

# NATURE SUMMER CAMPS

KIDS GROW BETTER OUTSIDE



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## WOODEND CAMPS CHEVY CHASE, MD

2016 SUMMER CAMP CATALOG



## Spring Break Camp: Earth Week at Audubon (K-9th Grade)

Monday, March 28-Friday, April 1  
(8:30 am-3 pm)  
Members \$347;  
Nonmembers \$437  
Extended Camp (3-6 pm) \$115

Register  
online!

Join us for a Spring Break Camp in preparation of Earth Day! We will be Planet Pals this week with upcycled crafts, creek cleanups, planting in our garden as well as games, hikes, and outside adventures. Shake off winter with a week of fun and sun. Register through the summer camp registration system. Grades 6-9 can earn SSL hours.

Questions? Call 301-652-9188 x15.

## The Best Birthday Parties Happen Naturally!

Give your child the gift of nature with a party at one of our sanctuaries. Naturalist-led hike at every party!



Register  
online!

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  - \* Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays year round
  - \* \$225 for members, \$260 for nonmembers
  - \* Choose among many nature themes
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## Discovery Camp (Pre-K and Kindergarten in Fall 2016)

Discovery camp is for children entering Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten in Fall 2016. 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 (no extended camp available). Children may not attend both sessions of a camp.

### Creepy Crawlies

June 20-June 24, (8:45 am-3 pm)  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Bugs, 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.

### Animal Babies

June 27-July 8, AM or PM (2 week camp)  
No camp July 4

Members \$274; Nonmembers \$359

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.

### Creature Feature

July 11-July 15, AM or PM  
Members \$181; Nonmembers \$266

Meet a live animal every day in this exciting camp! We will investigate the differences between wild animals and pets, including their different adaptations. Before we meet our live guest, we will practice safe and respectful handling. We'll finish every day seeing and touching the animal we have learned so much about!

### Where the Wild Things Roam

July 18-July 29, (8:45 am-3 pm) (2 week camp)  
Members \$684; Nonmembers \$769

Our tall forest, green meadows, and cool pond are just teeming with wildlife in the summer! From large bucks to tiny snails, campers will explore the multitude of critters that make Woodend their home.

Please note the dates and times of the Pre-K/K camps you wish to register for - we are offering a couple of full day options in 2016! Due to licensing requirements, your child must be 4 years of age by the start date of a full day camp, no exceptions. No extended camp available.

### Nature's Hide and Seek

August 1-August 5, AM or PM  
Members \$181; Nonmembers \$266

Why does the tree frog hide in plain sight while the rain forest frog's bright colors say "Look at me"? Learn how animals use warning colors, camouflage, and cryptic coloration. We'll have some fun animal treasure hunts and design our own animal markings.

### 100 Acre Wood

August 8-August 12, (8:45 am-3 pm)  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Pooh, Eeyore, Piglet, Owl, and other story time friends will be our guides as we learn about plants, animals, rocks, trees, ponds, clouds, and all the other wonderful elements that make up our own "100" acre wood.

### Dino Scare

August 15-August 19, AM only  
Members \$181; Nonmembers \$266

Dig deep into dinosaur life as we imagine ourselves back in time. Bones, fossils, pre-historic plants, and gigantic animals will surround us as we investigate the world's earliest life forms. We'll even have a go at identifying common dinosaurs (and learning their tricky names) in this great camp.



## Extended Camp



Extended Camp is open to all campers 1st grade and up. 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.

### 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)

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



## Exploration Camp (1st and 2nd Grade in Fall 2016)

For children entering 1st or 2nd grade in Fall 2016. All camps are full day and run from 8:45 am to 3 pm.

### Cold Blooded Creatures

June 20-June 24, 8:45 am-3 pm

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Did you know one local amphibian can freeze solid each winter? Learn more about some of our cold blooded friends in this camp about reptiles, amphibians, and fish. We will focus on how these animals are alike and different, learn about their special needs, and compare them to their prehistoric ancestors.

### Learn on Me

June 20-June 24, 8:45 am-3 pm

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Do you know the difference between mutualism, parasitism, and commensalism? Campers will explore the wild world of animal match-ups in this camp all about symbiotic animal relationships. We'll even see some wildlife examples close up as we head out to explore the forest and meadows at Woodend.

### Habitat Hikers

June 27-July 1, 8:45 am-3 pm

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Come explore the natural wonderland of Woodend! Learn what makes a habitat and how life varies in them. Discover the biogeography of meadow life, learn how to recognize a wetland, and understand how these ecosystems are all interrelated.

