



# Summer Camps 2026





At the Randall Davey Audubon Center & Sanctuary, campers will explore 135 acres of diverse wilderness and habitats. We discover, investigate, and play through hands-on activities that encourage and inspire an understanding and appreciation of the natural world.

## Daily Schedule

This is a rough idea of our daily schedule. Much of our time will be spent outdoors and in the shade as much as possible. Campers will have access to the Center's indoor restrooms. Our schedule is subject to change depending on weather, camper's interest-level, and other immediate concerns.

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. - Drop-off time & free play
- 9:00-9:30 a.m. - Welcome, Morning Circle, and games
- 9:30-10:00 a.m. - Morning snack & restroom break
- 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. - Hike & outdoor activities
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. - Lunch & play on the lawn & treehouse
- 1:00-1:30 p.m. - Story time & quiet relaxation
- 1:30-2:45 p.m. - Afternoon stations: crafts, games,  
and science investigations
- 2:45-3:00 p.m. - Closing Circle
- 3:00-3:30 p.m. - Pick-up time & afternoon snack
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. - Aftercare (optional; \$20 a day)



# Is My Child Ready for Camp?

We strive to provide a fun and safe experience for all our campers each day at our Audubon Center. We cultivate a camp culture of respect for each other and for the nature around us. Campers, educators, and teen volunteers will work together at the beginning of each camp week to come up with a list of expectations we all want to follow.

In order for everyone to have a fun camp experience, we ask that you review the following guidelines to determine if your child is ready for our fast-paced and exciting camp environment. We recognize that our campers come with a variety of backgrounds, personalities, and experiences. We will work together with campers and families to create an inclusive and positive experience to the best of our abilities. Camp is a time for kids to learn new skills and have new experiences, so here are some key aspects that will support a successful time at camp.

A prepared camper:

- Can spend several hours outside and hike at least .5 miles a day at a slow to medium pace.
- Understands and demonstrates respect for each other, and can keep hands to themselves at camp.
- Has the ability to follow instructions from camp educators, and ask for help when needed.
- Is equipped to express emotion in an age-appropriate and safe way.
- Has independence in routine tasks, such as going to the bathroom, eating snack, and drinking water.
- Will practice “Leave only footprints, take only memories” while exploring outdoor spaces.
- Can stay with their camp group throughout the day during a variety of activities.
- Is ready to have fun, meet new people, and try new things!



# 2026 Camp Schedule

| Week | Date   | Name of Camp          | Age Group |
|------|--|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1    | June 1-5   | Nature Detectives     | 5-8       |
|      |  | Adventures in Art     | 8-12      |
| 2    | June 8-12  | Fledgling Fun         | 5-8       |
|      |  | Creature Construction | 8-12      |
| 3    | June 15-18<br>(no camp on Friday, June 19)                     | Sensational Senses    | 5-8       |
|      |  | Nature's Neighbors    | 8-12      |
| 4    | June 22-26   | Animal Art            | 5-8       |
|      |  | All About Birds       | 8-12      |
| 5    | June 29-July 2<br>(no camp on Friday, off for July 4 observed) | Sensational Senses    | 5-8       |
|      |  | Nature's Neighbors    | 8-12      |
| 6    | July 6-10  | Nature Detectives     | 5-8       |
|      |  | Adventures in Art     | 8-12      |
| 7    | July 13-17   | Fledgling Fun         | 5-8       |
|      |  | Creature Construction | 8-12      |
| 8    | July 20-24   | Animal Art            | 5-8       |
|      |  | All About Birds       | 8-12      |
| 9    | July 27-July 31  | Swan Song!            | 5-8       |
|      |  |                       |           |

**All Camps are \$325.00 except for our 4-day camps, Week 3 and 5, which are \$260.00**

Online Registration begins March 6th, 2026 12:00pm MST.

Please visit our camp website for more details.

# Camp Descriptions: Ages 5-8

## **Nature Detectives (June 1-5 & July 6-10)**

Grab your detective hat and put your observational skills to the test in this Nature Detective Camp! This week, we're focusing on tracking and learning about wildlife even when we don't see them! Join us to discover how to identify animals from their tracks, scat, and more! Campers will create their own track booklet, conduct a scat investigation, and embark on a Scavenger Hunt to earn their Detective Badge at the end of the week.

## **Fledgling Fun (June 8-12 & July 13-17)**

Flap, fly, and waddle to our Fledgling Fun camp! This week, we're discovering local bird species, investigating bird beaks and eats, and building our own nests in the forest. While using binoculars in our wildlife garden, designing their own bird feeders, and more, campers will learn about our local bird friends and how to be the best bird buddy they can be!



## **Sensational Senses (June 15-18, no camp June 19 & June 29-July 2, no camp July 3, off for July 4 observed)**

Close your eyes, what do you hear? I hear it's going to be fun a week at camp as we learn about animals and nature through using our senses! Each day, we will focus on a different observational sense—learning how animals utilize smell, sight, hearing, and touch, and also practicing them ourselves! We will map the sounds of our Audubon Center, become smell detectives, and more!

