# Audubon Center and Sanctuary

Randall Davey

# 2023 SUMMER CAMPS





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 and games that encourage and inspire an understanding and appreciation of the natural world

## **2023 PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

Week	Date	Name of Camp	Age Group	Tuition Fee
1	June 5-9	Feathered Friends	5-8	\$275
		Art in Nature	8-12	\$275
2	June 12-16	Paws and Claws	5-8	\$275
		Wilderness Survivor	8-12	\$275
3	June 19-23	Nature Detectives	5-8	\$275
		Wildlife Explorers	8-12	\$275
4	June 26-30	Creative Critters	5-8	\$275
		Avian Adventures	8-12	\$275
5	July 3-7 (4 day, no camp on Tuesday 7/4)	Feathered Friends	5-8	\$220
		Art in Nature	8-12	\$220
6	July 10-14	Paws and Claws	5-8	\$275
		Wilderness Survivor	8-12	\$275
7	July 17-21	Nature Detectives	5-8	\$275
		Wildlife Explorers	8-12	\$275
8	July 24-28	Creative Critters	5-8	\$275
		Avian Adventures	8-12	\$275

Online Registration begins March 1, 2023
<a href="http://randalldavey.audubon.org/camp">http://randalldavey.audubon.org/camp</a>

## **COVID-19 Policy Considerations**

Masks, while encouraged, are not required for our 2023 summer camps. Campers, volunteers, and staff, and families are welcome to continue indoor masking and will be supported in that choice. At camp, we practice frequent hand washing, and spend a large amount of time outdoors. In the event of a camper testing positive, we will contact parents/guardians of potentially exposed children. To ensure the health and safety of campers, educators, and volunteers, we may cancel and refund camps in the event of widespread exposures. Campers who are sick should not attend camp and will be sent home if not feeling well.

We reserve the right to alter and update our policy depending on changes to federal, state, or local guidelines.



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

## Camp Descriptions: Ages 5-8

#### **Feathered Friends**

June 5-9 & July 3-7 (no camp July 4)

Fly up to the Audubon Center to learn all about our feathered friends. Flap your way through activities in our garden and explore nest building in the forest. Discover facts about bird beaks, bodies, and behaviors through outdoor science activities. Squawk and crow with joy as we learn about bird migration, feathers, and make avian art.





## **Paws and Claws**

June 12-16 & July 10-14 Bears, birds, and bugs-oh my! We will be learning about different types of animals and what makes them unique. Out on the trail, we will use our observation skills to find evidence of local wildlife and figure out how they have adapted to live in the habitats around us. Campers will explore animal tracking, do hands-on investigations of fur and feathers, play games, and create creature art in this camp all about our animal neighbors.

## Camp Descriptions: Ages 5-8 Continued

#### **Nature Detectives**

June 19-23 & July 17-21

Put on your detective hat and grab your magnifying glass, we're hitting the trails to uncover nature's mysteries. We will be delving into fun activities like solving nature-based scavenger hunts. Keep your eyes peeled for clues as we inspect skulls to determine what animals they came from and hunt along trails looking for evidence of animal presence.





#### **Creative Critters**

June 26-30 & July 24-28
Grab your paintbrush and crawl on up to our crafty and creative art camp. Through collecting natural materials, to painting your dream animal home, we'll be inspired by the nature around us as we learn different eco-friendly art forms. Families are invited to join us for our Friday Gallery walk to see our creations from the week.

## Camp Descriptions: Ages 8-12

#### **Art in Nature**

June 5-9 & July 3-7 (no camp July 4)

Nature has always captivated artists. From scenic landscapes, to birdsong, to the texture of soil, we will look to the world around us to inspire our creations this week. Campers will try their hand at creating nature poems, designing bird feeders, using plant dyes, and more. This camp is all about the important connections between creativity and our environment. Families are invited to join us for our Friday Gallery walk to see our creations from the week.





### **Wilderness Survivor**

June 12-16 & July 10-14
Do you have what it takes to survive in the wilderness?
How do plants and animals live in extreme conditions? In this camp, we will learn some of the basic elements to survive in the wild. We will build our own nature shelter, practice navigating forest terrain, and explore the diverse ecosystems and wilderness around us.

## Camp Descriptions: Ages 8-12 Continued

## **Wildlife Explorers**

June 19-23 & July 17-21

Join us for a week all about animals! Each day, we will be focusing on the special adaptations of mammals, reptiles, birds, and more. From down by the river to up on the ridge we will discover how local wildlife live in and have adapted to their ecosystems. Campers will dissect owl pellets, hike through local Pinyon-Juniper habitat, and discover the ways animals have evolved to fit into their surroundings.



## **Avian Adventures**

June 26-30 & July 24-28

With your binoculars in hand, join us on this birding expedition. Together, we will learn to identify some of our local bird species, as well as their calls and behaviors. Campers will explore everything from tiny hummingbirds to giant eagles through hands-on activities. We will go on bird walks, make seed feeders, and play games like Bon Appetweet and Migration Madness to put our bird brains to the test!

## **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 Meghan 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 Meghan.

How do I register for camp?

Registration is done online and can be accessed at our <u>website</u>. Registration will open at 9AM on March 1st, 2023 and will close when all camp sessions are filled. 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 camp 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?

Due to COVID-19, our cancellation policy is more flexible. Cancellations made on or prior to May 1, 2023 are fully refundable minus a \$50 processing fee. Cancellations made after May 1, but at least 2 weeks prior to your camper's session will receive a 50% refund. Cancellations made less than 2 weeks prior to your camper's session will receive a 20% refund. No refunds will be given for cancellations within 1 week of your child's camp session. All cancellations must be made in writing to the Camp Director.

In the event we must cancel camp due to a confirmed positive COVID-19 case amongst campers, staff, or volunteers, camp families will be refunded in full for the days they are unable to attend camp.

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

Yes, if space is available. Our fee for transferring a camper to a new session is \$50. 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.

Check out our Camp Survival Guide for more information about attending camp. You can find it on our camp <u>website</u> and it will be emailed out a week ahead of your registered camp session.

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