### Animal Signs

Session 1: June 27-July 1, 8:45 am-3 pm

Session 2: August 8-12, 8:45 am-3 pm

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Follow deer paths, examine plants for wildlife activity, hone listening skills, and practice tracking local fauna in this camp perfect for animal lovers. While some animals may elude a hopeful observer, they always leave physical signs behind.

### Mammals of Maryland

July 5-July 8, 8:45 am-3 pm (no camp July 4)

Members \$274; Nonmembers \$359

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

### Free Bird

July 5-July 8, 8:45 am-3 pm (no camp July 4)

Members \$274; Nonmembers \$359

From tiny warblers to magnificent eagles, birds are the masters of the sky! We'll explore feathers, flying, camouflage coloring, talons, and beaks. On our outdoor hikes we'll learn to birdwatch and try our hand at building nests and bird boxes.

### Wild at Heart

July 11-July 15, 8:45 am-3 pm

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Have you ever wondered why a dog buries its bone? In this camp we will explore some of our favorite domestic animals and their fascinating behaviors. We will see how some of our most beloved pets might still be wild at heart!



### Water Works

July 11-July 15,

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!

### Native America

Session 1: July 18-July 22, 8:45 am-3 pm

Session 2: August 8-12, 8:45 am-3 pm

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Learn about the skills, crafts, and legends of local Native American cultures in this popular summer program. Activities may include making pottery, identifying edible and medicinal plants, learning Native American signs and symbols, using natural dyes, and playing traditional games.

## Exploration Camp (1st and 2nd Grade in Fall 2016)

### Nature and the Imagination

July 18-July 22, 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 creativity with organic inspiration through drawings, paintings, songs, and movement.

### Give Chase

July 25-July 29, 8:45 am-3 pm

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Can you be fast as a falcon, sly as a fox, and stealthy as a snake? Find out what makes a good predator, how they hunt and catch their prey, and how they avoid bigger predators. We will learn how to identify and track some local predators and discover why they are so important to our ecosystem.



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### Backyard Bugs

July 25-July 29, 8:45 am-3 pm

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Sharpen your observation skills by searching for grasshoppers, butterflies, honeybees, dragonflies, beetles, ants, and more! 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.

### Mad Science

August 1-August 5, 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.

### Plantapalooza

August 1-August 5, 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. Forests, meadow, mosses, and algae - all are the first link in the food web that sustains all life.

### Gimme Shelter

August 8-August 12, 8:45 am-3 pm

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Whether it is a two-story house or a rotten log, every living thing needs a place to call home. We will observe and discover some remarkable home-making adaptations like crayfish chimneys, woodpecker holes, and squirrel dreys. Then we'll put our expertise to the test by building shelters of our own!

### Carnivore Camp

August 15-August 19, 8:45 am-3 pm

Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Sharpen your senses in this camp on predators and their prey. Hunting, stalking, lying in wait: what adaptations help carnivores, from the praying mantis to the mountain lion, find their dinner? We will discover who eats whom in the woods, pond, and meadows of our sanctuary.



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## Investigation Camp (3rd and 4th Grade in Fall 2016)

For children entering 3rd or 4th grade in Fall 2016. All camps are full day, running from 8:45 am to 3 pm.

### Aquatic Odyssey

June 20-June 24, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Did you know that water is the basis for all life on earth? In this investigative camp, campers submerge themselves in the water cycle, aquatic ecosystems, and aquatic plants and animals. Then we will really get our hands wet as we explore our local pond and streams!



### Can You Dig It?

Session 1: July 5-8, 8:45 am-3 pm (no camp July 4)  
Members \$274; Nonmembers \$359  
Session 2: July 18-July 22, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Indiana Jones isn't the only one who enjoys the excitement of an archeological dig! In this camp we'll delve into the world of archeologists and paleontologists and explore a real historic site hidden on the sanctuary containing artifacts from the 1920s. Conducting an on-site dig and examining fossils and artifacts of the past will be just the beginning of the adventure.

### Audubon Artists

July 5-July 8, 8:45 am-3 pm (no camp July 4)  
Members \$274; Nonmembers \$359

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. We'll uncover art in nature and create our own earth art.

### Pioneer Life

Session 1: July 11-July 15, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Session 2: August 8-12, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427



Covered wagons, building fires, wild animals, farming, and making shelters - all were part of pioneer life. Delve into a new adventure as we explore the life of the pioneers in our area and how they lived in the untamed environment.

