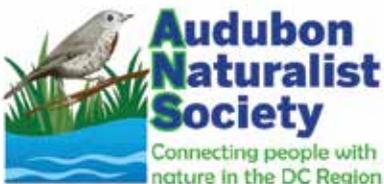


AUDUBON NATURALIST SOCIETY

# Nature Summer Camps

## 2021 Summer Camp Catalog

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## Woodend Camps

Chevy Chase, MD

KIDS GROW BETTER OUTSIDE

## Chevy Chase Camps (Woodend Sanctuary)

Woodend Schedule	Session 1: June 21-July 9		
Grades 1-2 (8:30 am-3:30 pm)	Mad Science	Habitat Hikers	Planet Pals
Grades 1-2 (9 am-4 pm)	Litter Critters	Amazing Animals	Backyard Bugs
Grades 3-4 (8:30 am-3:30 pm)	Rock Creek Critters	Talons and Teeth	STEAM Team
Grades 3-4 (9 am-4 pm)	Science Wizards	Aquatic Odyssey	Fearsome Foes
Grades 5-7 (9 am-4 pm)		Green Team (SSL hours)	
Grades 9-11	Teen Naturalist Training		

Woodend Schedule	Session 2: July 12-30		
Grades 1-2 (8:30 am-3:30 pm)	Mad Science	Habitat Hikers	Planet Pals
Grades 1-2 (9 am-4 pm)	Litter Critters	Amazing Animals	Backyard Bugs
Grades 3-4 (8:30 am-3:30 pm)	Rock Creek Critters	Talons and Teeth	STEAM Team
Grades 3-4 (9 am-4 pm)	Science Wizards	Aquatic Odyssey	Fearsome Foes
Grades 6-8 (9 am-4 pm)		Green Team (SSL hours)	
Grades 9-11	Teen Naturalist Training		

Woodend Schedule	Session 3: August 2-20		
Grades 1-2 (8:30 am-3:30 pm)	Mad Science	Habitat Hikers	Planet Pals
Grades 1-2 (9 am-4 pm)	Litter Critters	Amazing Animals	Backyard Bugs
Grades 3-4 (8:30 am-3:30 pm)	Rock Creek Critters	Talons and Teeth	STEAM Team
Grades 3-4 (9 am-4 pm)	Science Wizards	Aquatic Odyssey	Fearsome Foes
Grades 7-9 (9 am-4 pm)		Green Team (SSL hours)	
Grades 9-11	Teen Naturalist Training		



Dear Camp Community,

2020 was a rough year but we are thankful that we got to see many of you at either our virtual camps, Audubon Adventures camps, or our new Unplug and Play after school program. We have followed all county and state COVID-19 guidelines for these programs and have come up with creative ways to keep everyone safe including sitting in hula-hoops six feet apart for snack time, daily temperature and health screenings, and staggered drop-off/pick-up times.

We are thrilled to continue to offer all-outdoor programming for our families in Summer 2021. We will be offering three

sessions this summer: June 21-July 9, July 12-30, August 2-20. You must register and pay for a full three-week session. This will allow each camp and its teachers to function as a pod. Each camp will have 12 children with a teacher, college intern, and teen counselor. If Maryland camp guidelines allow, we may increase the capacity of each camp to 16 children with a teacher, intern, and two teen counselors. Due to camp guidelines and staff capacity, we will not be running camps for PreK/K. If we feel it is safe to do so, we may add traveling camps to our schedule in the Spring. Please see page 9 for scholarship information.

As you may know, last summer we could only enroll campers who resided in Maryland. No guidelines have been issued yet for the 2021 camp season, but we anticipate that campers from Maryland, Virginia, and D.C. will be able to attend Camp Audubon.

If you've been to Woodend recently, you will note that the Sanctuary is under major construction to restore the banks of the eroded stream and construct a wheelchair accessible nature trail. We expect this work to be completed before the 2021 camp season and are excited to enjoy the results with our campers.

We hope you will join us this Summer! If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at [nora.kelly@anshome.org](mailto:nora.kelly@anshome.org).

