



## Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary

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

Now more than ever, we know how important it is for  
children to get outdoors. To run and jump and splash; to  
watch and wonder and be excited about the natural world.  
Our 2024 Camps are designed to do just that!

All Federal, State, and local health guidelines will be followed  
to keep children and our summer camp teachers safe.

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 2024 NATURE CAMPS

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
SUMMER CAMP CERTIFIED

Connecting People with Nature



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## PRE-SCHOOL CAMP

Age 4 to Entering K

### NATURE PLAY JULY 1, 2, 3, & 5

Preschoolers learn through play. Excite your preschooler about nature and the outdoors in this half day camp. We'll have lots of play fun with outdoor exploration, nature-themed games, and crafts.

## DAY CAMPS

ENTERING GRADES 1-3

### WATER WONDERS JUNE 24 TO 28

Explore the wonders of our ponds and the river for animals big and small. Learn about the turtles, salamanders, frogs, fish, and the many other creatures that live in the wetlands of the sanctuary.

### MAGICAL STREAMS AND PONDS JULY 8 TO 12

Discover animals that live in the river and ponds. Find frogs, tadpoles, fish, crayfish, and other creatures in the watery habitats of the sanctuary. Learn about the magical transformation of water creatures as they grow up.

### ANIMAL ADVENTURES JULY 15 TO 19

Catch frogs, scoop up crayfish, catch bugs! With nets, buckets, and bug boxes we'll explore the stream, forest, and fields and learn about the sanctuary's native animals. Meet the center's resident turtles, snakes, and stick bugs.

### THE BUG CATCHER CLUB JULY 22 TO 26

Get up close and personal with bugs and butterflies and beetles! We'll explore the meadows, forest, pond, and river to discover where insects live. Meet the center's stick bugs.

### THE ENCHANTED WORLD JULY 29 TO AUGUST 2

Through the stories of the enchanted world of fairies, gnomes, and other magical creatures, we'll learn about the natural world. Build a fairy or gnome house in our Enchanted Forest. Create your own fairy house or gnome home to take home, and we'll have lots of natural materials to make decorations and fairy furniture. This is a fun-filled week of crafts, imagination, and outdoor exploration.

### NATURE ARTS & CRAFTS AUGUST 5 TO 9

Get crafty using nature as your inspiration. We'll explore the forest, fields, and wetlands every day, and create unique arts & crafts using a variety of art media, including natural and recycled materials.

### SCUTES, SCALES, & TAILS AUGUST 12 TO 16

Get up close and personal with snakes, turtles, salamanders, toads, frogs, and tadpoles as we search under logs, in the forest, fields, and river. Learn about the sanctuary's own snakes and turtles.

### PREDATOR PREY AUGUST 19 TO 23

Can you spot a bug in the field or blend into the forest? Sharpen your senses with exploration and games in this fun-filled week all about predators and their prey.

### CAMP FAVORITES 1-3 AUGUST 26 TO 30

This week will be filled with camper tested and approved activities, games, and crafts. Each week during the summer, campers will vote for their favorites, and the winners will be the activities for this week.

## DAY CAMPS

ENTERING GRADES 4-7

### FISHING CAMP JUNE 24 TO 28

Join us for five days of fishing fun and instruction. We'll cover all the basics from gear, bait and lures to proper fish handling and conservation ethics. We will meet and fish at different publicly accessible ponds or streams within 15 miles of Scherman Hoffman and fish the Passaic River at the sanctuary. Bring your own gear: rod, reel, and a tackle box. Transportation not provided.

### WILDERNESS SKILLS 1 JULY 8 TO 12

Learn some of the basics of outdoor survival. Learn how to set up a shelter, build a campfire, find water, use a compass, and other practical outdoor skills. Make a fishing pole and go fishing. We'll end the week with a campfire and treats!

### THE POND AND BEYOND JULY 15 TO 19

Get your feet wet and search for the creatures of the Sanctuary's wetlands. We'll explore the ponds and river every day. Use nets to catch tadpoles, insect nymphs, fish, crayfish, and more.

### INSECT SAFARI JULY 22 TO 26

Investigate the habitats of the sanctuary for the largest group of animals on the earth, the insects! Learn about their importance, life cycles, and amazing behaviors. Meet the center's stick bugs.

### HEAPS OF HERPS JULY 29 TO AUGUST 2

Discover the world of herptiles! Look for salamanders, frogs, toads, turtles, and snakes as we explore the forest, field, and ponds. Why are salamanders in the river and in the forest? How do snakes swallow their food? Meet the center's resident herptiles.

### INTO THE WILD AUGUST 5 TO 9

Explore the hidden corners of the sanctuary while looking for the unique and wonderful wildlife that live at the sanctuary. Using equipment like nets, binoculars, and hand lenses, we'll search for birds, tadpoles, insects, crayfish, mushrooms, and more, and record our findings in a nature journal. Into the wild we go!

### WILDERNESS SKILLS 2 AUGUST 12 TO 16

Learn some of the basics of outdoor survival. Learn how to set up a shelter, build a campfire, find water, use a compass, and other practical outdoor skills. Make a fishing pole and go fishing. We'll end the week with a campfire and treats!

### WILD ABOUT WATER AUGUST 19 TO 23

We'll use nets and buckets to search the river, pond, and other waterholes for the creatures that live there. Discover what lies above and below the water's surface and learn how they survive in their watery world.

### CAMP FAVORITES 4-7 AUGUST 26 TO 30

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### Day Camp:

9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

Early-bird Registration  
\$375/week until March 15

After March 15  
\$395/week

### Preschool Camp:

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Early-bird Registration  
\$190/week until March 15

After March 15  
\$200/week