

2022 Summer Camp Brochure

2 ½-3 Years

Entering K4-K5

Entering 1st

Entering 2nd-3rd

Entering 4th-6th

Entering 6th-8th

Entering 7th-12th

2 1/2-3 Years with Adult

These four-day camps are a wonderful way to experience summer side-by-side with your child. Each day will feature free play, art, a story, and a special hike out on the trails, just the right length for little legs. We require that these camps have a one-child to one-adult ratio.

You do not need to submit a Camper Profile or Immunization Record for Hand-in-Hand Camps.

Over in the Pond

Monday, June 20 - Thursday, June 23 | 9:30am-11:30am

Jumpy frogs, dabbling ducks, and colorful dragonflies await us as we get a close-up experience of the pond. **Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195**

World of Bugs

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30 | 9:30am-11:30am

Under logs, on prairie plants, and in the ponds, insects are everywhere! Come discover insects in many sizes, colors, and habitats!

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Feathered Friends

Monday, July 11 - Thursday, July 14 | 9:30am-11:30am

Who made that nest? Who sang that song? We will use our eyes and ears to discover birds in the woods, prairie, and ponds.

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Rainbow Colors

Monday, July 18 - Thursday, July 21 | 9:30am-11:30am

Yellow sunflowers, red Cardinals and green frogs are just a few of the colorful plants and animals we find in nature. Where will you find your favorite color?

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Mid-Summer Pond

Monday, July 25 - Thursday, July 28 | 9:30am-11:30am

Now that it's the middle of summer, the ponds are full of life. Let's look, listen, and touch nature at the pond. **Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195**

Who Lives Here?

Monday, August 1 - Thursday, August 4 | 9:30am-11:30am

Who lives in the prairie? Who lives in the forest? Come hike with us as we discover what animals live in each habitat at the Center.

Entering K4-K5

Each camp includes hiking, playing, hands-on activities, and exploration. Children must be age 4 by September 1, 2022 and fully potty-trained before camp begins.

Rock n' Fossils

Monday, June 13 - Thursday, June 16 | 9:15am-11:45am Monday, June 13 - Thursday, June 16 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Fossils are like stories; they tell us about a time long ago. In this camp, we will look at ancient plants and animals by exploring the traces they left behind. We will also create our own mock fossils because the real ones take too long to make!

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Footsteps in the Wild

Monday, June 20 - Thursday, June 23 | 9:15am-11:45am Monday, June 20 - Thursday, June 23 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Monday, July 25 – Thursday, July 28 | 9:15am-11:45am

Monday, July 25 - Thursday, July 28 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Come make friends in nature, as you enjoy a week of camp patterned after our award-winning Nature Preschool. Each day, we will decide together where our footsteps will lead us as we visit beloved locations like the Squirrel Kitchen and the Secret Forest. No two days are the same!

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Wonderful Watery Worlds

Monday, June 20 - Thursday, June 23 | 12:45pm-3:15pm Monday, July 11 - Thursday, July 14 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Join us for a celebration of water! We will spend the week visiting ponds and the lakefront, blending science with summertime fun as we explore wet, wonderful, and watery worlds.

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Nature's Kitchen

Monday, June 20 - Thursday, June 23 | 9:15am-11:45am Monday, June 20 - Thursday, June 23 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Come spend a wonderful week getting messy while cooking up funny, muddy treats! We'll make mud pies and stone soups, construct nature salads and "pinecone upside down cake," and even write our own recipe books. Be prepared for mud-licious fun, without actually eating the mudpies.

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Monarchs & Mariposas!

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30 |9:15am-11:45am

Monday, August 8 - Thursday, August 11 | 9:15am-11:45am

Explore the amazing world of butterflies! We'll search for butterflies and butterfly eggs, learn about butterfly life cycles, and celebrate monarch butterflies with magic, music, and works of art!

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Splish, Splash, Splunk!

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Monday, July 18 - Thursday, July 21 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

This camp is all about having fun with water: we'll scoop it, pour it, and stomp in it as we create art, experiment with bubbles, and see what sinks and what floats. Come prepared to get your hands and feet wet as we splish, splash, and splunk.

Nature's Playground

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Monday, August 1 - Thursday, August 4 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Nature is filled with natural climbing structures, jungle gyms, and obstacle courses. Join us as we spend a week chasing waves, climbing trees, balancing on logs, and finding fun, safe, and creative ways to enjoy nature's playground!