*Nora/June Bug*

## Exploration Camp (1st and 2nd Grade in Fall 2021)

8:30 am-3:30 pm

You must sign up for an entire three-week session

Session 1: June 21-July 9

Session 2: July 12-30

Session 3: August 2-20

Members: \$1575; Nonmembers: \$1755

### **Mad Science (first week of each session)**

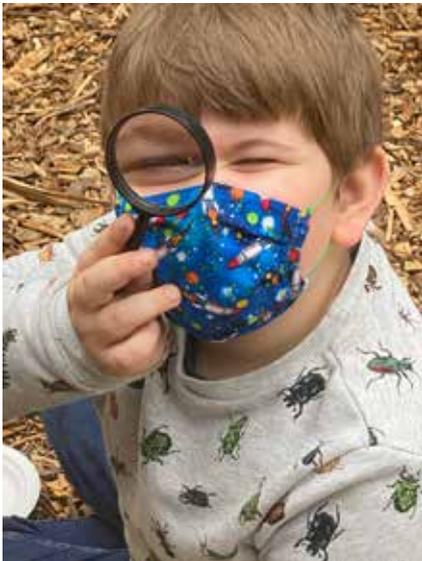
Calling all junior mad scientists! This is a camp full of experiments, creations, and make-believe. We'll test our theories in our own "lab" and then head outside to investigate nature's coolest concoctions from honey to slug slime.

### **Habitat Hikers (second week of each session)**

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 (third week of each session)**

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.



*"I can't tell you enough how much ANS means to my daughter and our family. I thank you for running the camp this summer, and in a safe and modified format. When we read about the precautions you were taking, we felt she would be in good hands. She is having a fantastic time!"*

*- 2020 Camp Parent*

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Session 3: August 2-20

Members: \$1575; Nonmembers: \$1755

## **Litter Critters (first week of each session)**

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.

## **Amazing Animals (second week of each session)**

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.

## **Backyard Bugs (third week of each session)**

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.

*"My son so badly needed this time to unplug, get down in the mud, be creative, and most of all get to be around other kids in a safe way. Thank you for this incredible and creative solution that has brought so much joy and interest into his life this summer."*

*- 2020 Camp Parent*



## Investigation Camp (3rd and 4th Grade in Fall 2021)

8:30 am-3:30 pm

You must sign up for an entire three-week session

Session 1: June 21-July 9

Session 2: July 12-30

Session 3: August 2-20

Members: \$1575; Nonmembers: \$1755

### **Rock Creek Critters (first week of each session)**

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.

### **Talons and Teeth (second week of each session)**

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.

### **STEAM Team (third week of each session)**

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!



*"I want to say thank you and express our deep appreciation to you, Nora, and the entire team for finding a way to make the smaller camps work. These three weeks have been a \*godsend\* for my son (and all of us). Every day he comes home and tells us another amazing thing that he did - or something fun he experienced."*

*- 2020 Camp Parent*

## Investigation Camp (3rd and 4th Grade in Fall 2021)

9 am-4 pm

You must sign up for an entire three-week session

Session 1: June 21-July 9

Session 2: July 12-30

Session 3: August 2-20

Members: \$1575; Nonmembers: \$1755

### **Science Wizards (first week of each session)**

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.



### **Aquatic Odyssey (second week of each session)**

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.

### **Fearsome Foes (third week of each session)**

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!

*"Just want to let you know my son has loved coming to Audubon Camp this summer during the COVID-19 pandemic. We feel so blessed that Audubon is offering a safe, fun and fantastic way for kids to get together, have fun, and just be kids! Each and every day my son comes home thrilled with his day at Audubon and absolutely loves all of your safe and well thought out games, activities and hikes!"*

*-2020 Camp Parent*



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## Pre-Teen Camps (5th-9th Grade in Fall 2021)

9 am-4 pm

You must sign up for an entire two-week session

Session 1: June 28-July 9 (rising 5th-7th graders)

Session 2: July 19-30 (rising 6th-8th graders)

Session 3: August 11-20 (rising 7th-9th graders)

Members: \$1050; Nonmembers: \$1170

### **Green Team**

Learn what it means to be green and how to advocate for the planet, all while earning 20 SSL hours. We will work on restoration projects on the Sanctuary, identify and remove invasive species, and investigate local environmental policy issues.

