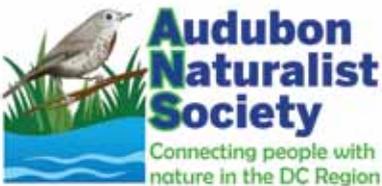


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# Nature Summer Camps

2017 Summer Camp Catalog

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## Woodend Camps

Chevy Chase, MD

KIDS GROW BETTER OUTSIDE

# Chevy Chase Camps (Woodend Sanctuary)

Woodend Schedule	June 19 - June 23	June 26 - June 30	July 3 - July 7	July 10 - July 14	July 17 - July 21	July 24 - July 28	July 31 - August 4	August 7 - August 11	August 14 - August 18	August 21 - August 25
Pre-K/K	Forest Friends full day or AM	Dr. Seuss on the Loose full day or AM	Creature Feature full day, AM or PM	Dino Soar full day, AM or PM	100 Acre Woods full day	Animal Babies full day, AM or PM	Where the Wild Things Roam full day	Creepy Crawlies full day, AM or PM	Bugs Galore full day	
Grades 1-2	Planta-palooza	Water Works	Soil Sleuths	Spanish Immersion	Nature and the Imagination	Extreme Animals	Wild at Heart	Mad Science	Mammals of Maryland	Litter Critters
	Native America	Carnivore Camp	Prehistoric Prowlers	Backyard Bugs 1	Cold Blooded Creatures	Habitat Hikers	Secrets of the Forest	On the Wing	Backyard Bugs 2	
Grades 3-4	Can You Dig It?	Divers and Dabblers	Fantastic Beasts	Craft Crazy	Spanish Immersion	Audubon Artists	Camp Cuisine	Aquatic Odyssey	Mythical Creatures	Planet Pals
Grades 5-6	Talons and Teeth	Science Wizards	Rock Creek Critters	Bat Camp	Pioneer Life	Slither and Slime	Dancing into the Woods	Radical Reptiles	Insectigations	
	Nature Engineers	Wilderness Skills	Raptor Rapture	Outdoor Adventures	Ethno-botany	Farm to Table	Bay Quest	Audubon Rocks	Wood Wide Web	
Grades 7-9		Nature Photography	Green Builders	Beginning Backpacking	MineCamp	Mountain Outpost	Advanced Bay Quest	Beyond the Bay	Advanced Wilderness Skills	Green Team
		Conservation Corps		Advanced Backpacking			Advanced Water Quality Monitoring			
Grades 9+	Teen Naturalist Training/ Junior Counselor Session 1	Teen Naturalist Training/ Junior Counselor Session 1	Teen Naturalist Training/ Junior Counselor Session 1	Teen Naturalist Training/ Junior Counselor Session 2	Teen Naturalist Training/ Junior Counselor Session 2	Teen Naturalist Training/ Junior Counselor Session 2	Teen Naturalist Training/ Junior Counselor Session 3	Teen Naturalist Training/ Junior Counselor Session 3	Teen Naturalist Training/ Junior Counselor Session 3	TNT/JRC Session 4

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## A Day at Camp Woodend

Here's what your camper may do on a typical day at Camp Audubon! Activities vary from day to day and according to each camp's theme.

**Sample Camp:** Backyard Bugs

**Theme:** What is an insect? What is the difference between insects and other invertebrates?

- 8:45 Drop Off
- 9:15 Camp Gaggle (All campers gather for a morning meeting.)
- 9:30 Morning Circle: What is an insect? Learn characteristics common to all insects.
- 9:45 Hike: Scavenger hunt for insects. Identify native insects.
- 10:30 Snack and Story
- 10:45 Craft: Design and build your own insect out of recycled materials.
- 11:15 Outdoor Exploration: Roll logs and look for decomposers.
- 12:00 Lunch and Free Play
- 1:00 Afternoon Circle: Discuss aquatic insects and their adaptations for survival.
- 1:30 Outdoor Exploration: Ponding! Get the nets and boots as we look for aquatic insects.
- 2:15 Game: Camouflage in the bamboo forest.
- 2:30 Closing Circle: Wrap up and Review
- 3:00 Pick Up or Extended Camp