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Who Pooped There?

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Come put your detective skills to use as we follow the tracks and traces animal leave on the trails, including footprints, fur, feathers, and particularly poop (also known as scat). Have fun as you become an expert on animal poop and learn what it reveals about the animals that made it!

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Nature Art

Monday, July 11 - Thursday, July 14 | 9:15am-11:45am

Monday, July 11 - Thursday, July 14 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Do you love exploring in nature? Do you love drawing, painting, and constructing new things? We'll spend our days producing paintings, sculptures, and more, in an all-outdoor studio!

Members \$170 | Non-Members \$205

Preschool Alumni Camp

Monday, July 11 - Thursday, July 14 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Monday, July 18 - Thursday, July 21 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Attention current and former Nature Preschoolers! Join us for a special summer session of preschool, where you build upon your amazing knowledge of nature! We will have fun revisiting your favorite spots, while creating new traditions. This camp is for Nature Preschool alumni entering K5 or 1st grade. Sign up for one or both weeks.

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

The Adventures of Chippy the Chipmunk

Monday, July 18 - Thursday, July 21 | 9:15am-11:45am

Monday, July 18 - Thursday, July 21 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Who is Chippy the Chipmunk? If you come to this camp, you'll find out! Enjoy sending and receiving letters back and forth with Chippy and checking out his favorite spots on the trails. Discover what he likes to eat, how he spends his days, and learn all about his fun adventures!

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Storybooks and Animal Nooks

Monday, August 1 - Thursday, August 4 | 9:15am-11:45am

Monday, August 1 - Thursday, August 4 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

This camp celebrates some of our favorite book characters and fictional locations, including Elephant and Piggy, the Hundred Acre Woods, and more! Join us as we spend our days reading books, playing with puppets, and hiking to special spots on the trails where beloved storybook characters are waiting.

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Magical Metamorphosis

Monday, August 1 - Thursday, August 4 | 9:15am-11:45am

Monday, August 1 - Thursday, August 4 | 12:45pm-3:15pm

Nature is full of wonder, including the amazing transformation known as metamorphosis. Each day, we will perform the metamorphosis magic trick as we learn how certain creatures develop from eggs into adults, in a process that seems almost magical!

Members \$160 | Non-Members \$195

Treasure Hunting

Monday, August 8 - Thursday, August 11 | 9:15am-11:45am

Nature is full of treasure, including jewel-like beach glass, fossils, and flowers. In this camp, we'll search for garden gems, dig in sand and soil, and collect beautiful treasures from the wild.

Fun-Day Fridays

Friday, June 24 | 9:15am-11:45am

Friday, July 1 | 9:15am-11:45am

Friday, July 15 | 9:15am-11:45am

Friday, July 22 | 9:15am-11:45am

Friday, July 29 | 9:15am-11:45am

Friday, August 5 | 9:15am-11:45am

Spend Friday mornings playing in nature! Enjoy our wonderful outdoor play spaces filled with sensory tables, climbing structures, and creative loose parts! We may take a hike to the beach, or opt to stay put, enjoying bubbles, books, and outdoor art projects. Whatever we decide to do, our mornings will be full of fun!

Members \$45/class | Non-Members \$55/class

Entering 1st Grade

Flower Friends and Pollinator Pals

Monday, June 13 - Thursday, June 16 | 9:00 am-11:45 am

Monday, June 13 - Thursday, June 16 | 12:30pm-3:15pm

Summer is a busy time of year for our flowers and their friends. Buzzing bumblebees, migrating monarchs, and striped soldier beetles are just a few of the plant pals that we'll meet in this pollinator-focused nature camp. We'll hike, catch insects in our sweep and butterfly nets, play games, and explore the world through the eyes of pollinators!

Members \$170 | Non-Members \$205

Wild Kidds: Nature's Neighborhoods

Monday, June 20 - Thursday, June 23 | 9:00am-11:45am

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to experience never-before seen wildlife moments, asking yourself "what if?" Based on the popular TV show Wild Kratts, campers will receive power suits and go on adventures encountering creatures and discovering how they use their wild neighborhoods, called habitats! Every day we will look at a creature and their awesome creature power. See you on the creature trails!

