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2020 Summer Camp Catalog

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Woodend Camps

Chevy Chase, MD

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Chevy Chase Camps (Woodend Sanctuary)

Woodend Schedule	June 22 - June 26	June 29 - July 2	July 6 - July 10	July 13 - July 17	July 20 - July 24	July 27 - July 31	August 3 - August 7	August 10 - August 14	August 17 - August 21
Pre-K/K	Who Lived Here? 1 Full Day	Who Lived Here? 2 Full Day	Audubon Animals 1 Full Day	Animal Babies 1 Full Day	Bugs Galore 2 Full Day	Where the Wild Things Roam 1 Full Day	Nature Explorers 2 Full Day	Creepy Crawlies 2 Full Day	Woodend Wildlife 2 Full Day
Grades 1-2	Creepy Crawlies 1 AM	Bugs Galore 1 Full Day	Forest Friends AM	Amigos del Bosque Full Day	Audubon Animals 2 AM	Nature Explorers 1 Full Day	Woodend Wildlife 1 Full Day	Animal Babies 2 AM	Where the Wild Things Roam 2 AM
	Mad Science	Plantapalooza	Habitat Hikers	Mushroom Hunters	Cold Blooded Creatures	Extreme Animals	Aventuras Aquaticas	Mammals of Maryland	Prehistoric Prowlers
Grades 3-4	Litter Critters	Carnivore Camp	Nature Detectives	Amazing Animals	Nature & the Imagination	Secrets of the Forest	Backyard Bugs	Soil Sleuths	Planet Pals
	Audubon Artists	Wood Wide Web	Slither and Slime	Slugs to Bugs (1st/2nd)	Micro Worlds	Water Works (1st/2nd)	Nighttime Flyers	Rock Creek Critters	Fantastic Beasts
Grades 5-6	Talons and Teeth	Craft Crazy	Camp Cuisine	Fearsome Foes	Can You Dig It?	STEAM Team	Fossil Hunters	Science Wizards	Aquatic Odyssey
	Nature Photography 1	Nature Engineers	Outdoor Skills	Wilderness Skills	Animal Keepers 1	Outdoor Adventures	Hiking Club	Animal Keepers 2	Eco Warriors
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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.

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 granola bars as a snack 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.

Monday, April 6-Friday, April 10, 2020 (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 2020)

Discovery camp is for children entering Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten in Fall 2020. 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. Children must be potty-trained. No nap time provided. Extended camp is available from 3-4 pm for full day camps. No before care available.

Who Lived Here?

Session 1: June 22-26 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

Session 2: June 29-July 2 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day (no camp July 3)

Members \$296; Nonmembers \$381

Follow the clues left around Woodend to uncover who lived here. Children will learn the history of our natural resources in Maryland and how to honor the nature we encounter every day.

Creepy Crawlies

Session 1: June 22-26 (8:45 am-12 pm) AM

Members \$185; Nonmembers \$270

Session 2: August 10-14 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Bugs Galore

Session 1: June 29-July 2 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day (no camp July 3)

Members \$296;

Nonmembers \$381

Session 2: July 20-24

(8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day

Members \$370;

Nonmembers \$455

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.



Audubon Animals

Session 1: July 6-10 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

Session 2: July 20-24 (8:45 am-12 pm) AM

Members \$185; Nonmembers \$270

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.

Forest Friends

Session 1: July 6-10 (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.

Session 2: Amigos del Bosque - bilingual!

July 13-17 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$445

¡Ven a aprender acerca de todos los amigos animales que viven en el bosque! Desde zorros a lombrices, aprenderemos por qué los animales viven en bosques, lo que comen, y como construyen sus casas.

Animal Babies

Session 1: July 13-17 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

Session 2: August 10-14 (8:45 am-12 pm) AM

Members \$185; Nonmembers \$270

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.

Where the Wild Things Roam

Session 1: July 27-31 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

Session 2: August 17-21 (8:45 am-12 pm) AM

Members \$185; Nonmembers \$270

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. In addition, you will get to imagine and create your own one-of-a-kind wild thing!

Nature Explorers

Session 1: July 27-31 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day

Session 2: August 3-7 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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!

