

Summer Camp 2026 Survival Guide



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Message from the Camp Director

Welcome, Campers and Families! We are excited to have you joining us this summer up at the Randall Davey Audubon Center and Wildlife Sanctuary. Summer camp is one of the oldest programs at the Audubon Center, and has been offered for almost four decades! It's a special time for kids to get outside, explore our natural world, make new friends, and learn new things about themselves in the process.

Camp is one of our favorite, and also busiest, seasons up at the Audubon Center. We hope this document helps prepare our kids and adults for success, so we can all have a great time while at camp. If you have further questions after reading this packet, please reach out to me ahead of time to discuss your concerns.

See you this summer!

Meghan Baker, Camp Director and Education Coordinator

Camp Schedule

This is a rough outline of what each day at camp will look like! We will spend most of the day outside and in the shade as much as possible. Campers will have access to indoor restrooms. Schedule is subject to change due to campers' interests, inclement weather, or other immediate needs.

Younger camps (ages 5-8) use the classroom, next to the Visitor Center. Older camps (ages 8-12) are based in the Henderson Pavilion, by the lawn and Nature Discovery Area.

Daily Outline:

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Morning Drop Off

Sign-in; meet staff; store personal items in cubbies; free play.
Register for after care, if needed

9:00-9:30 a.m.

Welcome circle

Introduction to day's theme, nature games or warm up activity

9:30-10:00 a.m.

Morning Snack

Wash hands; snack and restroom break

10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Hike + Outdoor Activities

12:00-1:00 p.m.

Lunch Time on the Lawn

Wash hands; lunch and restroom break;
free time on lawn and Nature Play Area

1:00-1:30 p.m.

Story Time or Quiet Activities

1:30-2:45 p.m.

Afternoon Centers

Crafts, science investigations, games, and other thematic activities. These are usually based in or around the buildings.

2:45-3:00 p.m.

Closing Circle

Wrap up; Bead Ceremony; sharing and reflections

3:00-3:30 p.m.

Afternoon Pick Up

In your camp's building
Gather personal belongings; optional snack time

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Aftercare (\$20/day)

Free play in the classroom or outside



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Southwest

Sick Policy

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.

Campers are not required to wear facemasks, but are welcome to do so if they would like.

What to Bring to Camp

Before your camper's session, please complete your camper's Health Profile through your account on CampDoc.

What should my camper wear to camp?

Campers should wear comfortable clothing for hiking, playing, and getting messy!

Hats, sturdy, close-toed shoes, sunscreen, and a jacket or raincoat are required. Campers will be exploring, playing, and having fun outside so clothes and shoes that can get dirty are appropriate.

What else should my camper bring to camp?

- Children will need to bring their own morning and afternoon snack, lunch, and water. Food is not refrigerated and microwave access is limited. Lunch will be a supervised, relaxing, half-hour break between the morning and afternoon activities.
- Audubon always encourages sustainability. All of our campers – as well as Audubon staff – are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles and “no waste” lunches.
- We get messy, so we recommend bringing a change of clothes, just in case. This is especially true for our youngest campers.
- If conditions allow, camps are scheduled to play in the Santa Fe River. Bring clothes and shoes that are suitable for getting wet on Monday, and keep them in your cubby during the week.
- Please label everything! We will do our very best to return lost and found items to you, but please help by displaying your child's name clearly on lunchboxes, water bottles, clothing, and other items.

What should my camper NOT bring to camp?

- **Toys:** Unfortunately, toys and stuffed animals from home can be distracting or can get lost. Please leave them at home or in the car. Anything with an on/off switch will not be permitted at camp, with some limited exceptions for specific camp activities.



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- **Money:** Campers will not be allowed in our Nature Store without an adult.

Packing Checklist:

- ✓ Comfortable closed-toe shoes
- ✓ Clothes that can get dirty
- ✓ Backpack
- ✓ Refillable water bottle
- ✓ Picnic lunch
- ✓ Morning & afternoon snack
- ✓ Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses
- ✓ Extra change of clothes
- ✓ Water shoes & towel (if applicable)
- ✓ Jacket or raincoat
- ✓ Small hand sanitizer
- ✓ Facemask (optional)



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Camper Drop Off & Pick Up

Please drive slowly on Upper Canyon Road at all times!

The posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour, but it is best to go slower. There are many trucks, bikers, and walkers on the road.

It is important to note that Audubon has a very small parking lot. We are open to the public during these times and the parking lot can be very busy during drop off and pick up.

All camps run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Campers may be dropped off from 8:30-9:00 a.m., and picked up between 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Please ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up ON TIME. Our staff are busy setting up and cleaning up after camp, so we appreciate your timely arrival.

Your child will only be released to adults that you have indicated on your Authorized Pick-Ups form in your account on CampDoc. If there is an emergency and you need to have another adult pick up your child, please call and let the camp director know ASAP at 505-308-7410 or email meghan.baker@audubon.org.

After Care

After care is available from 3:30-5:00 p.m. for an additional cost of \$20 per day. Please sign up through CampDoc registration ahead of time, or with the Camp Director on the Monday of each week. Campers will automatically be enrolled in after care if they are not picked up by 3:30 p.m. and you will be charged the full rate of \$20.

Aftercare activities are usually camper-led and fairly unstructured to allow for some down-time after a fun day at camp. This includes games, crafts, activities in the classroom, or supervised free play outside.

Pick up for aftercare is any time before or promptly by 5:00 p.m.

Cancellation Policy

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.

Transfer Policy

Transfers between camps are allowed as long as there is space is available. The fee for transferring a camper to a different session is \$50 per camp. Please contact our Camp Director at meghan.baker@audubon.org

Questions? Contact:

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Summer Staff Bios 2026



Meghan Baker, Camp Director/Senior Education Coordinator (she/her)

Hello everyone! I am really looking forward to spending the summer learning and exploring outside with you. I have a background in education, social justice, and performing arts and have worked with youth for over fourteen years. From the redwoods of Northern California to the Coasts and mountains of Washington State, and now here in the Southwest, I have always loved both the outdoors and teaching. I have a BA in Interdisciplinary Sciences and a Minor in Global Humanities and Religions, and am certified in Wilderness First Aid and CPR. In my free time, I love to hike, read, and make ceramics. If

I had to pick a favorite bird, I would choose the Black-Billed Magpie because they are gorgeous and sassy or Bushtits because they are the cutest.



Katie Weeks, Director of Community Building (she/her)

Hello campers and families! I'm excited to meet you all and spend my summer teaching and learning outside. I've been an educator at the Randall Davey Audubon Center for eight years and have run summer camp programs for almost a decade: anything from small camp programs in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Girl Scout camps on my home island of Oahu, Hawaii, and even a large-scale camp at a science museum in Durham, North Carolina. I was a preschool teacher for a few years in there as well. I currently hold a BA in Environmental Studies and an MS in Environmental Education, and am certified in Wilderness First Aid and CPR. I have two enthusiastic young kids, so don't have much free

time, but when I get the chance, I like to go birding and play Japanese Taiko drums. It's hard to pick, some of my favorite birds are albatross because they go on incredible adventures across the ocean.



Kanah Waltman, Community Outreach Coordinator (she/her)

My name is Kanah Waltman. My job focuses on creating programs for our new Nature Discovery Area at the Randall Davey Audubon Center, with intentionality towards equity and access so that the space can be enjoyed by all members of our Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico communities. I am a Southwest native, born and raised in the White Mountains of eastern Arizona. I attended Northern Arizona University, receiving a B.S. in Parks and Recreation Management. I enjoyed working for the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Arizona State Parks, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife, which allowed me to travel and explore our beautiful country! My three children are

very active in school, the arts, recreation, and socializing. We love to be outdoors and explore all that Northern New Mexico has to offer. Our favorite activities are on the Pecos River with our English Springer Spaniel, Bimber, and hitting the slopes at Ski Santa Fe. There is never a dull moment! I have always been drawn to waterfowl and the Great Blue Heron is at the top of my list. Their grace and poise along the water's edge is a welcomed moment of peace.

Educators Bios to come