Members \$170 | Non-Members \$205

Wild Kidds: Crawling Critters

Monday, June 20 - Thursday, June 23 | 12:30pm-3:15pm

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to experience never-before seen wildlife moments, asking yourself "what if?" Based on the popular TV show Wild Kratts, campers will receive power suits and go on adventures encountering incredible insects and arachnids. Every day we will look at a creature and their awesome creature power. See you on the creature trails!

Members \$170 | Non-Members \$205

Spy Kids: Mysteries of Nature

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30 | 9:00am-11:45am

Nature is filled with mysteries! Each day of camp, our nature spies will receive a new top-secret mission and a nature mystery to solve. We'll investigate ponds, forests, prairies, and the beach for clues to help us solve each case. But don't worry, it won't be all work! We'll have a lot of fun along the way, playing games, creating art, and catching critters. Each camp day will also include an interview with a very special CIA (cute intelligent animal) representative.

Members \$170 | Non-Members \$205

Beach Treasures

Monday, June 27 - Thursday, June 30 | 12:30pm-3:15pm

Spend the week unearthing treasures along our beautiful Lake Michigan beach. You'll learn about the plentiful rocks, fossils, and beach glass we find in the sandy Schlitz Audubon oasis. Each day the waves bring us something new and sometimes unusual. Bring your explorer skills and join us for a week of fun.

Wacky World of Water

Monday, July 11 - Thursday, July 14 | 9:00am-11:45am

Monday, July 11 - Thursday, July 14 | 12:30pm-3:15pm

Water flows through and around every one of us and we can't live without it. From the shore of Lake Michigan to the muddy edges of the ponds, we'll discover, experiment, and play. We'll meet live animals, catch some pond creatures, and play some fun water games. Enjoy a wacky week of water!

Members \$170 | Non-Members \$205

Fantastic Four

Monday, July 18 - Thursday, July 21 | 9:00am-11:45am

Monday, July 18 - Thursday, July 21 | 12:30pm-3:15pm

It's Fantastic Four! Enjoy four memorable days of summer camp with us. We'll hike to less traveled places, explore the beach and try to catch some frogs! Each day will be fun-filled and adventure packed. The week wouldn't be complete without making s'mores over a fire. Expect to have fun, get dirty, and make new friends.

Members \$170 | Non-Members \$205

Reptile Round-Up

Monday, July 25 - Thursday, July 28 | 9:00am-11:45am

Monday, August 8 – Thursday, August 11 | 12:30-3:15pm

Reptiles are an important part of the world. What makes them so special? We'll spend the week meeting the resident reptiles and looking for their wild counterparts to learn about their special adaptations for life in the wild.

Members \$170 | Non-Members \$205

Kidizen Science: Numbers in Nature

Monday, July 25 - Thursday, July 28 | 12:30pm-3:15pm

We'll discover that anyone can be a Citizen Scientist! We'll monitor creatures of the water, land, and sky — counting and identifying birds, collecting and releasing pond creatures, and exploring the prairies and our Lake Michigan shoreline. Every day we'll meet a new member of the ecosystem and be inspired by the ways we can all make a difference.

Members \$170 | Non-Members \$205

Artists in the Wild

Monday, August 1 - Thursday, August 4 | 9:00am-11:45am

Monday, August 1 - Thursday, August 4 | 12:30pm-3:15pm

We'll explore the forest, pond, prairie, and Lake Michigan beach and let our imaginations run wild as we create nature themed art. We'll use flowers, leaves, water, and of course inspiration from our land to create beautiful pieces to take home every day.

Members \$170 | Non-Members \$205

Ir. Audubon Assistant

Monday, August 8- Thursday, August 11 | 9:00am-11:45am

What happens when you ask Mr. Jonathan, our Jack-of-all-trades, to plan a camp? You get everything he likes packed into four days! Highlights include learning about the building and grounds including a behind-the-scenes tour, helping with repairs on existing structures, working on new projects, and learning how to track and call animals. By the end of the week, you will complete an on-site project that will serve as a keepsake of your time in camp!

Entering 2nd-3rd Grade

Fire and Ice

Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Join expert teachers and amateur volcanologists A.J. and Joyce by taking a trip back in time to discover how the glaciers and volcanic fires shaped our planet earth. Campers will comb the beach, collect rocks and fossils, make an active volcano, blast off rockets, and perform experiments with a cool substance called glurch. Get fired up for a cool summer explosion of fun and games.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Hawkwarts

Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

Calling all young muggles! Hawkwarts: School of Magic and Mystery is now enrolling. Find us through Platform 9 34. Meet some of Hedwig's feathered friends. These powerful creatures will be our guides as wizards and muggles alike explore the enchanted forests and fields in search of their homes. Leave the Muggle world behind and join us on this magical raptor experience with daily hikes, games, and crafts.

