



# Summer Camp 2026

## Coastal Center at Milford Point



Register online at [www.ctaudubon.org/coastal-center-summer-camp](http://www.ctaudubon.org/coastal-center-summer-camp) starting February 3, 2026.

The Coastal Center at Milford Point is situated next to the 840-acre Charles E. Wheeler Salt Marsh and Wildlife Management Area at the mouth of the Housatonic River. The Center's grounds include the 8.4-acre Wildlife Refuge and Bird Sanctuary. It is just steps away from Long Island Sound and its many habitats: salt marshes, beaches, tide pools, coastal dunes and woodlands.

Campers dive into different topics and activities each week, engaging in fun outdoor explorations of beach, marsh, woodlands, gardens, nature-based arts and crafts, hands-on experiments and games. Through outdoor explorations that foster a deeper connection to the natural world, campers learn how we can make a positive difference for our local ecosystem, including Long Island Sound.

- **Campers will be grouped by their completed grade level as of June 2026.**
- Campers must have completed grade K
- Our camp features small group, outdoor programming where kids will safely explore, discover and learn about the natural world. While programs will be outdoors as much as possible, in the event of inclement weather or high temperatures, programs will be moved indoors.
- We are staffed by teacher-naturalists and counselors who have many years of experience working with children.

June 15 - August 14, 2026 | Completed Grades: K-5 (Three groups per week) | Weekly Themes\*

### Camp Fees and Information

To participate in camp, your membership must be current at the Chickadee level or higher, both at the time of registration and during your child's camp attendance. If you are not a current member, you will have the option to join at the Chickadee level when you register.

### What to Bring Each Day

Water bottle, peanut/tree nut-free lunch, one nut free snacks.  
Please refer to the Parent Welcome Letter for more details.

### Three Groups per Week

Completed Grades K-1, Grades 2-3, Grades 4-5.

**Camp Fee.....** \$395 per week

*\*Week of June 15-18 (4-day week) \$316*

*\*\*Week of June 29 - July 2 (4-day week) \$316*

**Days and Times.....** Monday-Friday

.....9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

*\*See reverse side for weekly themes.*

# Weekly Themes



	Grades K-1, Grades 2-3	Grades 4-5
June 15-18 *4-day week	<b>Living the Tide Life</b> Explore the shore at high and low tides. Sneak a peek into the lives of crabs, Osprey, Piping Plovers, turtles, fish, and more as we spend our days discovering the mysteries of marine life.	
June 22-26	<b>Buggin' Out</b> Crabs, butterflies, and beetles are just a few of the many incredible creatures that live life without a backbone. Come find out what "bugs" do to survive!	<b>The Power of Pollinators</b> Using microscopes, butterfly nets, and other tools, we will explore the world of the insects, mammals, and birds that help our plants grow.
June 29 - July 2 **4-day week	<b>Motion in the Ocean</b> Enter the world of sea creatures! Which animals swim, float, fly, or dive? Investigate the different ways animals move through life in our habitats!	
July 6-10	<b>Beachcombers</b> What secrets can we find hidden in the sand? Campers will learn about shells, fossils, and geology as we study the coastline.	<b>Saving the Sound</b> This week introduces campers to human impacts on Long Island Sound. They will create solutions to pollution and help protect our environment.
July 13-17	<b>Ocean Oddballs</b> Search for odd and unusual marine creatures in oceans near and far. We'll top off the week by creating our own odd creatures.	<b>Creature Feature</b> Explore how some of our favorite animals live! Through games and crafts, learn how animals survive in different habitats.
July 20-24	<b>Grossology</b> Intrigued by the slimy, sticky, and smelly things found in nature? Discover how being "gross" helps animals survive in the wild.	<b>Nature's Myth Busters</b> Can lightning strike the same place twice? Are bats blind? Find out this week as we bust nature's strangest myths!
July 27-31	<b>Treasure Hunt</b> Pirates have hidden treasure at the Coastal Center! To decode their treasure map, we'll need to gather information about the plants, animals, and habitats all around us.	<b>Eco-Pirates</b> Ever wonder how pirates explored the oceans? Learn how to find your bearings from the stars, the weather, and the animals around you.
August 3-7	<b>Discovery Squad</b> Enjoy a week of experiments and seaside adventures. We will <i>dive</i> into the science of water, gravity, optical illusions, and more!	<b>Wildlife CSI</b> What signs are left behind by wildlife? Learn to identify footprints, furs, and other animal clues as wildlife detectives.
August 10-14	<b>Watery World</b> What is big, blue, and wet? The ocean! This week is full of watery fun finding aquatic life and conducting water-based experiments.	<b>Catch &amp; Release</b> Help protect wildlife! Participate in community research projects, set fish traps, use plankton and seine nets, and have fun with science.

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