## A Day of Traveling at Camp Woodend

**Sample Camp:** Animal Keepers

**Theme:** Relationships between animals and people

- 8:45 Drop Off
- 9:15 Camp Gaggle (All campers gather for a morning meeting)
- 9:30 Morning Circle: Discuss today's destination: Washington Animal Rescue League
- 9:45 Travel to WARL
- 10:30-3:00 Tour the animal shelter, lunch, meet the animals, see the veterinary clinic
- 3:00 Return to Woodend
- 3:15 Reflections and Nature Journals
- 3:30 Game: Capture the Flag
- 4:00 Pick Up or Extended Camp

## Spring Break Camp (K-9th Grade)

Monday, April 10-Friday, April 14  
(8:30 am-3 pm)

Members \$347

Nonmembers \$432

Extended Camp (3-6 pm) \$115

*Register  
online!*

Spend your spring break outdoors on our beautiful nature sanctuary. Campers will spend a week discovering salamander eggs, flower buds, wood frog calls, and other signs of spring. Outdoor play, crafts, songs and stories will enhance our natural history learning. Grades 6-9 can earn 20 SSL hours. Register now at [www.anshome.org/schoolsoutcamp](http://www.anshome.org/schoolsoutcamp).

Questions? Call 301-652-9188 x15.

## The Best Birthday Parties Happen Naturally!

Give your child the gift of nature with a party at Woodend Sanctuary. Naturalist-led hike at every party!



*Register  
online!*

- \* Children ages 4-10
- \* Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays year round
- \* \$230 for members, \$265 for nonmembers
- \* Choose among many nature themes

Chevy Chase, MD: 301-652-9188 x10

Download a birthday party brochure at [www.ANShome.org/birthday](http://www.ANShome.org/birthday)

## Extended Camp



Extended Camp is open to all campers 1st grade and up (and full day Pre-K/K). Extended Camp provides participants with a fun, relaxing end to their vigorous day at summer camp. Activities will include crafts, indoor and outdoor games, quiet time for books, and cards. We provide a snack as well.

**Please note that you must sign up for extended camp for the full week. No daily/drop-in options available.**

### Half and Full Extended Camp Options!

\$115 per week for Full Extended Camp from 3-6 pm  
\$65 per week for Half Extended Camp from 3-4 pm  
\$75 per week for Half Extended Camp from 4-6 pm  
(grades 5 and up only)



# Discovery Camp (Pre-K and Kindergarten in Fall 2017)

Discovery camp is for children entering Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten in Fall 2017. Your child must be at least 4 years old by the start date of the camp for which s/he is registered. Morning classes run from 8:45 am to 12 pm. Afternoon classes run from 1 to 4 pm. Full day camps run from 8:45 am to 3 pm (extended camp available until 4 pm). Children may not attend both sessions of a camp. Camp enrollment is limited to four weeks.

## Forest Friends

June 19-23, full day or AM

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427 (full day)

Members \$181; Nonmembers \$266 (AM)

Come learn about all of our animal friends who live in the forest! From foxes to worms, we'll learn why animals live in forests, what they find to eat, and how they build their homes.

## Dr. Seuss on the Loose

June 26-30, full day or AM

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427 (full day)

Members \$181; Nonmembers \$266 (AM)

From The Lorax to The Great Kapok Tree, nature stories will be our guides as we explore Woodend. We'll use Dr. Seuss's rhyming techniques to learn about all the wonderful elements that make up our natural world.

## Creature Feature

July 3-7, full day, AM or PM (no camp July 4)

Members \$274; Nonmembers \$359 (full day)

Members \$145; Nonmembers \$213 (AM or PM)

Meet a live animal every day in this exciting camp! We will investigate the differences between wild animals and pets, including their different adaptations. We will finish each day by seeing and touching the animals we have learned so much about.

## Dino Scare

July 10-14, full day, AM or PM

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427 (full day)

Members \$181; Nonmembers \$266 (AM or PM)

We're going back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the Earth. Bones, fossils, ferns, and gigantic animals will surround us as we investigate the world's prehistoric life forms. We'll even learn to identify some common dinosaurs by their tricky names.

Due to licensing requirements, your child must be 4 years of age by the start date of a full day camp, no exceptions. Extended Camp (\$65) is available from 3-4 pm for full day Pre-K/K camps.

NEW!

## 100 Acre Woods

July 17-21, full day

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427 (full day)

Pooh, Eeyore, Piglet, and Owl will be our guides as we explore all the wonderful elements that make up our own "100" acre wood.