Woodend Wildlife

Session 1: August 3-7 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day

Session 2: August 17-21 (8:45 am-3 pm) Full Day

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

Come learn about the wonderful wildlife that calls Woodend home. We'll talk about insects, frogs, birds, foxes, coyotes and more!

Exploration Camp (1st and 2nd Grade in Fall 2020)

For children entering 1st or 2nd grade in Fall 2020. All camps are full day and run from 8:45 am to 3 pm.

Mad Science

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

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Litter Critters

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

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Plantapalooza

June 29-July 2 (8:45 am-3 pm) - No camp July 3

Members \$296; Nonmembers \$381

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.

Carnivore Camp

June 29-July 2 (8:45 am-3 pm) - No camp July 3

Members \$296; Nonmembers \$381

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.

Habitat Hikers

July 6-10 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Nature Detectives

July 6-10 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

Using all five of our senses we'll explore our nature sanctuary to determine who lives here. We'll search for clues, make hypotheses, and get our hands dirty as we hunt down the truth about our local wildlife.

Mushroom Hunters

July 13-17 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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!

Amazing Animals

July 13-17 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

Come learn about all the amazing animals that make their home at Woodend! We'll discover who lives in the pond, the meadows, and forest and why they are able to make these different habitats their homes.

Slugs to Bugs

July 13-17 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Cold Blooded Creatures

July 20-24 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Exploration Camp (1st and 2nd Grade in Fall 2020)

Nature and the Imagination

July 20-24 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Extreme Animals

July 27-31 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Secrets of the Forest

July 27-31 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Water Works

July 27-31 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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!

Backyard Bugs

August 3-7 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.



Aventuras Acuáticas

August 3-7 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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).

Mammals of Maryland

August 10-14 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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

August 10-14 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Prehistoric Prowlers

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

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Planet Pals

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

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Investigation Camp (3rd and 4th Grade in Fall 2020)

For children entering 3rd or 4th grade in Fall 2020. All camps are full day and run from 8:45 am to 3 pm.

Audubon Artists

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

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Talons and Teeth

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

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Wood Wide Web

June 29-July 2 (8:45 am-3 pm) - No camp July 3

Members \$296; Nonmembers \$381

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.

Crafts Crazy

June 29 - July 2 (8:45 am-3 pm) - No camp July 3

Members \$296; Nonmembers \$381

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

Slither and Slime

July 6-10 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Camp Cuisine

July 6-10 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Fearsome Foes

July 13-17 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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!

Micro Worlds

July 20-24 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.



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Investigation Camp (3rd and 4th Grade in Fall 2020)

Can You Dig It?

July 20-24 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

STEAM Team

July 27-31 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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!

Nighttime Flyers

August 3-7 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.



Fossil Hunters

August 3-7 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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

Rock Creek Critters

August 10-14 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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!

Science Wizards

August 10-14 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.

Fantastic Beasts

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

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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

Aquatic Odyssey

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

Members \$370; Nonmembers \$455

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.



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 2020)

For children entering 5th and 6th grades in Fall 2020. Camps run from 8:45 am to 4 pm.

Nature Photography 1

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

Members \$485; Nonmembers \$570

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Can you capture the essence of a Tiger Swallowtail or the beauty of a wildflower? 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.

Nature Engineers

June 29-July 2 (8:45 am-4 pm) - No camp July 3

Members \$316; Nonmembers \$401

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.

Camp Cuisine: Master Chef

June 29-July 2 (8:45 am-4 pm) - No camp July 3

Members \$316; Nonmembers \$401

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!

Outdoor Skills

July 6-10 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$485; Nonmembers \$570

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. Then on Thursday night we will put our skills to the test with a camp-out at Woodend.

Wilderness Skills

July 13-17 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$395; Nonmembers \$480

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.

Animal Keepers

Session 1: July 20-24 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Session 2: August 10-14 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$485; Nonmembers \$570

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.

Pre-Teen Camps (5th and 6th Grade in Fall 2020)

Outdoor Adventures

July 27-31 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$485; Nonmembers \$570

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.

Hiking Club

August 3-7 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$485; Nonmembers \$570

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, Sugarloaf Mountain, and Gunpowder Falls State Park. While we hike we'll learn about local plants and animals and play team building games.



Bay Quest

August 3-7 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$610; Nonmembers \$695

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 10-14 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$395; Nonmembers \$480

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!

