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Audubon Naturalist Society

2009 SUMMER

NATURE CAMPS

Loudoun County, VA



Kids Grow Better Outside!

Rust Sanctuary Camps

The Rust Nature Sanctuary, located in Loudoun County, Virginia, is the Audubon Naturalist Society's newest and largest sanctuary. The 68-acre sanctuary includes a manor house, mature woods, meadows, and a pond. Nature trails throughout the property permit safe nature exploration and open lawns provide space for outdoor activities. Rust is located at 802 Children's Center Road, Leesburg, VA. For more information call 703-669-0000.

Nature's Storybooks

For children ages 4-5 by the start date of camp

July 20 - July 24, 1 - 4 pm

From "The Mitten" to "The Lorax", many of our favorite books are about nature. Let's use them as our guide as we search, play, create, and explore the natural world around us. **ANS Members: \$115; Nonmembers: \$165**



Native American Life

For children ages 6-7 by the start date of the camp

July 27 - July 31, 9 am - 3 pm

Native American Tribes of the Eastern Woodlands interact with the natural environment with an intimacy and understanding that can enlighten us all. Learn about the skills, crafts, and legends of local Native American cultures in this inspiring summer camp. **ANS Members: \$230; Nonmembers: \$285**

Reptile Mania

For children ages 6-7 by the start date of camp

August 3 - August 7, 9 am - Noon

Scaly and surprising, snakes, turtles, and lizards are fascinating creatures with some wild adaptations. Non-poisonous snakes eat poisonous snakes, and a turtle's favorite food may surprise you! Join us as we creep into the exciting world of some of our favorite cold-blooded critters.

ANS Members: \$115; Nonmembers: \$165

Dirt, Worms and other Ickys

For children ages 4-5 by the start date of camp

August 3 - August 7, 1 - 4 pm

Let's dig deep, get dirty, and see what kinds of fun and funky critters are living at Rust. Exploration of worms, slugs and snakes are just the beginning as we discover what's really lurking in the soil beneath our feet.

ANS Members: \$115; Nonmembers: \$165



Photo by Kevin Oxenrider

Summer Survival

For children ages 4-5 by the start date of camp

August 10 - August 14, 9 am - Noon

It's hot, it's humid, and the rain is scarce, but the deer are still wearing their fur coats! How do animals survive in this weather? Where do they get their water as the creeks dry up? Animal investigation and games collide with hot weather as we experience this sizzling camp.

ANS Members: \$115; Nonmembers: \$165

Wet and Wild

For children ages 6-7 by the start day of camp

August 10 - August 14, 1 - 4 pm

Water is essential to life on this planet! Learn more about life in ponds, rivers, and watersheds in this cool camp. And of course, we will be playing some extreme water games. **ANS Members: \$115; Nonmembers: \$165**

Girl Scout Camps at Rust



Earn badges, make friends, and have fun at the Rust Nature Sanctuary this summer! The Audubon Naturalist Society's Girl Scout nature camps are designed to give campers fun and exciting experiences in the natural world. Each day we will complete one Try-it or Badge with hands-on games, creative play, and nature exploration. For more information call 703-669-0000.

**New Junior Badges and Brownie Try-its
for this year's camps!**

Brownie Nature Explorers

For girls ages 6-8

July 20 - July 24, 9 am - Noon

Cost: \$130 (Tri-it patches included)

Try-Its earned: Outdoor Adventurer; Ready, Set, Go Camping; Plants; Science in Action; and Senses.

Junior Nature Explorers

For girls ages 9-11

August 17 - August 21, 9 am - 3 pm

Cost: \$230 (Badges included)

Badges earned: Science Discovery; Eco-Action; Finding Your Way; Outdoor Cook; and Camp Together.

Broadlands

The Audubon Naturalist Society is pleased to offer five camps this summer in partnership with the Broadlands Nature Center, located at 21907 Claiborne Parkway, Broadlands, VA 20148. Summer nature day camps are designed to give campers fun, exciting, and educational experiences with nature while making new friends. For more information call 703-729-9726.

Home Sweet Home

For children ages 4-5 by the start date of camp

Program 1: June 22 - June 26, 9 am - Noon

Program 2: July 6 - July 10, 1 - 4 pm

Where do the owls sleep during the day? Who makes their home in a rotting log? Find out all this and more as we explore amazing animal homes right in our area, including crayfish chimneys, woodpecker cavities, and squirrel dreys. **ANS Members: \$120; Nonmembers: \$150**

Connections in Nature

For children ages 6-7 by the start date of camp

Program 1: June 22 - June 26, 1 - 4 pm

Program 2: July 6 - July 10, 9 am - Noon

Hawks need slugs, worms need foxes, and one action can affect the whole ecosystem. Engage all of your senses as we search out local animals and plants and learn how all things in nature are connected. **ANS Members: \$120; Nonmembers: \$150**



Nature in Disguise

For children ages 6-7 by the start date of camp

June 29 - July 2, 9 am - 3 pm (No camp Friday, July 3)

Come to the Nature Center and become an eco-artist! See how creative you can be while learning about nature. Create usable art and reduce waste at the same time while incorporating concepts like camouflage, adaptation, and habitats. **ANS Members: \$190; Nonmembers: \$240**

General Information

Most of our time is spent outdoors exploring nature in a safe and structured setting, but all camps have access to an indoor classroom. All sessions are taught by experienced environmental educators, have a maximum class size of 16 campers, and maintain a child-teacher ratio of 8 to 1. These small camps allow each child to share discoveries with the teachers and each other. A small snack is offered mid-morning. Children in full day camps must bring their own bag lunch.

Registration Information

Registration for all camps will take place online beginning Monday, February 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

To register:

- Go to www.audubonnaturalist.org
- Click on Register Online and follow the prompts
- You will have the option to join or renew your membership when you register online and get the member rates. **Membership fees are nonrefundable.**

Before you register online you will need:

1. **Your member ID number if you are an ANS member.** If you do not know your ID number, call 301-652-9188 x 16 or 26. If you registered online for summer camp in 2007 or 2008 and were a member your member ID number is already in the online registration system! If you joined ANS after December 15, 2008 and have not received your membership card, please call 301-652-9188 x 16 for a temporary membership number.
2. **Your Summer Camp Catalog.**
3. **A valid Visa or Master Card. You may also pay by electronic check.**
4. **A valid email account.**

Other Registration Options

We highly encourage everyone to use the online registration system. However, if you do not have access to the Internet, we will be happy to email, fax, or mail you a registration form. We will process paper registrations within three business days of receiving them.

Confirmation Packets

Your initial confirmation after you register online will come by email. ANS will mail final confirmations including required health forms, directions, camp policies, and carpool lists approximately 3 weeks prior to the start date for day camps.

Please note: Children who do not attend a Virginia 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

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 before April 17, 2009. You may email your cancellation to poves@audubonnaturalist.org. 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. **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.**

Need Help or Have Questions?

For questions about Rust, Girl Scout, and Broadlands camps, call 703-669-0000.

For questions about your registration and payment information, call the Education Office at 301-652-9188 x 16.