## Animal Babies

July 24-28, full day, AM or PM

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427 (full day)

Members \$181; Nonmembers \$266 (AM or PM)

Animal babies are amazing. Some are cute and cuddly while others are scruffy and slimy. We will explore how animal babies grow and change, how they communicate, and how their parents protect and teach them.



## Where the Wild Things Roam

July 31-August 4, full day

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427 (full day)

Let the wild rumpus begin! Come see and learn about all the wild things that call Woodend's tall forest, green meadows, and cool pond their home.

## Creepy Crawlies

August 7-11, full day, AM or PM

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427 (full day)

Members \$181; Nonmembers \$266 (AM or PM)

Insects, worms, snakes, and slugs are the focus of this favorite camp. Campers learn to separate fact from fiction as they meet and learn all about these amazing creatures.

## Bugs Galore

August 14-18, full day

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427 (full day)

In this camp, we'll learn all about what makes a bug a bug. We'll look for insects under logs and in the meadow and use magnifying glasses to study their similarities and differences.

NEW!

# Exploration Camp (1st and 2nd Grade in Fall 2017)

For children entering 1st or 2nd grade in Fall 2017. All camps are full day and run from 8:45 am to 3 pm.

## Plantapalooza

June 19-23 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

We'll build a tree, hike the woods, and investigate the meadow to understand how plants support our entire ecosystem. Grasses, leaves, mosses, and algae are all the first link in the food web that sustains life.

## Native America

June 19-23 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Learn about our local Native American culture and about their deep connection to Nature. Activities may include making pottery, identifying edible and medicinal plants, using natural dyes, and playing traditional games.

## Water Works

June 26-30 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

The water we drink today is the same water the dinosaurs swam in. We'll investigate the many forms water takes as it moves in and around our planet. Expect many wet and wild adventures as we explore our pond, Rock Creek, and all things aquatic!

## Carnivore Camp

June 26-30 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Sharpen your senses in this camp on predators and their prey. We will discover who eats whom on our sanctuary and learn what adaptations, from stalking to ambushing, help carnivores find their dinner.

## Soil Sleuths

July 3-7 (8:45 am-3 pm) No camp July 4

Members \$274; Nonmembers \$359

More than a billion organisms can be found in one teaspoon of soil! Let's learn what soil is made of and why so many creatures live in it.

## Prehistoric Prowlers

July 3-7 (8:45 am-3 pm) No camp July 4

Members \$274; Nonmembers \$359

Do you know who the prowlers of the Mesozoic era were? Dinosaurs! In this camp we will learn about the different adaptations that made the dinosaurs so successful and what we can learn about them through their fossils.

## Spanish Immersion

July 10-14 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

A bilingual naturalist will teach campers all about the wonders of the natural world in both English and Spanish. ¡Aprendamos español y ciencia al mismo tiempo! Let's learn Spanish and science at the same time!

**NEW!**

## Backyard Bugs

Session 1: July 10-14 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Session 2: August 14-18 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Journey with us as we investigate the meadows, explore the forests, and probe the depths of the pond in search of insects and their kin. Through our observations, we'll learn why there are more insects than humans and why they live almost everywhere on the planet.



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# Exploration Camp (1st and 2nd Grade in Fall 2017)

## Nature and the Imagination

July 17-21 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

The natural world is a wonderful place to stretch the imagination. Campers will learn to express their creativity and inspirations through drawings, paintings, songs, and movement.

## Cold Blooded Creatures

July 17-21 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Do you love reptiles, amphibians, and fish? Then this is the camp for you! We will focus on how these animals are alike and different, learn about their special needs, and compare them to their prehistoric ancestors.

## Extreme Animals

July 24-28 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Nature is full of wonder, beauty, and unbelievably extreme animals! In this camp we'll learn about the smartest, fastest, and deadliest animals out there and why they have evolved such special traits.

**NEW!**

## Habitat Hikers

July 24-28 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Come hike the different habitats here at Woodend and learn how life varies in each. Discover the biogeography of meadow life, learn how to recognize a wetland, and understand how these ecosystems are all interrelated.

## Secrets of the Forest

July 31-August 4 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

There's more to a forest than what we see. Discover how trees talk to each other, how birds communicate with deer, and how ants protect plants.

**NEW!**

## Contribute to the Summer Camp Scholarship Fund

Help give all children the opportunity to experience the wonders of nature! We provide an average of 20 full scholarships to campers each year. Please donate when you register online.

