

Summer Camp 2024 Survival Guide



Audubon

Randall Davey
Audubon Center
and Sanctuary

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

Camp Outline:

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Morning Drop Off Sign-in; meet staff; store personal items in cubbies Register for after care Free Play in classroom
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Welcome circle Morning Check In; Introduction to day's theme, Name game 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
2:45-3:00 p.m.	Closing Circle Wrap up; Bead Ceremony; Sharing and reflections
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Afternoon Pick Up Gather personal belongings; Optional snack time
3:30-5:00 p.m.	Aftercare \$20/day Free play

Covid-19 and Sick Policy

We will continue to follow CDC guidelines regarding Covid-19. 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 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?

- o 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.
- o Audubon always encourages sustainability. All of our campers – as well as Audubon staff – are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles and “no waste” lunches.
- o We get messy, so we recommend bringing a change of clothes, just in case. This is especially true for our youngest campers.
- o 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.
- o 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?

- o **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.
- o **Money:** Campers will not be allowed in our Nature Store without an adult, so please leave money at home.



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Checklist:

- ✓ Backpack
- ✓ Refillable Water Bottle
- ✓ Picnic Lunch
- ✓ Morning & Afternoon Snack
- ✓ Hat, sunscreen, sunglasses
- ✓ Extra change of clothes
- ✓ Comfortable closed-toe shoes
- ✓ Water shoes & towel (if applicable)
- ✓ Jacket or raincoat
- ✓ Small hand sanitizer
- ✓ Facemask (optional)



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 p.m. for a cost of \$20 per day. Please sign up through CampDoc registration ahead of time, or with the Camp Director on the Monday of each camp 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 after care rate of \$20.

Aftercare activities are usually camper-led and fairly unstructured to allow for some down-time after a fun day at camp.

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, 2024, 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 be refundable minus a \$100 cancellation fee. 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. In the event we must cancel camp due to a confirmed positive COVID-19 case amongst campers, staff, or volunteers, registrants will be refunded in full for the days they are unable to attend camp.

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. Please contact our Camp Director at meghan.baker@audubon.org

Questions? Contact:

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Summer Staff Bios 2024



Meghan Baker, Camp Director and 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 ten 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. In my free time, I love to hike, read, and do ceramics. If I

had to pick a favorite bird, I would choose the Stellar's Jay because they are gorgeous and sassy or the Juniper Titmouse because they are the cutest.



Katie Weeks, Director of Community Education (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 Center for seven 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. I have an enthusiastic three year old and snuggly nine month old, so don't have much free time, but when I get the chance I like to go

birding and play Japanese Taiko drums. Although it's hard to pick, one of my favorite birds is the Black-billed Magpie because they are beautiful but also mischievous.



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 NM 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 Joshua (19), Jude (17), and Joy (11) 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.

Camp Educators' bios to come