Members \$205 | Non-Members \$240

Nature and LEGOs

Monday, June 20 – Friday, June 24 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Monday, July 25 - Friday, July 29 | 9:00am-12:00pm

What a combination, spending the week exploring nature and building with LEGO blocks! We'll do all the regular nature camp activities like hiking, meeting animals, spending time by the water and then we will build. There will be daily LEGO challenges and we will use nature and our hikes to inspire our creations.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Junior Audubon Artists

Monday, June 20 - Friday, June 24 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

We'll let nature inspire us as we explore the forest, pond, prairie, and Lake Michigan beach at Schlitz Audubon. We'll hone different art skills every day of the week by using clay, paints, fabric, and natural materials we gather. Create beautiful artwork to take home each day and make memories to last a lifetime.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Beach Treasures

Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 15 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Spend the week unearthing treasures along our Lake Michigan beautiful beach. You'll learn about the plentiful rocks, fossils, and beach glass we find in the sandy Schlitz Audubon oasis. Each day the waves bring us something new and sometimes unusual. Bring your explorer skills and join us for a week of fun.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

NSI: Nature Science Investigators

Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

Nature is filled with curious unsolved mysteries and fascinating science! Each day of camp, our nature spies will receive a new top-secret mission and a "case" to solve. We'll investigate ponds, forests, prairies, and the beach for break-through clues to help us solve each mystery. But don't worry, we will have a lot of fun along the way! This camp is full of games, ciphers and puzzles, and special building challenges. Each camp day will also include a close encounter with a CIA (cute intelligent animal) representative.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Silly Science

Monday July 11 - Friday, July 15 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

Join Scientists and Naturalists at Schlitz Audubon to spend a week doing wacky science experiments that will make our heads spin! We'll strap on our safety goggles, conduct curious experiments, and mix up some crazy concoctions using everyday objects like eggs, glue, salt, and ice. We'll end the week with an extra "cool" day and a sweet surprise!

Wild Kidds: Favorite Fauna

Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to experience never-before seen wildlife moments, asking yourself "what if?" Based on the popular TV show Wild Kratts, campers will receive power suits and go on adventures encountering incredible wild animals. Every day we will look at a creature and their awesome creature power. See you on the creature trail!

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Wild Kidds: Raptors and Reptiles

Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to experience never-before seen wildlife moments, asking yourself "what if?" Based on the popular TV show Wild Kratts, campers will receive power suits and go on adventures encountering incredible raptors and reptiles. Every day we will look at a creature and their awesome creature power. See you on the creature trail!

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Hop, Slither, Crawl

Monday, July 25 - Friday, July 29 | 12:30-3:30pm

This camp is dedicated to the cold-blooded friends at the Center. Learn about how reptiles and amphibians adapt to their habitats and how they hunt and capture their prey. Through hands on activities along with meeting our animal ambassadors, campers will get an up-close experience with our slippery, slithery, and scaly friends.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Elements of Nature

Monday, August 1 - Friday, August 5 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Come join us for a week of fun searching the center for the elements, plants and animals found in Minecraft. We'll search the lakefront for granite, magnetite, quartz, and more. We'll hike through different biomes looking for turtles, spiders, rabbits, and different types of plants. We won't be playing on our devices, but we are sure to have fun with all the activities and games planned!

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Sky Mavericks

Monday, August 1 - Friday, August 5 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

Are you fascinated with things that take to the air and fly? Come "cruise" for a week of discovering the amazing world of animals that can fly. You'll learn about bats, birds, insects, and humans in the sky too. It will be a blast to study wings, feathers, aerodynamics, and parachutes. Climb our 60-foot tower to test mini parachutes, build and launch pop-rockets, take part in paper airplane races, and even fly kites. The week is sure to fly by!

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Dangerous Animals

Monday, August 8 - Friday, August 12 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Horns, antlers, teeth, claws, and poison are weapons that some animals use to hunt, fight, and scare off other creatures. We'll learn what animals live at here at the nature center and how they use their weapons. Don't worry, most animals are much more dangerous to each other than to us humans.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Wonderland

Monday, August 8 - Friday, August 12 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

Fall down the rabbit hole and join us for some mad adventures! Stroll through the flowers and find caterpillars, walk along the beach with the Walrus and the Carpenter, and have a mad tea party. Each day will be curiouser and curiouser!

