



Summer Camps 2025





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?

At RDAC, we strive to provide a fun and safe experience for all our campers each day. 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, and 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!



2025 Camp Schedule

Week	Date	Name of Camp	Age Group
1	June 2-6	Paws and Claws	5-8
		Artistic Adventures	8-12
2	June 9-13	Feathered Friends	5-8
		Wildlife Explorers	8-12
3	June 16-20 (no camp on Thursday, June 19)	Magic Moments	5-8
		Grossology	8-12
4	June 23-27	Crafty Critters	5-8
		Winged Wonder	8-12
5	June 30-July 4 (no camp on Friday, July 4)	Magic Moments	5-8
		Grossology	8-12
6	July 7-11	Paws and Claws	5-8
		Artistic Adventures	8-12
7	July 14-18	Feathered Friends	5-8
		Wildlife Explorers	8-12
8	July 21-25	Crafty Critters	5-8
		Winged Wonder	8-12
9	July 28-August 1	Swan Song!	5-8
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All Camps are \$290.00 except for our 4-day camps, Week 3 and 5, which are \$230.00

Online Registration begins March 7th, 2025 12:00pm MST.

Please visit our [camp website](#) for more details.

Camp Descriptions: Ages 5-8

Paws and Claws (June 2-6 & July 7-11)

Join us for a week of fun learning all about the wildlife that live around the Center! Out on the trail, we will use our observation skills to find evidence of local critters, figuring out how they have adapted to live in the habitats around us. Campers will explore animal tracking, investigate fur and feathers, and create creature art in this camp all about our animal neighbors.

Feathered Friends (June 9-13 & July 14-18)

Flap, fly, and waddle to our Feathered Friends camp! This week, we will have fun while learning about local bird species, investigate skulls and beaks, and build our own nests in the forest. Through 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!

Magic Moments (June 16-20, no camp June 19th & June 30-July 4, no camp July 4th)

We're diving into the fantastical this week as we explore magical creatures and more! Campers will combine science, art, and imagination to learn about nature and wildlife. We will explore how animals turn invisible through incredible camouflage, make our own fantastical wands, and create many magical moments!

Crafty Critters (June 23-27 & July 21-25)

Scurry on up to the Randall Davey Audubon Center for arts and crafts summer fun! We will use animals and plants as inspiration for our artistic creations throughout the week. From reuse sculptures to nature paintings, 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 28-August 1)

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 BLAST!



Camp Descriptions: Ages 8-12

Artistic Adventures (June 2-6 & July 7-11)

This week, we're letting our creative side go WILD! Campers will discover how animals and the environment around us can inspire our art. Through sketching nature observations, making landscape art, and pressing flowers, campers will 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!

Wildlife Explorers (June 9-13 & July 14-18)

Calling all animal lovers! Spend the week learning all about the unique adaptations of mammals, reptiles, birds, and more. From down by the river to up on the ridge, campers will explore how local wildlife survive in their habitats. While examining skulls and fur, playing hands-on games, and learning about wildlife cameras, campers will discover the amazing world of our local wildlife.



Grossology (June 16-20, no camp June 19th & June 30-July 4, no camp July 4th)

Mold, bugs, scat, oh my! Join us this summer for our camp all about everything gross! Through learning and laughing, we will ask important questions like "Why do pigeons make milk?", "Why do people fart?", "How do parasites take over hosts?" Come along as we get our hands dirty experimenting with mold and mud. Campers will design parasites, dissect owl pellets, conduct mold experiments, make slime, and more gross science fun!

Winged Wonder (June 23-27 & July 21-25)

How do birds fly? Are birds dinosaurs? Why do birds migrate? Throughout the week, campers will investigate these avian inquiries and more. After measuring our wingspans, playing Bon Appetweet, and learning all about our local birds, campers will put their bird brains to the test competing in the Best Bird Pageant, the Egg-cellent Egg Drop challenge, and the Migration Madness obstacle course.

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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. 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](#). Registration will open at noon on March 7th, 2025 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? *Updated Policy for 2025*

Cancellations made on or prior to May 1, 2025 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 with any questions and visit randalldavey.audubon.org/camp for more details.



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Campers using rocks to cross Santa Fe River
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Campers pouring water down a self-made aqueduct during water play
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Campers look through binoculars at photographer in front of the Pavilion
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