



## Crafty Creatures Preschool Camp

Ages 4 to 5 Years

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

Early-bird Registration: \$ 210/week until March 15

After March 15: \$220/week

### JUNE 30 TO JULY 3

Find frogs, scoop up tadpoles, catch bugs! We'll explore the frog pond, stream, forest, and fields of the sanctuary for the creatures that live there. We'll make crafty creatures and play games inspired by nature.

## Conservation Corps Camp

Ages 11 to 16 Years

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

Early-bird Registration: \$356/week until March 15

After March 15: \$375/week

### JUNE 30 TO JULY 3

This 4-day conservation experience is for youth interested in the environmental field. Campers will be involved with experiential learning, hands-on stewardship projects at the sanctuary, and learning principles of land conservation. Topics include invasive plants, native plant identification and restoration, biodiversity, and stream ecology.

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SUMMER 2025

# NATURE CAMPS

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 2025 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.

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## DAY CAMPS

Ages 6 to 8 Years

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

Early-bird Registration: \$ 415/week until March 15

After March 15: \$ 435/week

### PREDATOR PREY! JUNE 23 TO 27

Sharpen your senses in this camp on predators and their prey. Can you spot a bug in the field, or sneak up on a frog and catch it? We'll explore the sanctuary for the creatures that live here and discover which are predators and which are the prey in this fun-filled week of exploration and games.

### FAIRY HOUSES & GNOME HOMES JULY 7 TO 11

This is a fun-filled week of crafts, imagination, and outdoor exploration! We'll learn about the natural world through the stories of the enchanted world of fairies and gnomes and other magical creatures. Build a fairy house or a gnome home in our "Enchanted Forest." There will be new fairy crafts to create for your own fairy house or gnome home you make to take home at the end of the week.

### WATER WANDERERS JULY 14 TO 18

There is nothing more fun than scooping into a pond to catch tadpoles and baby dragonflies or wading into the river to catch a crayfish! We'll explore the freshwater habitats of the sanctuary to learn all about water and the creatures that live in it.

### SCALES & SLIME JULY 21 TO 25

We'll be searching for frogs, toads, turtles, salamanders and more! We'll search the sanctuary's aquatic habitats for our amphibian friends, and sunny spots and wetlands where reptiles may be found. Meet our resident reptiles at the center and learn about their unique adaptations that enable them to survive.



### WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE JULY 28 TO AUGUST 1

Discover the wild and amazing creatures of the sanctuary! We'll track mammals, hunt for bugs, sneak up on frogs, use binoculars to find birds, and meet the not so wild live animals of the center.

### CREEPY CRAWLIES AUGUST 4 TO 8

Grasshoppers, spiders, and slugs - oh my! Turn over logs, scoop the pond, search the stream, and roam the field in search of the wiggly, crawly critters there.

### WATER STRIDERS AUGUST 11 TO 15

Explore the sanctuary's ponds and stream for aquatic life. Use nets and buckets to capture the creatures who love these wet places. A fascinating world awaits us where water and land meet!

### ECO ART AUGUST 18 TO 22

Paint a watercolor at the river, color with nature's crayons, create a mandala, and more this week as we explore art in nature. We'll be creating nature inspired art with a variety of media including natural materials.

### CAMP FAVORITES 6-8 AUGUST 25 TO 29

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

Ages 9 to 12 Years

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

Early-bird Registration: \$ 415/week until March 15

After March 15: \$ 435/week

### FISHING CAMP JUNE 23 TO 27

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 BEGINNERS - SESSION 1 JULY 7 TO 11

Learn some of the basics of wilderness survival. Learn how to set up a shelter, build a campfire, make a fishing pole and go fishing, and more. We'll end our week with cooking a snack over our campfire.

### AQUATIC ADVENTURES

JULY 14 TO 18

This week we'll be where the water is! We'll spend our days exploring the wetlands and catching fish, frogs, crayfish, aquatic insects, and more. Learn why each animal lives in the wetland that we find them in.

### TOADS TO TURTLES

JULY 21 TO 25

Spend a week becoming a herpetologist. Look for and learn about salamanders, frogs, turtles, and snakes as we explore the land and wetlands of the sanctuary. Learn about the habitats where they live and the conservation projects to preserve the herptiles that are found at the sanctuary.

### ARTHROPOD ADVENTURES JULY 28 TO AUGUST 1

More than just bugs! We'll search the habitats of the sanctuary for the crawling critters and learn what kind of arthropod they are. Learn about insects, arachnids, myriapods, and crustaceans, and what they all have in common.

### WILDERNESS SKILLS BEGINNERS - SESSION 2 AUGUST 4 TO 8

Due to its popularity, we're offering a second Beginners Session. We will be doing the same activities as in Session 1. Learn some of the basics of wilderness survival. Learn how to set up a shelter, build a campfire, make a fishing pole and go fishing, and more. We'll end our week with cooking a snack over our campfire.

### WATER TREKKERS AUGUST 11 TO 15

Explore the ponds and the Passaic River of the sanctuary with nets and buckets to catch aquatic nymphs, tadpoles, crayfish, and maybe even a turtle! Learn about the wetlands these aquatic creatures live in and how important water quality is to their survival. Make a natural mini-boat and sail it on the river.

### WILDERNESS SKILLS INTERMEDIATE AUGUST 18 TO 22

This week is for campers who have completed a Scherman Hoffman Wilderness Skills or Outdoor Skills Adventure from this or a previous summer camp. This week will take outdoor skills to the next level. Activities include learning how to use found or repurposed materials to make a fire starter, tie a fly, make a hand caster, and more, and learn how to work with others in a survival situation.

### CAMP FAVORITES 9-12 AUGUST 25 TO 29

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