### NSI: Woodend

June 20-June 24, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

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

### Upcycling

June 27-July 1, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Let out your Eco-Designer in this camp. Upcycling takes "reduce, reuse, recycle" to a whole new level. We will turn items many people consider trash into new personalized usable objects and works of art. These upcycled crafts could include turning soda cans into leaf ornaments, transforming old T-shirts into shopping bags, and creating "trash" sculpture with your personal flair, and that is just the beginning!

### Mythical Creatures

Session 1: June 27-July 1, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Session 2: July 25-29, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Reality and fiction collide in this popular camp! Why did the dragon develop the ability to breathe fire? We will learn about animal adaptations through our study of mythical creatures. Through outdoor explorations, creative art, and stories, we will develop our own creatures by the end of the week.

## Investigation Camp (3rd and 4th Grade in Fall 2016)

### Science Wizards

July 11-July 15, 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.

### Slither and Slime

July 18-July 22, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Komodo Dragons, Timber Rattlesnakes, and various sea turtles are featured as we learn about reptiles and their cousins, the amphibians. We will focus on how these animals are alike and different, learn about their special needs, and compare them to their prehistoric ancestors.

### Camp Cuisine

July 25-July 29, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Farm to table, where does our food come from? In this camp we will find out about edible wild plants, tasty garden favorites, and sustainable farming. We will plant and pick in the Woodend 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 fresh berries, this camp will satisfy.

### Earth Shakers

August 1-August 5, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Tornadoes, volcanoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods - nature's most awesome and devastating displays of power. We will conduct weather experiments, make geologic models, and explore Woodend for evidence of earth-shaking events. Build your own model town and simulate a series of catastrophic events!

### Beyond the Bay

August 1-August 5, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

From tiny macroinvertebrates in local streams to visiting sea turtles from the open ocean we will explore life inside the Chesapeake Bay. We'll conduct water experiments, design our own exploratory vessels, and probe the depths of our pond and Rock Creek for relatives of this fascinating bay life.

### Bat Camp

August 8-August 12, 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.

### Talons and Teeth

August 15-August 19, 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 will 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.

### Insectigations

August 15-August 19, 8:45 am-3 pm  
Members \$342; Nonmembers \$427

Bugs in the meadow! Bugs in the pond! Bugs in the forest! Are all insects bugs? We'll answer this question and more while looking high, low, and lower for our six-legged friends and their habitats all over Woodend. Come investigate insects and how important they are to ecosystems. Get ready for some crazy crawlers, happy hoppers, and fantastic fliers.



## Pre-Teen Camps (5th and 6th Grade in Fall 2016)

For children entering 5th and 6th grades in Fall 2016. Camps run from 8:45 am to 4 pm.

### Green Team 1

June 20-June 24, 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 how to recycle, work on restoration projects, identify and remove invasive species, create art from natural and used material, and investigate local environmental policy issues. Middle schoolers can earn SSL hours.

### Across the Misty Mountains: The Quest for the One Ring

June 27-July 1, 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.

### Outdoor Adventures

Session 1: June 27-July 1, 8:45 am-4 pm

Session 2: August 8-12, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

With a little something for everyone, this classic camp highlights some of the best outdoor activities in our area. Climb to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain, paddle local waterways, trek through an arboretum, and try a real orienteering course! All along the way, we'll hone our natural history skills.

### Rock Creek Rescue

July 5-July 8, 8:45 am-4 pm (no camp July 4)

Members \$300; Nonmembers \$367

Day camp at Woodend - no traveling

Woodend's watershed is polluted and it needs your help! Come be part of a green team for Rock Creek. We'll do stream clean-ups, chemical testing of the water, and even use nets to catch small animals that are key indicators of the stream's health. Our beloved Rock Creek will thank you!

### Wilderness Skills

July 5-July 8, 8:45 am-4 pm (no camp July 4)

Members \$337; Nonmembers \$422

Day Camp at Woodend, one-night campout

Sleep under the stars and learn to navigate by them. We'll spend Tuesday-Wednesday learning basic wilderness skills, including fire building, shelter making, tracking, natural dyes, crafts, and more. Thursday we head out for a campout and return to Woodend Friday afternoon. Every year is a bit different, so return campers are welcome.

