Enjoy summer the way it’s meant to be
Students ages 3 through 12th grade, join us for a fun-filled summer of laughter, hands-on activities, and adventures. Enjoy exciting day camp themes and discover the magic of nature in the Northwest Corner!

sharon.audubon.org/summer-camp
Join us at Sharon Audubon Center—where FUN, FRIENDS, and NATURE come together!

CAMP HOURS
Sprouts, Explorers, and Middle School Marvels: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday - Friday (with the exception of week of June 29th, no camp on Friday, July 3rd)

Early Childhood Discovery: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Monday - Friday

T.R.I.P.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Monday - Friday

AFTER CARE
Available weekly from 3 - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday ($55 per week or $100 per family). Must register for After Care in advance.

FEES & REGISTRATION
Registration begins March 1, 2020. Our weekly themed sessions are organized into age groups (see chart with ages, fees, and themes). We have a new online registration system this year, which is more user-friendly and allows parents to upload documents such as health forms all online. We highly recommend using the online registration, available at sharon.audubon.org/summer-camp. If you do not have access to a computer to register, please contact the center for a registration packet.

PAYMENT
• Camp fees must be paid in full at the time of registration unless special circumstances are approved by Audubon staff.
• Preferred payment method is by credit card. Please contact the center to discuss other possible payment options.
• We are not able to register children for camp over the phone or hold spaces without payment.
Lend a Helping Hand
Camp scholarship donations provide critical assistance to families in need. If you are interested in helping another student attend summer camp, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to our Summer Camp Scholarship Fund.

Please send donation checks payable to Sharon Audubon Center with “Camp Scholarship Fund” written in the memo) to: Sharon Audubon Center, Summer Nature Camp, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, CT 06069.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
A limited amount of financial assistance is available. If you are in need of assistance, contact the center for scholarship information and applications. Those receiving financial assistance will be asked to write a short essay telling why they would like to attend Sharon Audubon Center’s Summer Nature Programs. Scholarships will only be awarded for one camp session per student.

CONTACT
For Sharon Audubon Center camp questions and queries, contact Wendy Miller, Camp Director, at wendy.miller@audubon.org or 860-364-0520 ext. 105.

CANCELATION / REFUND POLICY
Payment (minus 20%) will be refunded for cancellations received at least two weeks prior to the first day of camp to be attended. Refund requests must be received in writing (can be in email form) within two weeks after that camp session ends. If Audubon must cancel a session, you will receive a full refund for that session only. No refunds will be given for cancellations made within two weeks of camp.

Visit the Sharon Audubon Center
Butterfly House and Garden
Open on weekends and with general public tours available during the summer.
SPROUTS
Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. — $305 per Session

MUDDY BUDDIES — July 13-17
If you’re not getting dirty, you’re not doing it right! It’s time to have fun in the dirt. What is dirt and why is it important? How do animals use dirt and mud? Let’s make mud pies, maybe put on a little mud camo, create mud paintings, and more. Who doesn’t like to get a little dirty from time to time? Go ahead and “Express Your Mess” this week!

IT’S NOT EASY BEING GREEN — July 20-24
Explore and learn about all things green—from plants, insects, and frogs to how we can all be “green” to help our Earth. We’ll practice recycling, reusing, and reducing strategies and also use our imaginations to possibly create some new exciting inventions. We are surrounded by green in the summer, let’s go take a closer look!

ANIMAL SUPERPOWERS — July 27-31
If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why? Did you know that plants and animals have some amazing superpowers too? Make your own cape and try out some of these superpowers as we learn about how fast some animals can run or fly, how far or high they can jump, how they are capable of seeing prey in the dark, and more.

AQUANUTS — August 3-7
Are you just nuts about water? Have fun getting wet as we explore the stream, pond, and even puddles (if they’re around). Learn about what lives in, on, and around water, do some water activities and crafts, and even play some water games on the front lawn. Be prepared for a splashing good time!

FLUTTER AND BUZZ — August 10-14
Nothing captures the attention of a child like spotting a really cool bug! Get ready to be amazed as we search for all the neat insects (and similar critters) we can find in the forest, at the pond, as well as in our very own butterfly house and wildflower meadow. We’ll discuss the importance of pollinators and learn insect life cycles, too.
EXPLORERS
3rd - 6th Grade
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. — $305 per Session

I, NATURALIST — June 22-26
Become a true naturalist and learn outdoor skills for tracking, observing, and identifying wildlife. We'll record our findings on Sharon Audubon Center’s iNaturalist web page, where scientists and others go to discover what types of wildlife call our sanctuary home. We'll also create our own shelters and practice wilderness survival skills, too!