## **Animal Art (June 22-26 & July 20-24)**

Scurry on up for a week of arts and crafts summer fun! We will use animals and plants as the inspiration for our creations the week. From crafting critters with found natural materials to decorating camouflage animals masks, campers will let their creativity roam free while exploring our trails and gardens.

Families are invited to join us for our Friday afternoon Gallery Walk to see our art from the week.

## **Swan Song! (July 27-July 31)**

It's so hard to say goodbye! Join us for a final special camp week as we celebrate the end of summer camp together. We will revisit some of our favorite activities, crafts, and hikes from the summer as we conclude the season with one last swan song!



# Camp Descriptions: Ages 8-12

## **Adventure in Art (June 1-5 & July 6-10)**

This week, we're letting our creative side go WILD! Campers will discover how nature can inspire our art through observation, movement, and exploring new materials. Campers will make Nature and Art Journals, design habitat dioramas, produce cyanotypes, and enrich their own creations by drawing on nature's artistry.

Families are invited to join us for our Friday Gallery Walk to see our creations from the week!

## **Creature Construction (June 8-12 & July 13-17)**

Join us at the Audubon Center this week as we examine how nature works! Why do beavers construct dams? How do water striders stay afloat? What is the sturdiest bird nest design? Through testing water tension, creating rock dams, and working together through a nest building challenge and a biomimicry competition, campers will discover and recreate some of nature's best designs.

## **Nature's Neighbors (June 15-18, no camp June 19; June 29-July 2, no camp July 3)**

Are city raccoons smarter than country raccoons? How far do mice and rats venture from where they're born? How does the life cycle of ants affect what food they sneak into our homes to get? Each day, we're discovering how our next door, nature neighbors, such as opossums, raccoons, wasps, House Finches, and more have adapted to coexist with us. We will create a treasure map of animal homes across the Audubon Center, install wildlife cameras to see who visits the property while we're not here, play Cockroach musical chairs, and undergo the Great Raccoon Sorting Challenge.

## **All About Birds (June 22-26 & July 20-24)**

How do birds fly? What bird has the longest wingspan? Why do birds migrate? Throughout the week, campers will investigate these avian inquiries and more. After measuring our own wingspans, playing Bon Appetweet, and going birding in the garden and on the trail, campers will put their bird brains to the test competing in the Egg-cellent Egg Drop challenge, the Best Bird Pageant, and our Migration Madness obstacle course.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Are there any scholarships?

Yes, partial and full tuition scholarships are available for families facing economic hardship. Scholarship awards include a full or partial tuition scholarship, as well as free aftercare, for one week of camp. To request a scholarship, please email our Summer Camp Director at [meghan.baker@audubon.org](mailto:meghan.baker@audubon.org). Scholarship campers and parents are asked to write a letter or draw a picture related to their experience at camp. If you are interested in contributing to our scholarship funds and supporting youth access to the outdoors, please contact us.

## How do I register for camp?

Registration is done online and can be accessed at our [website](#). Summer Camp registration will open at noon on March 6, 2026 and will close when all camp sessions are filled. We recommend creating an account for your camper prior to registering. Just remember to create an account using your camper's information rather than your own. Our max capacity for all camp sessions is 18 campers. We require all camp forms to be completed digitally prior to the first day of camp.

## What if a camp is full?

If a camp session you would like to register for is full, you are welcome to add your camper to our waitlist through our online registration form. In the event of a spot opening up, we will reach out to those on the waitlist, in the listed order, until the spot is filled.



### **What if I want to cancel?**

Cancellations made on or prior to May 1, 2026 are fully refundable minus a \$50 processing fee per camp. Cancellations made after May 1, but at least 2 weeks prior to your camper's session will be refundable minus a \$100 cancellation fee per camp. No refunds will be given for cancellations within 2 weeks of your child's camp session. All cancellations must be made in writing to the Camp Director.

Please note: the insurance advertised by CampDoc during registration is an external entity and not associated with our camp program. It operates like Travel Insurance, and those who choose to purchase it must file a claim on their own for reimbursement. Our Camp Staff are not involved in the process.

### **Can I transfer to a different session?**

Yes, if space is available. Our fee for transferring a camper to a new session is \$50 per camp. Please contact us.

### **What should my camper bring to camp?**

Your camper should bring a morning snack, lunch, re-fillable water bottle, backpack, hat, sunscreen, and trail-ready footwear. We will provide cubby storage for all camper belongings. Please make sure your camper is prepared to spend most of their camp time outdoors, except in the event of inclement weather. Additional information will be emailed the week before camp, including a packing list and other relevant details.

### **Sick Considerations**

Campers who are sick should not attend camp and will be sent home if feeling unwell. In the event of fever symptoms, campers should refrain from coming to camp until after they have been fever free for 24 hours. We reserve the right to alter and update our policies depending on changes to federal, state, or local guidelines.

Please contact Meghan Baker, Summer Camp Director at [meghan.baker@audubon.org](mailto:meghan.baker@audubon.org) with any questions and visit [randalldavey.audubon.org/camp](http://randalldavey.audubon.org/camp) for more details.





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Campers hiking back from water play in Santa Fe River.  
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