## Teen Naturalist Training (TNT) Program

(9th/10th/11th Grade in Fall 2021)

9 am-4 pm

You must sign up for an entire three-week session

Session 1: June 21-July 9

Session 2: July 12-30

Session 3: August 4-20

Members: \$540; Nonmembers: \$625

### **Teen Naturalist Training (TNT) Program**

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 TNT will be assigned to one camp pod for the three-week session where he/she will assist the teacher with games, crafts and hikes. TNTs must attend for an entire three-week session and can earn up to 105 SSL hours.

Visit [anshome.org/summer-camps](http://anshome.org/summer-camps) and complete the online application. Applications will be accepted through March 5, 2021 on a rolling basis. Only 4 spots available per session. Once accepted, TNTs will register and pay through the camp registration system. Note: Acceptance into the TNT program is dependent on an interview for first-time applicants.

## A Typical Day at Camp Audubon

Here's what your camper may do on a typical camp day. Activities will vary from day to day and according to each camp's theme and the children's interest.

### Camp Theme: Backyard Bugs

- 8:30 Arrival/Check-In
- 9:00 Morning Gaggle (camp meeting to discuss rules, plans for the day, and play a game)
- 9:30 Snack and Story
- 10:00 Ponding: Get the nets and boots as we look for aquatic insects.
- 11:15 Craft: Design and build your own insect out of recycled materials.
- 12:00 Lunch and Free Play
- 1:30 Hike: Scavenger Hunt for insects.
- 2:30 Game: Camouflage in the bamboo forest.
- 3:30 Pick Up

## Scholarship Information

Full and partial scholarships are available for campers who qualify for Free and Reduced price Meals (FARMS) or who are referred through a school counselor. All scholarships are funded through generous grant and camp registration donations. Please contact the Camp Director, [Nora.Kelly@anshome.org](mailto:Nora.Kelly@anshome.org) for more information. You may donate to our scholarship program through the camp registration process.



## 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 Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 10 am for ANS members as of December 4, 2020. Members joining after December 4, 2020 and nonmembers may register Monday, January 25, 2021 at 10 am.

### To Register:

- Go to [www.anshome.org/summer-camps](http://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 4, 2020: (Registration begins Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 10 am)**

- **You will need your member ID number.** If you registered for camp in the last two years your number should already be in the system. If you don't know your ID number, email [pam.oves@anshome.org](mailto:pam.oves@anshome.org) before January 20. **You must choose member or nonmember rate when registering. Membership status will be checked January 21-24 and anyone who was not a member by December 4 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 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](mailto:nora.kelly@anshome.org) after you complete your registration.

### **New Members (who joined after December 4, 2020) and Nonmembers: (Registration begins Monday, January 25, 2021 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 4, 2020 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 12/4/20 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 email [pam.oves@anshome.org](mailto:pam.oves@anshome.org).**
- Camp Audubon is committed to providing the best possible camp experience for your child. For questions about the summer camp program, including camp-specific inquires, accommodations for special needs, medical issues, and scholarship information, please email Nora Kelly (June Bug), the Camp Director, at [nora.kelly@anshome.org](mailto:nora.kelly@anshome.org). Please don't hesitate to email 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 2 sessions or six weeks per child.**
- **You may not enroll a non-family member/child's friend under your account.**
- No prorated rates are available. You must register for a full three-week session.
- Full and partial scholarships are available. Please email [nora.kelly@anshome.org](mailto:nora.kelly@anshome.org) for more info.
- All camps 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 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. If we are able to increase capacity to the normal 16 campers we will reach out to those on the waitlist first to fill the additional spots.

**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.

**Your child cannot be enrolled in one session and waitlisted for the other concurrent session unless you want to pay the applicable cancellation fees if a spot opens up. For example, if you register for the 8:30-3:30 session and waitlist for the 9-4 session and a spot becomes available in the 9-4 session, you can switch but would be charged the cancellation fee based on the dates 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 2 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](mailto: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 16, 2021

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](mailto:pam.oves@anshome.org).

### REFUND POLICY AFTER APRIL 16, 2021

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](mailto:pam.oves@anshome.org).

### COVID-19 REFUND POLICY

If ANS cancels your child's program due to COVID-19, you will receive a full refund for the missed days minus the \$5 registration fee, membership fees, and any scholarship donations.

**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.**