## Wild at Heart

July 31-August 4 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Have you ever wondered why your dog turns around in a circle before laying down? Or have you ever had the urge to howl at the moon? Some of our favorite domestic animals have fascinating behaviors which tell us that our beloved pets might still be wild at heart.

## Mad Science

August 7-11 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Calling all junior mad scientists! This is a camp full of experiments, creations, and make-believe. We'll test our theories in our own "lab" and then head outside to investigate nature's coolest concoctions from honey to slug slime.

## On the Wing

August 7-11 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Do you know how birds fly? In this camp we'll explore everything about birds from feathers to talons to eggs. We'll learn how to identify local birds by sight and by sound on our many hikes.

**NEW!**



## Mammals of Maryland

August 14-18 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

From the mountains to the floodplains, Maryland is home to thousands of mammals. We will learn about their adaptations, habitats, and behaviors. On our own sanctuary we will track raccoons, look for fox dens, and feed our flying squirrels.

## Litter Critters

August 21-25 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

In this camp, we'll explore the forest floor looking for creepy crawly insects, decomposers, arthropods, and other invertebrates. We will play games and make crafts to help us learn about the underworld of the forest and why it's so important.

# Investigation Camp (3rd and 4th Grade in Fall 2017)

For children entering 3rd or 4th grade in Fall 2017. All camps are full day, running from 8:45 am to 3 pm.

## Can You Dig It?

June 19-23 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Indiana Jones isn't the only one who enjoys the excitement of an archeological dig! Conducting an on-site dig and examining fossils and artifacts of the past will be just the beginning of this adventure.

## Talons and Teeth

June 19-23 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Believe it or not, Maryland is the home of many predators including foxes, hawks, bobcats, bears, coyotes, snakes, and more. In this exciting camp, we'll discover how these creatures find and hunt their prey, the important role predators play in the food chain, and how to find and track them.

## Divers and Dabblers

June 26-30 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Maryland is an important stop along the Atlantic Migration Flyway for Waterfowl. Learn about our region's ducks, geese, and swans in this camp solely devoted to these wonderful birds. Explore the different habitats that our waterfowl call home, looking for Mallards at our pond, and searching for Wood Ducks along Rock Creek.

## Science Wizards

June 26-30 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342;  
Nonmembers \$427

Erupting volcanoes, oozing slime, and dancing bubbles – we'll learn the science behind these magical reactions in this camp full of experiments and explosions. We'll test our concoctions in our own "lab" and then head outside to discover the powerful forces of nature all around us.



## Fantastic Beasts

July 3-7 (8:45 am-3 pm) No camp July 4

Members \$274; Nonmembers \$359

Dragons and unicorns, oh my! Reality and fiction collide in this camp as we learn about animal adaptations through our study of mythical creatures, particularly in the Harry Potter series. We will use outdoor exploration, imagination, and art to bring these magical animals to life.

**NEW!**

## Rock Creek Critters

July 3-7 (8:45 am-3 pm) No camp July 4

Members \$274; Nonmembers \$359

What kind of critters live in creeks? And how do they survive there? We will answer these questions and many more while getting wet and muddy exploring Rock Creek. We'll even have a look at some of these small critters under a microscope!

**NEW!**

## Craft Crazy

July 10-14 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Embrace your creative side with this camp designed for all the crafters out there! We'll experiment with different mediums including paints and wood and we'll make and use our very own plant press.

**NEW!**

## Bat Camp

July 10-14 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Get ready to delve deep into caves and fly high in the sky as we discover fun filled facts about bats. Did you know there are 1,000 varieties of these fantastic flyers? Join us on our journey as we travel to bat habitats worldwide including our own backyards.

## Spanish Immersion

July 17-21 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

A bilingual naturalist will teach campers all about the wonders of the natural world in both English and Spanish. ¡Aprendamos español y ciencia al mismo tiempo! Let's learn Spanish and science at the same time!

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# Investigation Camp (3rd and 4th Grade in Fall 2017)

## **Pioneer Life**

July 17-21 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Join us as we delve into our own Oregon Trail adventure! In this camp, we will learn how pioneers used the untamed environment around them for shelter, food, and medicine.

## **Audubon Artists**

July 24-28 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Have you ever been inspired by a rainbow, snail, shell, or leaf? Experience the beauty of the natural world in this popular camp. We will discover how nature uses symmetry, texture, and color and create our own earth art.

