresh produce from our local farmer's market and onsite Children's Garden. In addition to some friendly competition you'll learn about gardening and growing seasonal organic produce.

Nature Engineers

June 24-28 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$385; Nonmembers \$470

Day Camp at Woodend - one day of traveling

Did you know that the shape of a wind turbine blade mimics the fin of a humpback whale? Or how about that termite mounds have both AC and heat? In this camp we'll delve into nature's many engineering marvels and learn how humans have benefited from them.

Outdoor Skills

July 1-5 (8:45 am-4 pm) - no camp July 4

Members \$377; Nonmembers \$462

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Ever wanted to go camping but felt like you didn't have the skills or knowledge? Learn how to build a fire, pitch a tent, and cook over a campfire all while exploring some fun local hiking spots. On Tuesday night we will put our skills to the test with a camp-out at Woodend.



Farm to Table

July 1-5 (8:45 am-4 pm) - no camp July 4

Members \$308; Nonmembers \$393

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Dust off those hats and hiking boots for an adventure into the farm country of Maryland. Experience a real working organic farm, pick your own fruits and veggies, meet farm animals, and find out where the food on your table comes from. We will visit three local farms and gardens and make some delicious food from our own Children's Garden.

Pre-Teen Camps (5th and 6th Grade in Fall 2019)

Camp Cuisine: Master Chef

July 8-12 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$385; Nonmembers \$470

Day Camp at Woodend - no traveling

Try your skills at this intensely fun cooking camp! We'll use fresh produce right from our Children's Garden to make our own camp creations. On the last day we'll visit the local farmers' market to gather ingredients for a friendly Friday cook-off challenge!

Eco Warriors

July 15-19 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$385; Nonmembers \$470

Day Camp at Woodend - one day of traveling

Do you want to fight for the planet and earn 20 SSL hours? Then come join us as we challenge each other to implement green practices in our lives, assist with the restoration of our Sanctuary, and tour a recycling plant.

Animal Keepers

July 29-August 2 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$471; Nonmembers \$556

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

In this animal-filled camp we will learn why people "keep" animals and how our special relationships have evolved through the years. Each day we will meet different animals and learn how to handle them, take care of them, and what makes them so special to the people who love them! We will travel to animal shelters, farms, and the Zoo Tuesday-Friday.

Bay Quest

August 5-9 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$594; Nonmembers \$679

M-Tu are day camps at Woodend, W-F are overnight days at Echo Hill Outdoor School.

We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.

Go boating, fishing, swimming, and crabbing while learning about the importance of the Chesapeake Bay! Our adventure begins at Woodend where we will spend time getting to know our Bay Quest team and investigating our local watershed. Then we'll travel by bus to Echo Hill Outdoor School for a three-day, two-night excursion on the Chester River. This camp is a great introduction to the overnight camp experience.

Ethnobotany

August 12-16 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$385; Nonmembers \$470

Day Camp at Woodend - no traveling

If you were dropped in the Woodend Wilderness, how would you survive? Throughout history people have relied on the natural world for their basic needs. We will learn how people used plants for food, medicine, tools, paper, art, and more. You will be surprised what you can do with the plants in your own backyard!



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Teen Camps (7th/8th/9th Grades in Fall 2019)

For children entering 7th, 8th or 9th grades in Fall 2019. Camps run from 8:45 am to 4 pm.

Wilderness Skills

June 17-21 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$385; Nonmembers \$470

Day Camp at Woodend - one-night campout

Want to know how to survive in the woods? Come to this camp and find out! We'll be spending the first half of the week learning fire building, shelter making, tracking, and edible and medicinal plants. On Thursday we'll head to Patapsco Valley State Park for a campout and return on Friday afternoon.

Top Chef

June 24-28 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$385; Nonmembers \$470

Day camp at Woodend - no traveling

Our cheftestants will compete in different challenges throughout the week, such as a pizza cook-off with the dough, tomato sauce, and mozzarella all made on site and by hand. We'll focus our competitions on local produce and spend some time tending to our Children's Garden.

Hiking Club

July 1-5 (8:45 am-4 pm) - no camp July 4

Members \$377; Nonmembers \$462

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Join our hiking club and check out some of the



best trails in our area! We'll hike areas of Great Falls Park, Sugar Loaf Mountain, and Gunpowder Falls State Park. While we hike we'll learn about local plants and animals and play team building games.



Nature Photography

Session 1: July 8-12 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Session 2: August 12-16 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$471; Nonmembers \$556

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Can you capture the essence of a Tiger Swallowtail or the beauty of a wild flower? Come give it a try in this camp all about photographing the wonders of Nature. We will travel to different local nature preserves and explore their natural flora and fauna. Please bring your own camera.

