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Audubon Naturalist Society 2010 SUMMER NATURE CAMPS

Rust Nature Sanctuary, Leesburg, VA



Kids Grow Better Outside!

Rust Sanctuary Camps

The Rust Nature Sanctuary, located in Leesburg, Virginia, is the largest of the three sanctuaries run by the Audubon Naturalist Society. Our 68 acres include forests, a meadow, a pond, and a wetland. Junior naturalists will find our sanctuary fascinating with insects, amphibians, and birds found throughout the sanctuary. For younger children we offer our new playtrail, an exciting hands-on nature experience. Rust is located at 802 Children's Center Road, Leesburg, VA. For more information call 703-669-0000.

Where the Wild Things Roam

For children entering Pre-K/K in Fall 2010
July 12 - July 16 (9 am - 12 pm)

Let out your inner wild thing in this camp! We will discover what is lurking in the woods, underground, and in the pond at the Rust Nature Sanctuary. Fierce predators, gentle giants, and many others will be investigated as we explore the wild things around us.

Members: \$115; Nonmembers: \$165

Sensory Scientists

For children entering Pre-K/K in Fall 2010
July 19 - July 23 (9 am - 12 pm)

In this camp we will use all of our senses to discover a world of simple wonders. We will help children gain an understanding of nature by encouraging their curiosity and providing them with the skills needed to look more closely and make their own discoveries. Let's get outside and become truly involved in the nature around us.

Members: \$115; Nonmembers: \$165

Backyard Bugs

For children entering Pre-K/K in Fall 2010
August 9 - August 13 (1 - 4 pm)

Let's dig deep, get dirty, and see what kinds of cool and creepy critters are living in our backyards. Exploration of worms, butterflies, and spiders are just the beginning as we discover what makes its home in our backyard.



Members: \$115; Nonmembers: \$165

Dino Scare

For children entering 1st - 2nd grade in Fall 2010
July 12 - July 16 (1 - 4 pm)

Help turn the forests of Rust into a prehistoric jungle. We will then explore this jungle to discover dinosaurs, what they ate, and how they survived. We will also learn about prehistoric plants and other beasts as we uncover the world's earliest life forms. Join as we bring dinosaurs back to life for this week of camp!

Members: \$115; Nonmembers: \$165

Talons and Teeth

For children entering 1st - 2nd grade in Fall 2010
July 19 - July 23 (1 - 4 pm)

Foxes, wolves, hawks, and snakes are fantastic predators; but frogs, dragonflies, swallows, and ladybugs can be just as fierce. In this camp we will look for large and small predators and learn about how they find their prey.



Campers will learn why predators are an important part of our food chain, and what makes each one unique.

Members: \$115; Nonmembers: \$165

Wild Creativity

For children entering 1st - 2nd grade in Fall 2010
August 2 - August 6 (9 am - 3 pm)

Discover nature through drawing, painting, constructing, and acting in this imaginative camp. The forests of the Rust Sanctuary will guide our outdoor explorations and inspire our projects. Let your creative side out in this wild camp.



Members: \$200; Nonmembers: \$250

Super Sleuths

For children entering 3rd - 4th grade in Fall 2010
August 16 - August 20 (9 am - 3 pm)

Join the ranks of forensic investigators in this exciting camp. We will learn about the science of evidence collecting and interpretation as we follow clues to solve natural and human mysteries. We will learn about animal tracks and signs, fingerprints, and trace evidence. Our skills will be tested out in the field and in our camper designed crime lab.

Members: \$200; Nonmembers: \$250

Wilderness Skills

For children entering 5th - 6th grade in Fall 2010
July 12 - July 16 (9 am - 4 pm)

In this camp, campers learn outdoor skills, including reading maps, pitching tents, and cooking outdoors. We'll advance our survival skills, such as making fires and primitive shelters, identifying wild foods, finding directions without a map or compass, first aid, and signaling. A one-night campout on Thursday will test our new skills! Cost includes campout dinner, and Friday breakfast and lunch.

ANS Members: \$265; Nonmembers: \$315



Advanced Wilderness Skills

For children entering 7th - 9th grade in Fall 2010
August 2 - August 6 (9 am - 4 pm)

In this camp we will take our wilderness skills to the next level. We will learn about edible and medicinal plants, tents and shelters, campfire cooking, and backpack basics. Monday and Tuesday will be spent learning basic wilderness skills and doing some team building activities. Wednesday through Friday we will test those skills with a campout at Rust. During our campout we will hike, camp, and practice what we have learned. Novice and veteran campers welcome. Cost includes two campout dinners, two lunches, two breakfasts, and snacks during our campout. The campout ends Friday afternoon at 4 p.m.

ANS Members: \$300; Nonmembers: \$350

Girl Scout Camps at Rust

Make friends, explore nature and earn badges at our Girl Scout Nature Camps. We will spend our days discovering nature, exploring the ponds and wetlands, playing games and creating natural art. Campers will earn five Badges or Try-its during their week-long camps.

Brownie Nature Explorers

For children entering 2nd - 3rd grade in Fall 2010
August 9 - August 13 (9 am - 12 pm)

Cost: \$130 (includes Try-it patches)

Make friends, explore nature, and earn five Try-its during this exciting camp. We will spend our days exploring, discovering, and creating with the woods, pond, and wetland as our guide.

Try-Its Earned: Eco-Explorer, Earth and Sky, Art to Wear, Watching Wildlife, and Water Everywhere



Junior Nature Explorers

For children entering 4th - 5th grade in Fall 2010
July 26 - July 30 (9 am - 3 pm)

Cost: \$230 (includes Badges)

Enhance your outdoor knowledge with our Nature Explorers camp. Discover the pond, wetlands, and forests of Rust, while playing games, creating natural art, and making friends.

Badges Earned: Water Wonders, Earth Connections, Outdoor Creativity, Your Outdoor Surroundings, and Wildlife

We also offer camps in partnership with Arlington Parks and Recreation in Arlington, VA and the Broadlands Nature Center in Broadlands, VA. Please visit www.arlingtonva.us for information and registration for Arlington camps and www.broadlandshoa.org for more information on Broadlands camps.

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 8, 2010 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.**

To register on February 8 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 2007-2009 and were a member your member ID number is already in the online registration system! If you joined ANS after December 11, 2009 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 16, 2010. 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 camps, call 703-669-0000 x1.

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