

2021

Summer Nature Programs



Enjoy summer the way it's meant to be

Students ages 3 through 6th 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!

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Sharon
Audubon Center

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**Join us at Sharon Audubon Center—where
FUN, FRIENDS, and NATURE come together!**

CAMP HOURS

Sprouts and Explorers: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday - Friday

Early Childhood Discovery: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., every Tuesday from
July 20 - August 17

FEES & REGISTRATION

Registration begins April 13, 2021 at 6 a.m. Our weekly sessions are organized into age groups (see at-a-glance chart). We have a user-friendly online registration system (CampDoc), which allows parents to submit documents (like health forms) online. **Our online registration is 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.

CAMP AT-A-GLANCE

Dates	Sprouts* K - 2nd Grade \$330 per week	Explorers* 3rd - 6th Grade \$330 per week	Specialty Camp Ages 3-4 \$175 per session
July 12-16	Welcome to the Wild	I, the Naturalist	
July 19-23	Things That Make You Go Eewww	Icky-ology	
July 26-30	Nature's Alphabet	Keep Your Cool	
Aug 2-6	Daylight/Moonlight	No Backbone Required	
Aug 9-13	Six Feet!	Animal Interactions	
Aug 16-20	Aquanuts	Wonders of Water	
July 20, 27, Aug 3, 10, & 17			Early Childhood Discovery (Ages 3-4 with an adult)

***Sprouts and Explorers camp sessions will be limited to 10 campers (no exceptions).**

Please Be Mindful of Camp Space Limitations

Due to the limited number of spaces available in our sessions this year, **we ask that you please register for no more than 3 sessions per child in order to allow space for other children to attend. Starting June 1, 2021, you may go back and register for additional weeks if you wish.** Thank you for your cooperation so that we can offer our camp experience to as many different children as possible.



COVID-RELATED GUIDELINES

Be sure to familiarize yourself with our COVID-19 guidelines. Please note, in-person camp may be canceled at any time up until and during the camp season if COVID cases continue to rise and we feel it would not be safe for our staff and campers (see our Cancellation Policy). These guidelines are subject to change at any time.

- **If you or your child are feeling ill**, or are showing any signs of COVID symptoms, **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP!** Contact our Camp Director of First Aid to notify us of any illness.
- **Camp will primarily be held outdoors and under tents**, unless there is severe weather such as a thunderstorm. If the weather forecast is calling for rain, please be sure to send your camper with a raincoat, rain boots, or even a change of clothes, as we will be outside.
- **Masks will be required at all times.** We will have multiple mask breaks throughout the day and as needed. We suggest sending an extra mask or two with your child each day.
- **Social distancing will be practiced as much as possible**, but some activities may bring campers (within the same group) closer than 6 feet. Sprouts and Explorers campers will not be intermingling during activities.
- **Hand washing and sanitizer** will be encouraged throughout the day.
- **Frequent, in-depth cleaning and sanitizing** of supplies, restrooms, and program areas will be practiced.
- **Temperature checks** will be done each morning for staff and participants.
- Parents/Guardians will be required to **complete a daily COVID pre-screening form** in order for their child(ren) to attend camp for the day.
- **If a camper becomes ill and tests positive for COVID-19**, guardians of campers in that session will be notified and will need to quarantine.
- **Contact tracing and notifications** will follow CDC and CT State Guidelines.
- There will be **no Friday camp presentation** for families this year.
- There will be **no before or after-care** offered this year.
- **Only campers and staff/volunteers will be permitted inside the center building.**



DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

- Drop off and pick up will look a bit different this year, as parents/guardians will be required to stay in their vehicle.
- Drop off will take place from 8:45 - 9:10 a.m. Follow the signs around the driveway circle to the drop-off area. Staff will then do a camper temperature check and collect the completed daily COVID pre-screening form. At that time, campers will be escorted out of the vehicle to their correct camp group on the front lawn.
- Please be sure to have any sunscreen and bug spray on your child before coming to camp.
- At the end of the camp day, parents will again line up in the driveway circle and your child will be escorted to the vehicle for pick up. Again, parents/guardians are to stay in the vehicle. Pick up will be from 2:50 - 3:10 p.m.

CANCELLATION / 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 a participant is cancelling due to a potential or confirmed COVID exposure or illness, Sharon Audubon Center will issue a full refund, less \$25 per participant per session. If Audubon must cancel a session, you will receive a full refund for that session only, less \$25 per participant per session, or the opportunity to donate or apply the amount towards a future program.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Limited 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. We ask for your patience as we all work together to make our camp as safe as possible for everyone!

SPECIALTY CAMP



EARLY CHILDHOOD DISCOVERY (Ages 3-4 with an adult)

***July 20, 27, August 3, 10, & 17 — 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

\$175 per child

This camp program brings parents, grandparents, and caregivers and their young children together to experience the outdoors. Activities and crafts will 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.