Beginning Backpacking

July 15-19 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$471; Nonmembers \$556

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Have you always wanted to try backpacking? Well now's your chance! We will spend Monday and Tuesday on the Sanctuary learning how to pack our gear and mapping our route. We will leave on Wednesday for a three-day, two-night trip where we will cover roughly 24 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Hiking boots (with ankle support) and backpacking pack are required.

Green Team

July 22-26 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$385; Nonmembers \$470

Day camp based at Woodend - one day of travel

Learn what it means to be green and earn 20 SSL hours. We will tour a recycling facility, work on restoration projects on the Sanctuary, identify and remove invasive species, and investigate local environmental policy issues.

Teen Camps (7th/8th/9th Grades in Fall 2019)

Beyond the Bay

July 29–August 2 (8:45 am–4 pm)

Members \$505; Nonmembers \$590

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Let's explore the Chesapeake Bay and beyond! In this camp you'll get to experience the thrill of scuba diving under the supervision of an instructor in a swimming pool and visit the National Aquarium. We'll learn about Bay health, deep-sea creatures, sharks, marine mammals, and more! All scuba equipment is provided.

Advanced Bay Quest

August 5–9 (8:45 am–4 pm)

Members \$721; Nonmembers \$806

M–F are overnight days at Echo Hill Outdoor School. We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.

Explore undisturbed marshes and hike sandy beaches, meadows, and forests! Sleep in cabins, swim, fish, crab, and build campfires. Our trip meets at Woodend and then we will travel by bus to Echo Hill Outdoor School for a five-day, four-night wilderness adventure.

High School Camps 10th/11th/12th Grades in Fall 2019

Advanced Wilderness Skills

June 24–28 (8:45 am–4 pm)

Members \$471; Nonmembers \$556

M & T is a day camp at Woodend. W–F is an overnight camping trip. We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.

This camp will take your basic campout skills to a whole new level. Learn how to start a fire without matches, tracking and camouflage, shelter building, and how to identify edible and medicinal plants. We'll end the week with a two-night campout at a Maryland State Park.

Advanced Backpacking

July 8–12 (8:45 am–4 pm)

Members \$471; Nonmembers \$556

M is a day camp at Woodend, T–F is an overnight backpacking trip. We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.

For our experienced backpackers, here's a chance to explore more of the Appalachian Trail. Backcountry camping skills, way finding, and group leadership skills will be emphasized. We will spend Monday on the Sanctuary then leave on Tuesday for a four-day, three-night trip. Well-worn hiking boots are required; campers will be hiking around 8 miles per day with a 20–30 lb pack on their back.

Audubon Chopped

July 22–26 (8:45 am–4 pm)

Members \$385; Nonmembers \$470

Day camp based at Woodend – no traveling

Come develop your cooking skills through friendly competition! We'll have multiple challenges throughout the week which will test your creativity and ability to work on a team. And don't forget that part of being a good cook is learning about where your food comes from – and even growing some yourself!

Advanced Mountain Outpost

July 29–August 2 (8:45 am–4 pm)

Members \$471; Nonmembers \$556

M is a day camp at Woodend. T–F is an overnight camping trip.

We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.

Spend four days and three nights at a Maryland state Park hiking, canoeing, swimming, and connecting with nature and your peers. Monday we will be at the sanctuary checking gear and learning basic camping skills.



General Information

Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) nature summer camps are designed to foster environmental awareness and expand natural and cultural knowledge. Woodend is a 40-acre oasis in the middle of Chevy Chase, MD. Bordering Rock Creek Park, the sanctuary contains mature woods and meadows, a pond, and an intermittent stream that provide habitat for many birds, insects, deer, rabbits, and foxes. Open lawns provide activity space, and well-maintained nature trails permit safe nature exploration. All camps are taught by experienced environmental educators, maintaining a child-teacher ratio of 8-1.

Registration Information

Online registration opens Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 10 am for ANS members as of December 7, 2018. Members joining after December 7, 2018 and nonmembers may register Monday, February 4, 2019 at 10 am.

To Register:

- Go to www.anshome.org/summer-camps
- Click on Register Online and follow the prompts.
- You will have the option to renew your membership. **Membership fees are nonrefundable.**

ANS Members as of December 7, 2018: (Registration begins Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 10 am)

- ANS is moving to new registration system, Camp and Class Manager, that is part of the Active Network system we have used for over a decade. However, information will not transfer over and parents will have to create a new account upon checkout if they haven't used CCM before.
- **You will need your member ID number.** This number is printed on the back of your camp catalog that was mailed to your home. If you don't know your ID number, call 301-652-9188 x16 or email pam.oves@anshome.org before January 30. **Member pricing will be applied once you put in your membership number and enter MEMBER19 as a coupon code during checkout.**
- In an effort to reduce the number of forms parents must bring to check-in, we are including most forms as waivers in the registration process. Some waivers, such as transportation and sunscreen, may not necessarily apply to your camper due to age, but you must agree to all waivers to register. If you have any concerns, please email nora.kelly@anshome.org after you complete your registration.

