

SUMMER 2019

NATURE CAMPS

CHICKADEES

(4 and 5 year olds)

NATURE NUTS

Session 1: June 24 – 28

Each day explores a different habitat, from fields and forest to lake and stream, with stories, hikes, and a craft to take home.

CHANGE MAKERS

Session 6: July 29 – August 2

What do ants, mushrooms, and beavers have in common? They can change their habitat and help other living things. Learn how changemakers shape our natural world through stories, hikes, and crafts.

SENSING OUR SURROUNDINGS

Session 7: August 5 – 9

Our five primary senses are the focus of this week as we look at how we use our senses in ways similar to, and different from, the animals at the Preserve.

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON LOOKS FORWARD TO SHARING THE WONDERS OF NATURE WITH YOUR CHILD THIS SUMMER.

We are committed to guiding your child in outdoor adventures that foster a deeper connection with the natural world and that support S.T.E.A.M learning. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)

NJ Audubon membership is required to sign up for camps. Members strengthen the voice with which NJA speaks out for protection of NJ's wildlife and natural areas.

SUMMER CAMP DETAILS

CHICKADEES

(4 and 5 year olds)

Mon – Fri | 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. | \$100/week

BLUE JAYS

(entering 1 – 3 grades)
and

HAWKS

(entering 4 – 6 grades)

Mon – Fri | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | \$350/week

GOLDEN EAGLES

(entering 7 – 9 grades)

Mon – Fri | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm, with Thu night overnight and Fri noon dismissal | \$375/week

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:

Register by March 15 to receive a 5% discount

PRE CAMP CARE:

Mon. – Fri. | 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | \$50/week

AFTER CAMP CARE:

Mon. – Fri. | 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | \$80/week

COMBINED PRE- AND AFTER-CAMP CARE:

Mon. – Fri. | \$120/week

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njaudubon.org/summer-camps



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BLUE JAYS (ENTERING 1 – 3 GRADES)

Session 1: June 24 – 28
(with the Hawks)

ALL ABOUT ANIMALS

Each day, the focus is on a different group of animals that live at the Preserve. Explore their habitats and habits and how they are specially adapted for surviving in our wilds.

BUGGING OUT!

Session 2: July 1 – 5 (off July 4)

Bugs and beetles, insects and arachnids, caterpillars and centipedes, we'll be finding, catching, watching, releasing, and all-around becoming fascinated by all things buggy.

GET OFF THE GROUND!

Session 3: July 8 – 12

Flying, gliding, floating and soaring: explore ways that everything from seeds to spiders to majestic eagles move through the air as we explore our universe from the ground up.

FISH, FROGS, AND FRESHWATER CREATURES

Session 4: July 15 – 19

Wear your best water shoes, grab a net, and prepare to get wet as we search streams, the lakeshore, and vernal pools for the creatures that call freshwater home.

NATURE MAKERS

Session 5: July 22 – 26

Dig up clay. Squish berries for paint. Use grasses as paintbrushes. Art, engineering and imagination come together as you use the vast resources of the land and forests to create your own masterpieces.

Session 7: August 5 – 9
(with the Hawks)

PRIMITIVE PURSUITS

Long before Europeans set foot in New Jersey, a thriving community existed here for many centuries. Though their lifestyle was primitive by today's standards, the Lenape were sophisticated in their understanding of the land. We will create elements of a native American village, learn their games and tools, make shelters and clay pots, and so much more.

SAFE AND SOUND

Session 8: August 12 – 16

How do you stay warm and dry if you are a squirrel? Or a chipmunk? Or a tree frog? This week is all about how wild critters design and build spaces to raise young, store food, and stay dry. Imagine yourself as a wild creature and build your own unique shelter.

MAKING SENSE

Session 9: August 19 – 23

How do animals learn about their world? Some can taste with their feet, hear through their elbows, and smell under water! Delve into the mystery of our senses as we find new ways to explore our world.

BEST OF THE BEST (A)

Session 10: August 26 – 30

Each day is a new adventure! Our Teacher Naturalists pick their favorite days from this summer and give them a fresh twist during this week of our best adventures.

HAWKS (ENTERING 4 – 6 GRADES)

Session 1: June 24 – 28
(with the Blue Jays)

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HERE COMES THE SUN!

Session 2: July 1 – 5 (off July 4)

The Summer sun does more than keep us warm – it is the source of all of the energy on earth. From growing plants to burrowing beetles to flying squirrels, every living thing depends on the sun. Follow the flow of the sun's wonderful warmth in all its many forms.

WILD WETLANDS

Session 3: July 8 – 12

For kids who like to get their feet wet, especially on a hot summer day, this is the week for you! Pack your water shoes or boots and get ready to explore our streams, lake shore, swamps, and vernal pools. What creatures are waiting to be found in the depths?

NO BACKBONES REQUIRED

Session 4: July 15 – 19

What do insects, spiders, snails, and centipedes have in common? They've got no spine! It takes a strong outer shell and some wild adaptations to be a spineless creature in the natural world. Join us for a week of investigation in decomposers, predator-prey relationships, and games that help us understand the strange characteristics of invertebrates.

SURVIVAL SKILLS

Session 5: July 22 – 26

There are stories galore about people stranded on islands or in the deep wilderness who must learn to live off the land and survive. This is a week of adventures learning the skills needed to start a fire, build shelters, filter clean drinking water, find wild foods, and use your wits to thrive.



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EXPRESS YOURSELF

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Photography, painting, pottery, writing, music, or creating sculpture are all ways to express your love of the great outdoors. Let nature be your inspiration as you explore, create, and design.

LIVING OFF THE GRID

Session 9: August 19 – 23

Leave the cell phones behind, turn off the TVs and computers, and head for the woods! Learn how to tell time, cook food, build shelters, and travel the land, all without modern technology.

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GOLDEN EAGLES (ENTERING 7 – 9 GRADES)

Session 6:

ENERGIZE! July 29 – August 2

Take summer camp to the next level! Follow the flow of energy as you design windmills, measure water power, harness solar rays, and discover sources of stored fuel. Get ready to get wet, get creative, and get moving through the far reaches of the Preserve. This week includes an overnight at the Preserve with a night hike and early morning birding walk.



CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE
AND STEWARDING THE NATURE OF TODAY
FOR THE PEOPLE OF TOMORROW.