*This session takes place once a week for 5 weeks rather than one straight week. Registration is for the entire session, and participants should plan on attending each week.

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.**

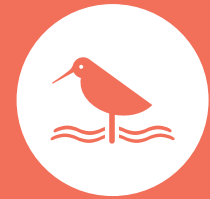
Please send donation checks payable to Sharon Audubon Center with "Camp Scholarship Fund" written in the memo) to: Sharon Audubon Center, Summer Nature Programs, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, CT 06069. For online donation instructions, please contact Wendy at wendy.miller@audubon.org.



SPROUTS

Entering Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. — \$330 per Child per Week



WELCOME TO THE WILD — July 12-16

An introduction to the outdoors! Come learn about basics of outdoor safety, what to do when hiking, being aware of what's going on around you, and more. This session will test your skills in a scavenger hunt in search of animal signs, learn how to identify poison ivy and other plants and/or animals to stay away from. Welcome to the wild, it's a pretty nice place to be!

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO EEWW — July 19- 23

Worms, slugs, leeches, mud, slimy frogs, scat (if you don't know what it is, you'll find out!) Do any of these things make you say "Eeewww!?" If so, then this is the camp for you! There are quite a few things in nature that may seem gross, but when you really take the time to learn about them, you'll find they are extremely fascinating. We'll learn about composting, make our own slime, examine "bee barf," and much more!

NATURE'S ALPHABET — July 26-30

Do you like scavenger hunts? This week of camp is one big scavenger hunt, as we explore the outdoors trying to find cool things in nature that start with each letter of the alphabet! We'll search for everything from ants to zebras (well, probably not zebras, but we'll try our best to find another Z-word!). We'll also try to find hidden letters formed by various objects in nature.

DAYLIGHT/MOONLIGHT — August 2-6

Not all animals go to sleep when the sun goes down. During this week of camp, we'll discuss diurnal (daytime) vs. nocturnal (nighttime) animals and learn where those sneaky nighttime critters hide during the daytime. We'll learn to look for animal clues, learn different sounds we may hear in the night, and even set up some trail cameras to catch those critters in action!

SIX FEET! — August 9-13

We've been hearing the phrase "six feet!" for over a year now, but we're going to look at this in a different way. How far can different animals move in six feet? What can we find living within a six-foot diameter? We'll discuss animals with "six feet," those with six-foot wingspans, what's hiding six feet under our feet, and more.

AQUANUTS — August 16-20

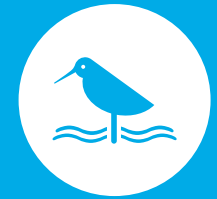
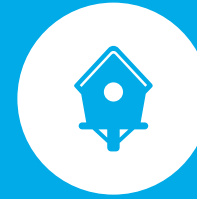
Are you just nuts about water? Let's have fun getting wet as we explore the stream, pond, and even puddles (if they're around). We'll learn about what lives in, on, and around water, do some water activities and crafts, and even play some water games on the front lawn. Be prepared for a splashing good time!

To register, go online to sharon.audubon.org/summer-camp.

EXPLORERS

Entering 3rd - 6th Grade

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. — \$330 per Child per Week



I, THE NATURALIST — July 12-16

Become a true naturalist and learn outdoor skills for tracking, observing, and identifying wildlife. Along the way, 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!

ICKY-ODOGY — July 19-23

Icky-ology is the study of gross, disgusting things. Well, not really, but we'll be exploring plenty of things that make us say, "ick" during this fun week of camp. Are snakes really slimy? Do bats really get stuck in people's hair? What exactly is bee barf? Find out the answers to these questions and so much more!

KEEP YOUR COOL — July 26-30

The temperatures can get pretty hot in Connecticut in the summer and we do whatever we can to beat the heat. Maybe take a dip in the pool or sit in our air conditioned homes. But, how do animals handle the extreme hot in the summer or the extreme cold in the winter? In this session, we'll learn about various ways animals adapt to the changing weather conditions (and maybe even put some of them to the test).

NO BACKBONE REQUIRED — August 2-6

Ahhh, backbones...who needs 'em? We do, but invertebrates don't! During this camp week, we'll 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.

ANIMAL INTERACTIONS — August 9-13

Do you know-sis about symbiosis? Symbiosis is how animals interact with one another, whether it be a predator/prey situation or helping each other out with finding food or chasing away pests. Enjoy an exciting look at animals where we'll learn all about the different symbiotic relationships, explore food chains and food webs, and more.

WONDERS OF WATER — August 16-20

There's more water around us than just what we see in ponds and streams. In this final camp week, we'll learn about other places where we can find water, as well as how different animals find and use water, too. We'll do water experiments and also play water games on the front lawn.

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The Outdoors Await

Grounds Open Daily from Sunrise to Sunset

Experience nature and all our sanctuary property has to offer—visit our Raptor Aviaries, Gardens, & Trails. Suggested Donation: \$5 per person

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