## **Slither and Slime**

July 24-28 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Want to learn about both slimy animals and scaly ones? In this camp we will look at the similarities and differences of reptiles and amphibians, their special needs, and compare them to their prehistoric ancestors.

## **Camp Cuisine**

July 31-August 4 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

In this camp we will learn about edible wild plants, how to care for a garden, and sustainable farming. We will plant and pick in the Woodend Children's Garden, as well as visit a local farmer's market to find ingredients for our creations. From the science of soil to the taste of freshly picked basil, this camp will satisfy.



## **Dancing into the Woods**

July 31-August 4 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Come express yourself through movement in Nature! In this camp, we'll learn the basics of different dance styles, as well as the way different animals move through their environments.

**NEW!**

## **Aquatic Odyssey**

August 7-11 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

In this investigative camp, campers submerge themselves in the water cycle and aquatic ecosystems. We will get our feet and hands wet as we explore the plants and animals of our local pond and streams.

## **Radical Reptiles**

August 7-11 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Snakes, komodo dragons, and turtles! Let's learn about what makes reptiles so important and how they evolved to look and act as they do.

**NEW!**

## **Mythical Creatures**

August 14-18 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Why did the dragon develop the ability to breathe fire? We will use outdoor exploration, art, stories, and our imagination to learn about animal adaptations and to develop our very own creative creatures.

## **Insectigations**

August 14-18 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Are all insects bugs? We'll answer this question and more while looking for our six-legged friends and their habitats all over Woodend. Get ready for some crazy crawlers, happy hoppers, and fantastic flyers!

## **Planet Pals**

August 21-25 (8:45 am-3 pm)

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Children can be environmentalists too! Recycling and composting will all make perfect sense at the end of this camp. We'll make crafts out of recycled materials, pick up trash at Rock Creek, and learn about how kids can make a difference and help their planet.

**NEW!**

## Pre-Teen Camps (5th and 6th Grade in Fall 2017)

For children entering 5th and 6th grades in Fall 2017. Camps run from 8:45 am to 4 pm.

### Nature Engineers

June 19-23 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day Camp at Woodend - no traveling

Did you know that the shape of a wind turbine blade mimics the fin of a humpback whale? Or how about that termite mounds have both AC and heat? In this camp we'll delve into nature's many engineering marvels and learn how humans have benefited from them.

**NEW!**

### Wilderness Skills

June 26-30 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Day Camp at Woodend - one-night campout

Want to know how to survive in the woods? Come to this camp and find out! We'll spend the first half of the week learning fire building, shelter making, tracking, and edible and medicinal plants. On Thursday we'll head to Patapsco Valley State Park for a campout and return on Friday afternoon.

### Raptor Rapture

July 3-7 (8:45 am-4 pm) No camp July 4

Members \$337; Nonmembers \$422

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

This new camp is bound to be a hoot! We'll learn all about these Birds of Prey - hawks, owls, eagles, vultures, falcons, and osprey. We'll take a field trip to Meadowside Nature Center, hike on the C&O Canal, and take a pontoon boat ride at Black Hill Regional Park. Brush up on your owl calls for an Owl Calling contest at Woodend on Friday.

**NEW!**

### Outdoor Adventures

July 10-14 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

This classic camp highlights some of the best outdoor activities in our area. Climb to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain, kayak and catch Bay critters at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center, and be challenged by a ropes course. All along the way, we'll hone our natural history skills.

### Camp Cuisine: Master Chef

July 10-14 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day Camp at Woodend - no traveling

Try your skills at this intensely fun cooking camp! We'll use fresh produce right from our Children's Garden to make our own camp creations. On the last day we'll visit the local farmers' market to gather ingredients for a friendly Friday cook-off challenge!

### Ethnobotany

July 17-21 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day Camp at Woodend - no traveling

If you were dropped in the Woodend Wilderness, how would you survive? Throughout history people have relied on the natural world for their basic needs. We will learn how people used plants for food, medicine, tools, paper, art, and more. You will be surprised what you can do with plants in your own backyard!

### MineCamp

July 17-21 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Bring Minecraft out of the screen and into real life! In this camp, we'll explore in both survival and creative mode while learning about map making, farming, mining for resources, edible plants, and shelter building. We'll visit Luray Caverns and the gem hall at the Smithsonian. This is a nature camp and no video games will be played.