STARS & STRIPES: RED, WHITE, AND YOU — June 29-July 2*
Let’s celebrate July 4th nature style! How many plants and animals can you think of with red, white, or blue in their name? Can you find them all in our scavenger hunt? (Hint: Red-tailed Hawk, Great Blue Heron…) Learn about flora and fauna that adorn stripes and a little bit about stars, as we study the night sky. *There is no camp on Friday, July 3rd, but there is an optional evening camp session on Thursday, July 2nd.

PIXIES, POLLYWOGS, & POTIONS — July 6-10
The forest is a magical place filled with so many of nature’s mysteries! Come learn about fairytales associated with nature as we build fairy and gnome houses. Let’s look into the mysterious and strange ways of the common (and not-so-common) plants and animals that call our sanctuary home. Perhaps even make our own magical concoctions.

KEEP YOUR COOL — July 13-17
Summer temperatures can get pretty hot in Connecticut and we do what we can to beat the heat—such as taking a dip in the pool or by air conditioning our homes. But, how do animals handle the heat in summer or cold in the winter? Let’s learn about various animals adaptations to weather conditions (and put some of them to the test).

CLIMATE CRUSADERS — July 20-24
Climate change can have a huge impact on our planet. Discover the effect it is having on birds and other wildlife and the habitats in which they live. Together, we’ll figure out simple ways we can reduce our ecological footprint on the Earth and help preserve our beautiful home for generations to come.

WILD JOBS — July 27-31
Back by popular demand, this session opens our campers’ eyes to a world of opportunities for a career in environmental sciences. Learn from Audubon staff and guest speakers about work in environmental education, wildlife rehabilitation, bird banding research, conservation law-enforcement, and more. We’ll also work on a collaborative project for the Sharon Audubon Center.

WATER RUNS THROUGH IT — August 3-7
There’s more water around us than just what we see in ponds and streams. Discover other places where we can find water, as well as how different animals find and use water, too. Have fun doing water experiments and playing water games on the front lawn, too!

NO BACKBONE REQUIRED — August 10-14
Ahhh, backbones…who needs ‘em? We do, but invertebrates don’t! Let’s learn about the strange characteristics and amazing adaptations of these spineless creatures, such as how they move, how they avoid predators, where they live, and more. We’ll even take part in a community science project called Caterpillars Count!
new discoveries designed especially for middle schoolers. Although we still have fun and play a few games, this group of older campers focuses on expanding their knowledge of birds, amphibians, plants, astronomy, and other natural history topics through hands-on activities and lessons.

**T.R.I.P. (9th - 12th Grade)**  
**August 3-7 — 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. ($375 per camper)**  
Our popular Teen Rehab Internship Program is for students with an interest in wildlife rehabilitation and animal care. Discover the “do’s and don’ts” of dealing with injured wildlife and take part in hands-on activities such as feather imping, jess making, answering wildlife distress questions, and more. Learn animal ID, handling and restraint, physical exams, diet preparation, hand feeding basics, and caging and enclosures.

The first three days involve training that leads to the last two days of working in the wildlife rehab clinic with the center’s Wildlife Rehabilitator, caring for injured animals, feeding baby birds, and other rehabilitation-related tasks. Enrollment is limited to 10 students. **Please note that some labs will involve working with live and deceased specimens.**  

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DISCOVERY (Ages 3-4 with guardian)**  
**July 20-24 — 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. ($150 per child)**  
This camp program brings parents, grandparents, and caregivers and their young children together to experience the outdoors. Activities and crafts focus on helping caregivers introduce their children to the wonders of the natural world through the use of their five senses. Explore the garden in search of insects and the pond in search of water critters, meet the center’s birds and reptiles, read stories, and just have fun playing games and activities on the front lawn. Adult(s) must participate with children during this program.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MARVELS (7th & 8th Grade)**  
**July 27-31 — 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ($305 per camper)**  
Has your camper “outgrown” our K-6 camps? Join Sharon Audubon Center’s Naturalist Bethany Sheffer for a week of exploration and exciting
SAVE THE DATE

Audubon Kids’ Day

Sunday, October 25, 2020 — Sharon Audubon Center

Crafts • Games • Hay Bale Maze • Leaf Jumping Pit
Live Animals • Refreshments • and more!

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