Entering 4th-6th Grade

Fantastic Audubon Beasts

Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Dive into the magical world of creatures at Schlitz Audubon. Young witches and wizards receive their wands, quills, and parchment while searching for creatures around the property to document them, just like the famous Magizoologist, Newt Scamander.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Fire and Ice

Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

Join expert teachers and amateur volcanologists A.J. and Joyce by taking a trip back in time to discover how the glaciers and volcanic fires shaped our planet earth. Campers will comb the beach, collect rocks and fossils, make an active volcano, blast off rockets, and perform experiments with a cool substance called glurch. Get fired up for a cool summer explosion of fun and games.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Audubon Artists

Monday, June 20 - Friday, June 24 | 9:00am-12:00pm

We'll let nature inspire us as we explore the land and water at Schlitz Audubon. We'll practice 2D and 3D art skills every day of the week by using clay, paints, fabric, and natural materials we gather. We'll create beautiful artwork to take home each day and make memories to last a lifetime.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Raptor Engineers

Monday, June 20 - Friday, June 24 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

Predatory animals have had a long time to perfect different styles of survival. Come meet a variety of Schlitz Audubon's education animals and resident birds of prey, observing their tools for success. Then, campers will design their own tools in daily building challenges. Try your hand at controlling temperature, picking up slimy prey, taking to the skies, and much more!

Members \$205 | Non-Members \$240

Gotta Catch 'Em!

Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Gotta catch 'em all at Schlitz Audubon! Discover real-world Pokémon and register them in our pokédex. We will identify strengths and weaknesses of the different types each day and by the end of the week, campers will create their very own Pokémon. It is optional that campers can bring along their Pokémon GO games, but it will only be played at certain specified times.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Talon Trek

Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

Delve deep into the world of raptors – birds of prey! Spend the week learning about these specialized predators through bird meet-ups, games, and activities. Campers will get an introduction to training, care, and enrichment of the Center's resident birds and get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the Schlitz Audubon Raptor Facility.

Members \$205 | Non-Members \$240

May the Forest Be with You!

Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 15 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Join us on a Schlitz Audubon adventure through time and space. During this camp, we'll discover real-world plants and animals that might live with Yoda in the swamps of Dagobah or on the Forest Moon of Endor. We'll also search for signs of ancient creatures that once called this region their home a long, long time ago, and learn about planets and galaxies far, far away. Each day, we will complete fun mental and physical challenges as we train to become young Jedis.

Schlitz Audubon: Animal Crossing

Monday, July 11 -Friday, July 15 | 12:30-3:30pm

Come visit a very special Animal Crossing Island in real life! We'll spend the week filling our Critterpedia by catching bugs, ponding, and searching for animals all around us. We'll also work on our museum collection, discovering fossils for Blathers on our beach! Isabelle will provide us with some unique DIY recipes for building tools and items using natural materials. Along the way, we'll meet the animal villagers that call this island home. We won't be playing on our devices, but we are sure to have fun with all the activities planned!

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Audubon Scientists

Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22 | 9:00am-12:00pm

This week we'll discover what science truly is. When presented with a problem or goal, scientists need to design and carry out their own unique experiments, and that's exactly what we'll do. We'll learn Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Geology, and Engineering all in the beautiful setting of Schlitz Audubon.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Dinosaurs!

Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22 | 12:30-3:30pm

Dig into dinos with our Raptor Ambassadors! Our understanding of dinosaurs progresses as we discover more and more. Campers will spend the week exploring dinosaur traits, practicing evidence-based paleontology, and meeting the surviving relatives of dinosaurs: modern birds!

Members \$205 | Non-Members \$240

Kidizen Science

Monday, July 25 - Friday, July 29 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Everyone can become a scientist through citizen science! Take this week to discover the flora and fauna that call Schlitz Audubon home, and how we can protect them. Learn what birds live in our land, scoop pond creatures, and take scientific measurements of our beach. The week ends with a fun and competitive BioBlitz! Each day, campers will participate in real citizen science projects and contribute data to help keep our habitats healthy.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Animated Nature

Monday, July 25 - Friday, July 29 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

Create a feature stop-motion video with nature as your inspiration! During the week we will watch clips of different animation styles, create our own characters and stories, and film your artwork. Let the magic of animation inspire your summer!