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## Pre-Teen Camps (5th and 6th Grade in Fall 2017)

### Farm to Table

July 24-28 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Dust off those hats and hiking boots for an adventure into the farm country of Maryland.

Experience a real working organic farm, pick your own fruits and veggies, meet farm animals, and find out where the food on your table comes from. We will visit three local farms and gardens and make some delicious food from our own Children's Garden.

### Across the Misty Mountains

July 24-28 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day Camp at Woodend - no traveling

Begin a quest for the one ring! Hobbits, dwarves, elves, and even humans are welcome to undertake an epic journey through the woods, fields, and waters of Woodend. Campers will have to solve puzzles, riddles, and clues to find that which they seek. They will also practice all the woodcrafts adventurers need, fire building, way finding, camouflage, and shelter making.

### Bay Quest

July 31-August 4 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$594; Nonmembers \$679

M-Tu are day camps at Woodend, W-F are overnight days at Echo Hill Outdoor School.

We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.



Go boating, fishing, swimming, and crabbing while learning about the importance of the Chesapeake Bay. Our

adventure begins at Woodend where we will spend time getting to know our Bay Quest team and investigating our local watershed. Then we'll travel by bus to Echo Hill Outdoor School for a three-day, two-night excursion on the Chester River. This camp is a great introduction to the overnight camp experience.



### Animal Keepers

July 31-August 4 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

In this animal-filled camp we will learn why people "keep" animals and how our special relationships have evolved through the years. Each day we will meet different animals and learn how to handle them, take care of them, and what makes these animals so special to the people who love them! We will travel to animal shelters, farms, and the Zoo Tuesday-Friday.

### Audubon Rocks

August 7-11 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Let's explore the geology of our region - the Piedmont. We'll visit Luray Caverns to learn about rock formations, study fault lines, and learn how to identify different types of rocks and gems.

### Wood Wide Web

August 14-18 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day Camp at Woodend - no traveling

Did you know that trees in a forest communicate with each other and exchange energy stores? In this camp we will explore the Wood Wide Web, the concept that there is a network of communications happening between all the organisms of a forest.

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# Teen Camps (Grades 7th-9th in Fall 2017)

For children entering 7th, 8th or 9th grades in Fall 2017. Camps run from 8:45 am to 4 pm.

## Nature Photography

June 26-30 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Can you capture the essence of a Tiger Swallowtail or the beauty of a wildflower? Come give it a try in this camp all about photographing the wonders of Nature. We will travel to different local nature preserves and explore their natural flora and fauna. Please bring your own camera.

## Green Builders

July 3-7 (8:45 am-4 pm) No camp July 4

Members \$300; Nonmembers \$385

Day camp at Woodend - no traveling

Do you want to build something that people will see at Woodend for years to come? Campers will use hands-on projects to learn about the different elements of sustainable building and construction and then apply what they have learned to build a small model 'green' building. Campers can earn 10 SSL hours.

## Beginning Backpacking

July 10-14 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

M-T are day camps at Woodend, W-F is an overnight backpacking trip. We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.

Have you always wanted to try backpacking? Well now's your chance! Learn how to effectively pack your gear, how to cook over a camping stove, and how to use a compass. We will spend Monday and Tuesday on the Sanctuary then leave on Wednesday for a three-day, two-night trip on the Appalachian Trail.

## Audubon Chopped

July 17-21 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day camp based at Woodend - no traveling

Love the TV show Chopped? Then come develop your cooking skills in this spin-off camp! Use your creativity and see what you can make with fresh produce from our local farmer's market and onsite Children's Garden. In addition to some friendly competition you'll learn about gardening and growing seasonal organic produce.

## Mountain Outpost

July 24-28 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

M-T are day camps at Woodend, W-F is an overnight backpacking trip. We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.

Explore Western Maryland in this fabulous overnight camp! We will spend Monday and Tuesday at Woodend practicing team building and basic camping skills. On Wednesday, we will travel to Big Run State Park for a three-day, two-night campout to explore mountain ecology and build our wilderness skills. Join us for the fun, learning, and friendships that only wilderness camping can provide!

## Advanced Bay Quest

July 31-August 4 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$721; Nonmembers \$806

M-F are overnight days at Echo Hill Outdoor School. We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.

Explore undisturbed marshes and hike sandy beaches, meadows, and forests. Sleep in cabins, swim, fish, crab, and build campfires. Our trip meets at Woodend and then we will travel by bus to Echo Hill Outdoor School for a five-day, four-night wilderness adventure.