New Members (who joined after December 7, 2018) and Nonmembers: (Registration begins Monday, February 4, 2019 at 10 am)

- You will have the option to join ANS at this time and receive the member rate for camps.
- If you joined ANS for the first time after December 7, 2018 and have not received your membership info in the mail, enter your name as your Member ID.

Please note: Anyone who registers during members-only registration who was not a member as of 12/7/18 will have his/her registration cancelled and fees refunded, minus the \$5 registration fee.

Need Help or Have Questions?

- **For questions about your registration, including payment information, waitlist status, and refunds please call Pam in the Education Office at 301-652-9188 x16.**
- Audubon Summer Camp is committed to providing the best possible camp experience for your child. For questions about the summer camp program, including camp-specific inquiries, accommodations for special needs, medical issues, and scholarship information, please call Nora Kelly (June Bug), the Camp Director, at 301-652-9188 x15. Please don't hesitate to call before registration begins.

Payment and Confirmation Information

- Full payment with a credit card is due at the time of registration.
- **Membership fees, registration fees (\$5 per camp), and scholarship donations are non-refundable.**
- **Camp enrollment is limited to a maximum of 4 camps per child.**
- You may not enroll a non-family member/child's friend under your account.
- No prorated daily rates are available, including extended camp.
- Full and partial scholarships are available. Please call 301-652-9188 x16 for an application.
- All camps (including extended) have a five minute grace period and \$1/minute/child late fee thereafter for pick-up.

WAITLISTS

If waitlisted at the time of registration, 50% of the class fee is required as a deposit. You may stay on the waitlist as long as you like. Waitlist deposits can be refunded at any time minus the \$5 registration fee. Upon receiving a cancellation in writing we will process refunds within 5 business days. You may email pam.oves@anshome.org to cancel. If you choose to remain on the waitlist until camp starts and your child does not get in, your waitlist deposit will be automatically refunded minus the \$5 registration fee within 5 business days.

Please note: While we wish we could predict movement on our waitlists, unfortunately our staff has no way of knowing if a spot will open up in camp. We highly encourage you to stay on the waitlist for as long as you are interested. We will notify you if a space becomes available and you will have the opportunity to accept or decline the spot. Your deposit is refundable at any time minus the \$5 registration fee.

You may only register someone from your household or a family member for camp. Your child cannot be enrolled in a camp and waitlisted for a camp in the same week, i.e. you may not placeholder by enrolling in a 1st/2nd grade camp while waitlisting for one the same week, unless you want to pay applicable cancellation fees (see refund policy below).

CONFIRMATION PACKETS

Your initial confirmation after you register online will come by email. ANS will **email** final confirmations including required health forms, camp policies, and carpool lists approximately 3 weeks prior to the start date for camps. **If you don't receive a confirmation email a few weeks before your child's camp begins, contact pam.oves@anshome.org.**

Note: Children who do not attend a U.S. school will need an immunization certificate by the start date of their camp. A copy of a school immunization record or one from your child's doctor will suffice.

REFUND POLICY BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 15, 2019

Your tuition is fully refundable less a \$25 cancellation fee per camp, provided that you submit your cancellation request in writing to the Education Office. You may email your cancellation to pam.oves@anshome.org.

REFUND POLICY AFTER APRIL 15, 2019

Cancellations must be made in writing at least 10 working days before the first day of the camp in which your child is registered, in order to be eligible for a 50% refund less a \$25 cancellation fee/camp. You may email your cancellation to pam.oves@anshome.org.

There will be no refunds for cancellations made fewer than 10 business days before the camp's start date. There are no refunds for missed days of camp.



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Teen Naturalist Training Program For Teens entering 9th, 10th or 11th grade

*Register
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If you like getting muddy, singing camp songs, and teaching campers how to hold a frog, then we have the volunteer program for you - our teen naturalist training program! Each session will include volunteering in our summer camp program plus hands-on lessons in natural history, restoration work, and outdoor group leadership - all while earning student service learning hours for school! \$450 per session for ANS members, \$535 for nonmembers.

- Earn 100 SSL hours
- Work with kids in a fun, outdoor camp
- Special natural history training
- 3 week program

Session 1
June 17-July 5

Session 2
July 8-26

Session 3
July 29-August 16

Visit anshome.org/summer-camps to apply online. After you register, an application will be sent by email and is due by **Friday, March 1, 2019**. We will assign teen naturalists on a rolling basis so please apply early. Note: acceptance to TNT program is dependent on an interview for first-time applicants.