### Animal Keepers

July 11-July 15, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Do you love animals? Then join us for this animal-filled camp as we learn why people "keep" animals and how our special relationships have evolved through the years. We will learn about our favorite pets and other domesticated animals like cows, horses, and chickens. Each day we will meet different animals and learn how to handle them, take care of them, and what makes them so special to the people who love them! We will travel to animal shelters, farms, and the zoo Tuesday-Friday.

### Bay Quest

Session 1: July 11-July 15, 8:45 am-4 pm

Session 2: August 1-5, 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.

Stay in cabins close to the shore, conduct Chesapeake Bay studies on boats, traverse the challenge course, take a swamp walk, swim, fish, and crab! Our adventure begins at Woodend where we will spend time getting to know our Bay Quest team, investigating our local watershed, and learning about the Bay. 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. Please note: Session 1 and Session 2 are identical trips.

## Pre-Teen Camps (5th and 6th Grade in Fall 2016)

### Hiking into History

July 18-July 22, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Explore the history of our region, and hike some of our best local trails! We'll visit sites such as Peirce Mill, the C & O Canal, the Underground Railroad Experience Trail, and the Civil War Defenses of Washington. Take a trip into the 19th century history of our region through field trips and hands-on activities.

### The River Starts Here

July 18-July 22, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

In this unique program we'll explore Rock Creek from its source as a small creek to its end as a major river. Each morning, students meet at Woodend then travel to different points along the watershed by van. We will examine how the diversity of stream life changes as we proceed downstream, along with how land uses affect the quality of the watershed. Students will need water shoes/boots.

### Macramé Owls and More

July 25-July 29, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day camp at Woodend - no traveling

Take a trip back in time and experience the groovy nature crafts of the 1970s. We'll make sand candles, tie-dyed t-shirts, woven pot-holders and pet rocks. This camp will be a hoot—even if you're too young to remember macramé owls!

### Farm to Table

July 25-July 29, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Chickens! Pigs! Cows! Oh My! 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 four local farms and make some delicious food from our own Woodend garden.



### Camp Cuisine: Master Chef

August 1-August 5, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day camp at Woodend - no traveling

Liked Camp Cuisine? 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. Visit the farmers' market to gather ingredients for a friendly Friday cook-off challenge!

### Primitive Skills: The Path of the Coyote

August 8-August 12, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day camp at Woodend - no traveling

This advanced woodcraft camp will teach skills our ancient ancestors knew: how to start a fire without matches, tracking and camouflage, and identifying edible and medicinal plants. This camp will take your basic campout skills to a whole new level.

### Ethnobotany: People, Plants and Survival

August 15-August 19, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day camp at Woodend - no traveling

If we dropped you 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. Ancient and modern techniques for working with the materials all around us will be used. You might be surprised what can you do with the plants in your backyard!

## Teen Camps (Grades 7th-9th in Fall 2016)

For children entering 7th, 8th or 9th grades in Fall 2016. Camps run from 8:45 am to 4 pm.

### Nature Book Arts

June 20-June 24, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day camp at Woodend - no traveling

We'll use traditional bookbinding techniques and learn a bit of paper magic. Make a map that pops open, a three-dimensional tunnel book, and a landscape that seems to change before your very eyes! We'll also make recycled paper and design our own stamps.

### Green Builders

June 27-July 1, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day camp at Woodend - no traveling

Want to swing a hammer? Campers will learn about the different elements of creating sustainable buildings through hands-on projects. Over the course of the week, campers will use what they've learned to pick a location at Woodend and build a small model green 'building'.

### Gone Fishin'

July 5-July 8, 8:45 am-4 pm (no camp July 4)

Members \$337; Nonmembers \$422

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

In Gone Fishin', campers will participate in fishing adventures in our local watersheds such as Tridelphia and Rocky Gorge Reservoirs. We will learn about aquatic ecology, ethical angling techniques, and important survival and safety skills. All fish that are caught during camp will be released back into the watershed.



### Advanced Bay Quest

July 11-July 15, 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 and crab, build campfires, and take field trips to local Bay towns in this classic Chesapeake Bay overnight camp. Our trip begins at Woodend, then we travel by bus to Echo Hill Outdoor School for a five-day, four-night wilderness adventure.

### Mountain Outpost

July 18-July 22, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

M-T are day camps at Woodend, W-F is a two night overnight camping trip. We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.

Explore Western Maryland in this fabulous overnight camp! We will spend Monday and Tuesday at Woodend practicing teambuilding and basic camping skills. Then on Wednesday, we will travel to Swallow Falls to spend the rest of the week exploring mountain ecology and building wilderness skills. Big Run State Park will be our base camp as we use our new skills to explore the trails, rivers, and mountains of Garrett County. Other local natural attractions, including Cranesville Swamp and the Savage River, are also on the docket. Join us for the fun, learning, friendships, and exploration that only wilderness camping can provide!