## Beyond the Bay

August 7-11 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$505; Nonmembers \$590

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Let's explore the Chesapeake Bay and beyond. In this camp you'll get to experience the thrill of scuba diving under the supervision of an instructor in a swimming pool and visit the National Aquarium. We'll learn about Bay health, deep-sea creatures, sharks, marine mammals, and more! All scuba equipment is provided.

## Teen Camps (Grades 7th-9th in Fall 2017)

### Advanced Wilderness Skills

August 14-18 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Day camp at Woodend - one-night campout

This camp will take your basic campout skills to a whole new level. Learn how to start a fire without matches, tracking and camouflage, shelter building, and how to identify edible and medicinal plants. We'll end the week with an overnight canoe camping trip on the Shenandoah River above Harper's Ferry.

**NEW!**

### Green Team

August 21-25 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Day camp based at Woodend - one field trip

Learn what it means to be green and earn 20 SSL hours. We will tour a recycling facility, work on restoration projects on the Sanctuary, identify and remove invasive species, and investigate local environmental policy issues.



## High School Camps (Grades 9th-11th in Fall 2017)

### Conservation Corps

June 26-30 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day camp at Woodend - no traveling

Enter the exciting and challenging world of environmental professionals in this dynamic camp. We will learn what conservation work entails by working on restoration projects and identifying and removing invasive species on our Sanctuary. Campers can earn up to 30 SSL hours.

**NEW!**

### Advanced Backpacking

July 17-21 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

M is a day camp at Woodend, T-F is an overnight backpacking trip. We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.

For our experienced backpackers, here's a chance to explore more of the Appalachian Trail. Back country camping skills, way finding, and group leadership skills will be emphasized. We will spend Monday on the Sanctuary then leave on Tuesday for a four-day, three-night trip.

### Advanced Water Quality Monitoring

July 31-August 4 (8:45 am-4 pm)

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Have you ever wondered how healthy the Potomac River is? In this camp we will visit different local streams and assess their health. We will learn to identify common macroinvertebrates, how to test water chemistry, and of course how to get wet and have fun!

**NEW!**

## Junior Counselor Program

**For teens entering 11th and 12th grade and college freshman**

As a Junior Counselor you will plan and lead the Thursday All Camp Activity, lead camp songs and skits on Fridays, and help the Camp Director with the everyday details of camp. Acceptance into the Junior Counselor program is dependent on an interview and past TNT status. Junior Counselors are paid a stipend of \$100 a week. Apply online as part of the summer camp registration process. Questions? Call Nora "June Bug" Kelly at 301-652-9188 x15.

## General Information

Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) nature summer camps are designed to foster environmental awareness and expand natural and cultural knowledge. Woodend is a 40-acre oasis in the middle of Chevy Chase, MD. Bordering Rock Creek Park, the sanctuary contains mature woods and meadows, a pond, and an intermittent stream that provide habitat for many birds, insects, deer, rabbits, and foxes. Open lawns provide activity space, and well-maintained nature trails permit safe nature exploration. All camps are taught by experienced environmental educators, maintaining a child-teacher ratio of 8-1.

## Registration Information

Online registration opens Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 9 am for ANS members as of December 1, 2016. Members joining after December 1, 2016 and nonmembers may register Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 9 am.

### To Register:

- Go to <http://www.anshome.org>.
- Click on Register Online and follow the prompts.
- You will have the option to renew your membership.

**Membership fees are nonrefundable.**

*Internet Explorer  
and Firefox browsers  
recommended (not  
Chrome or Safari).*

### **ANS Members as of December 1, 2016: (Registration begins Saturday, January 28 at 9 am)**

- **You will need your member ID number.** This number is printed on the back of your camp catalog that was mailed to your home. If you registered for summer camp in 2007-2016 and were a member, your member ID number is already in the online registration system! If you don't know your ID number, call 301-652-9188 x16. We strongly recommend you retrieve your member ID number before January 28.
- Returning parents can log into their account before January 28 to make sure they can access their account. Visit <https://thriva.activenetwork.com/MyAccount/Login.aspx?Org=AudobonNaturalistSociety>. This is NOT the registration link, just the link to your account info. You only have an account if you registered for summer camp online in previous years (or booked a b-day party online). **If you can't access your account don't re-set your password, contact Pam at 301-652-9188 x16 to reset it.**

### **New Members (who joined after December 1, 2016) and Nonmembers: (Registration begins Thursday, February 2 at 9 am)**

- You will have the option to join ANS at this time and receive the member rate for camps.
- If you joined ANS for the first time after December 1, 2016 and have not received your membership info in the mail, enter your name as your Member ID.