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Mythology at Audubon

Monday, August 1 - Friday, August 5 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Journey to the ancient world of Greek and Roman mythology right here at Schlitz Audubon! Each day we will learn the stories of mythic figures like Zeus, Artemis, and Poseidon, hike to locations related to each god or goddess, and play games or complete challenges of epic proportions. Prepare yourselves, young heroes!

Entering 6th-8th Grade

Creature Care 101

Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

The Center is home to many animals that make up our Animal Ambassador Teaching Team, including snakes, turtles, salamanders and more! Now you can experience first-hand what it takes to care for these animals, and how we train them to interact with people. You will prepare diets, clean enclosures, and learn safe animal handling techniques. Your new skills will be put to the test as you are given the opportunity to teach the other camp groups, and even your parents, about these animals.

Members \$205 | Non-Members \$240

Naturalist in Training

Monday July 18 - Friday July 22 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be the teacher, not the student? Campers will get a behind the scenes look at how to be an environmental educator at a nature center. They will learn the basics of reptile handling and interpretation, plant and animal identification, canoeing, and public speaking. They will get to talk to professionals in the career and learn how to become a professional naturalist themselves in the future. After a week of guided hikes, games, and activities, campers will get to lead their own interpretive nature activity for their friends and family on a Friday guided hike!

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Survival of the Fittest

Monday, August 8 - Friday, August 12 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Do you have what it takes to survive in nature? Learn different survival skills and put them to the test with a different challenge each day. Through a series of fun STEAM and team building activities, campers will navigate through nature using GPS coordinates, build fires, create rafts, canoe, and construct shelters. Along the way, you'll learn lessons from wild animals and animal residents on how they uniquely survive in nature too.

Members \$195 | Non-Members \$230

Behind the Scenes

Monday August 8 - Friday August 12 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

There's more to running a nature center than just taking care of our animals. Spend the week learning about the building and grounds and what it takes to take care of them. Highlights include a behind-the-scenes tour, helping with repairs on existing structures, working on building new projects, and learning how to track and call animals. By the end of the week, you will complete an on-site project that will serve as a keepsake of your time in camp!

Entering 7th-12th Grade

Raptor Trainer 101

Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Registration priority for this popular camp will be given to campers who have not been previously enrolled in Raptor Trainer 101.

Just for older kids, this camp will get you working and caring for our resident raptors. You'll learn the basics of animal training using positive reinforcement. Campers will be hands-on as they actively train and care for our birds. Campers will prepare diets, clean enclosures, and learn safe bird handling techniques; they will also be flying some of our amazing birds. Working with our Raptor Trainers, you will get a taste of what it's really like to work with animals!

Members \$225 | Non-Members \$260

Raptor Trainer 201

Monday, June 20 - Friday, June 24 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Pre-requisite to this camp: participants must have completed Raptor Trainer 101 camp either this year or previous years. Registration priority for this popular camp will be given to campers who have not been previously enrolled in Raptor Trainer 201.

For campers who have had a taste of working with the birds and are hungry for more! You will be actively training our birds, making equipment, prepping food, and doing the tasks required to keep the birds safe, healthy, and enriched. We will look at careers with animals and advanced ornithology. A hands-on camp, you will spend the entire morning at the Raptor Facility. The last day of camp will showcase what you've learned in a presentation for family and friends.

Members \$225 | Non-Members \$260

Working with Wildlife

Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 15 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Calling all critter enthusiasts! Do you want to work with animals when you grow up? This week, we'll meet people in the Milwaukee area that professionally work with animals in lots of different capacities. Join us to spend time with some of the Center's animals, learn about further schooling to consider, practice team building with other animal lovers, and more.

Field trips to local sites are possible and could incur an extra fee prior to the first day of camp.

Members \$225 | Non-Members \$260

Raptor Researchers

Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 15 | 12:30pm-3:30pm

Become a budding raptor biologist through this camp that focuses on raptor research methods and current conservation issues. We'll explore how scientists study birds through various trapping methods that allow us to study the birds up close. We'll learn how they track birds through things like banding, satellite telemetry, and GPS, and how keeping tabs on important behaviors like migration helps us learn about how we can better conserve these species. We'll design and conduct our own field research, build kestrel nest boxes, learn about raptor ecology with our live ambassador birds, and more!