Eco Warriors

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

Members \$395; Nonmembers \$480

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.

Teen Camps (7th/8th/9th Grades in Fall 2020)

For children entering 7th, 8th or 9th grades in Fall 2020. Camps run from 8:45 am to 4 pm.

Farm to Table

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

Members \$395; Nonmembers \$480

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Dust of 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.

National Park Rangers

July 6-10 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$485; Nonmembers \$570

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Come explore the many National Parks we are so lucky to have in the DMV. Each day we'll hike a new park, such as Great Falls and Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, and experience the wildlife and views that each park offers.

Camping 2.0

July 6-10 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$395; Nonmembers \$480

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Looking for a fun adventure and to take your camping skills to the next level? Then join us in this new camp! We'll spend the early part of the week learning how to cook over a camp stove, build a campfire, and how to stay safe on the trail. Then we'll leave Wednesday for a two-night campout in a Maryland State Park.



Wetland Adventures

July 13-17 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$515; Nonmembers \$600

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Come join us as we explore the wetlands of the Potomac by canoe, kayak, and dip net. We'll get wet each day as we learn about the impacts of wild rice, oysters, and humans on our waterways.

Beginning Backpacking

July 13-17 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$485; Nonmembers \$570

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.

Top Chef

July 20-24 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$395; Nonmembers \$480

Day camp based 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.

Green Team 1

July 27-31 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$395; Nonmembers \$480

Day camp based at Woodend - one field trip

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 2020)

Advanced Bay Quest

August 3-7 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$735; Nonmembers \$820

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.

Mountain Outpost

August 10-14 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$485; Nonmembers \$570

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Explore Western Maryland in this fabulous overnight camp! We will spend Monday and Tuesday at Woodend practicing team building and basic camping skills. On Wednesday, we will travel to Rocky Gap State Park for a three-day, two-night campout to explore mountain ecology and build our wilderness skills. Join us for the fun, learning, and friendships that only wilderness camping can provide!

Nature Photography 2

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

Members \$485; Nonmembers \$570

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Can you capture the essence of a Tiger Swallowtail or the beauty of a wildflower? 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.



High School Camps 9th/10th/11th/12th Grades in Fall 2020

Advanced Mountain Outpost

July 27-31 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$485; Nonmembers \$570

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.

Green Team 2

August 3-7 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$395; Nonmembers \$480

Day camp based at Woodend - one field trip

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.



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 22, 2020 at 10 am for ANS members as of December 6, 2019. Members joining after December 6, 2019 and nonmembers may register Saturday, January 25, 2020 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 6, 2019: (Registration begins Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 10 am)

- **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 22. **You must choose member or nonmember rate when registering. Membership status will be checked January 22-24 and anyone who was not a member by December 6 will have their registration cancelled and fees refunded, minus the \$5 registration fee.**
- 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 6, 2019) and Nonmembers: (Registration begins Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 10 am)

- You will have the option to join ANS at this time and receive the member rate for camps (pick the member rate during registration and add a family membership upon checkout).
- If you joined ANS for the first time after December 6, 2019 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 12/6/19 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

ANS provides a waitlist for full camps. **Waitlists are now free.** If a spot opens up in a camp, we will contact you and you will have 48 hours to decline or accept the spot. If the spot is accepted, payment must be made in 48 hours or the spot is forfeited.

NOTE: There is always a chance that spots will open up in a camp, so we encourage anyone who has some flexibility in his or her schedule to join the waitlist. We have no way of predicting which camps will have space open up, but in our experience, many camps have at least one cancellation. Due to the number of children registered for waitlisted camps, we will only contact you if space becomes available.

Please note: Anyone who registers during members-only registration who was not a member as of 12/6/19 will have his/her registration cancelled and fees refunded, 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 17, 2020

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 17, 2020

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

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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! \$480 per session for ANS members, \$565 for nonmembers.

Session 1

June 22-July 10

Session 2

July 13-31

Session 3

August 3-21

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

Visit anshome.org/summer-camps to apply online. After you register, an application will be sent by email and is due by **Friday, March 6, 2020**. 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. Full payment for the TNT program is required at registration. If your camper is not accepted into the TNT program, the cost will be full refunded minus the \$5 registration fee.