## Teen Camps (Grades 7th-9th in Fall 2016)

### Advanced Backpacking

July 25-July 29, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Monday 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 will be emphasized. We will spend Monday on the Sanctuary then leave on Tuesday for a four day, three night trip.

### Nature Photography

August 1-August 5, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$421; Nonmembers \$506

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Can you capture the essence of the majestic Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly, the elusive Wood Frog, and the sturdy tulip poplar? We will give it a try as we photograph the wonders of nature. We will travel to different local nature preserves and explore their natural flora and fauna. Campers are encouraged to bring their own digital camera, but we will provide disposable cameras for campers without their own.

### Junior Naturalist/Youth Leadership Camp

August 8-August 12, 8:45 am-4 pm

Members \$374; Nonmembers \$459

Day camp at Woodend - no traveling

Have you wondered if you'd like to be a TNT in a year or two? Try it out in our youth leadership camp at Woodend. We will learn basic natural history about the Woodend Sanctuary, undertake team building challenges, tackle a project for Camp Audubon, and spend some time each week assisting with one of the younger camps.

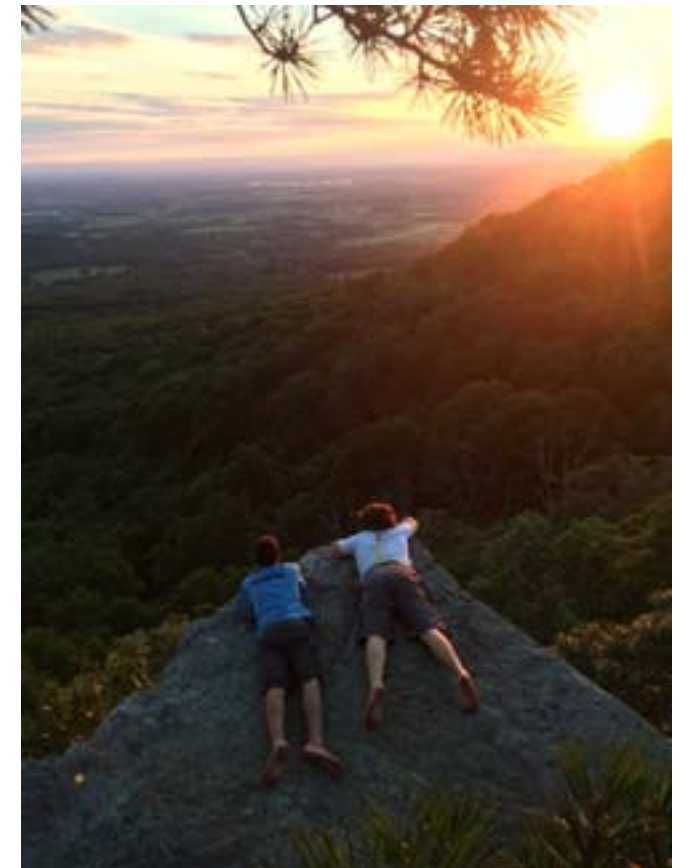
### Green Team 2

August 15-August 19, 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 how to recycle, work on restoration projects, identify and remove invasive species, create art from natural and used material, and investigate local environmental policy issues. Middle schoolers can earn SSL hours.



### 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.

## 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 30, 2016 at 9 am for ANS members as of December 1, 2015. Members joining after December 1, 2015 and nonmembers may register Thursday, February 4, 2016 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.**

**ANS Members as of December 1, 2015:  
(Registration begins Saturday, January 30 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 2007-2015 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 30.

- Returning parents can log into their account before January 30 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, 2015) and Nonmembers:  
(Registration begins Thursday, February 4 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, 2015 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 12/1/15 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 Karen Vernon, 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, directions, 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, 2016

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, 2016

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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**Session 1**  
June 20-July 8  
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**Session 3**  
August 1-August 19



If you can play a mean game of dead ant tag, get excited when your campers find a worm, and act out your favorite mammal, 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 seminars on natural history, working with children of different age groups, and outdoor group leadership - all while earning student service learning hours for school (approximately 100 hours)! \$450 per session for ANS members.

Visit [anshome.org/camp](http://anshome.org/camp) to apply online. Applications due **Friday, April 15**. 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.