**Please note:** Anyone who registers during members-only registration who was not a member as of 12/1/16 will have his/her registration cancelled and fees refunded, minus the \$5 registration fee.

### Need Help or Have Questions?

- **For questions about your registration, including payment information, waitlist status, and refunds please call the Education Office at 301-652-9188 x16.**
- Audubon Summer Camp is committed to providing the best possible camp experience for your child. For questions about the summer camp program, including camp-specific inquiries, accommodations for special needs, medical issues, and scholarship information, please call Nora Kelly (June Bug), the Camp Director, at 301-652-9188 x15. Please don't hesitate to call before registration begins.

## Payment and Confirmation Information

- Full payment is due at the time of registration.
- **Membership fees, registration fees (\$5 per camp), and scholarship donations are non-refundable.**
- Camp enrollment is limited to a maximum of 4 camps per child.
- Children may not repeat any day camp program of the same name in the same summer.
- Children may not attend both the AM and PM section of a Pre-K/K camp.
- No prorated daily rates are available, including extended camp.
- Full and partial scholarships are available. Please call 301-652-9188 x16 for an application.
- All camps (including extended) have a five minute grace period and \$1/minute/child late fee thereafter for pick-up.

### WAITLISTS

If waitlisted at the time of registration, 50% of the class fee is required as a deposit. You may stay on the waitlist as long as you like. Waitlist deposits can be refunded at any time minus the \$5 registration fee. Upon receiving a cancellation in writing we will process refunds within 5 business days. You may email [pam.oves@anshome.org](mailto:pam.oves@anshome.org) to cancel. If you choose to remain on the waitlist until camp starts and your child does not get in, your waitlist deposit will be automatically refunded minus the \$5 registration fee within 5 business days.

**Please note:** While we wish we could predict movement on our waitlists, unfortunately our staff has no way of knowing if a spot will open up in camp. We highly encourage you to stay on the waitlist for as long as you are interested. We will notify you if a space becomes available and you will have the opportunity to accept or decline the spot. Your deposit is refundable at any time minus the \$5 registration fee.

You may only register someone from your household or a family member for camp. Your child cannot be enrolled in a camp and waitlisted for a camp in the same week, i.e. you may not placeholder by enrolling in a PM camp while waitlisting for an AM camp, or enrolling in a 1st/2nd grade camp while waitlisting for one the same week, unless you want to pay applicable cancellation fees (see refund policy below).

### CONFIRMATION PACKETS

Your initial confirmation after you register online will come by email. ANS will **email** final confirmations including required health forms, camp policies, and carpool lists approximately 3 weeks prior to the start date for camps. **If you don't receive a confirmation email a few weeks before your child's camp begins, contact [pam.oves@anshome.org](mailto:pam.oves@anshome.org).**

**Note: Children who do not attend a U.S. 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 BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 15, 2017

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. You may email your cancellation to [pam.oves@anshome.org](mailto:pam.oves@anshome.org).

### REFUND POLICY AFTER APRIL 15, 2017

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. You may email your cancellation to [pam.oves@anshome.org](mailto:pam.oves@anshome.org).

**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.**



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## Teen Naturalist Training Program For Teens entering 9th or 10th grade

*Register  
online!*



If you like getting muddy, singing camp songs, and teaching campers how to hold a frog, then we have the volunteer program for you - our teen naturalist training program! Each session will include volunteering in our summer camp program plus hands-on lessons in natural history, restoration work, and outdoor group leadership - all while earning student service learning hours for school! \$450 per session for ANS members, \$535 for nonmembers.

- Earn 100 SSL hours
- Work with kids in a fun, outdoor camp
- Special natural history training
- 3 week program

<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Session 4</b>
June 19-July 7	July 10-28	July 31-August 18	August 21-25

Visit [anshome.org/camp](http://anshome.org/camp) to apply online. Applications due **Friday, April 14**. We will assign teen naturalists on a rolling basis so please apply early. Note: acceptance to TNT program is dependent on interview for first-time applicants.