






# Summer Camp 2026

## Fairfield Nature Center



June 8 - August 14, 2026, | Weekly Themes

Our highly anticipated summer camp program is back! Registration opens February 3 at 8 a.m.

-  Camp programs will follow the policies and guidance specific to COVID-19 provided by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood.
-  Small group, outdoor programming where kids will safely explore, discover and learn about the natural world.
-  Staffed by knowledgeable teacher-naturalists and counselors experienced with working with children.





## Ages 4-5 (Not Completed Kindergarten)

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Register online at [www.ctaudubon.org/fairfield-camp](http://www.ctaudubon.org/fairfield-camp) starting February 3, 2026, at 8 a.m.

Our preschool camp sessions at the Fairfield Nature Center offer a fun summer experience for children ages 4 and 5. The programs foster a nurturing and supportive environment. Our camps maintain a low camper-to-teacher ratio ensuring individual attention is given to each child while helping them to be successful within the group. Our goal is to provide a variety of experiences that teach children ways to take care of nature, and create a sense of wonder and connection to the natural world.

- Campers must turn 4 by the time camp starts.
- Campers must be toilet-trained and able to attend camp without an adult.
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- Staffed by knowledgeable teacher-naturalists and counselors experienced with working with children.

### 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. To check your membership status, please call 203-259-0416 ext. 405.

**Ages 4-5 (Not completed Kindergarten)**

**Camp Fee** ..... \$410 per week

*Week of June 15 (4-day week): \$328*

*Week of June 29 (4-day week): \$328*

**Days and Times** ..... Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

*Week of June 15: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday*

*Week of June 29: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday*

### June 8-12 Forest Friends

Search high and low for creatures both wonderful and creepy. Salamanders crawling, butterflies soaring, frogs calling; what will we find? Join us while we roll logs, investigate ponds for frogs and tadpoles, and search for other creatures that might come our way.

### June 15-18 Wild Wonders \*4-day week; no camp June 19\*

A week combining favorite elements of the Fairfield Nature Center, including animals, water, and forests; a sampler of everything fun for campers.



## June 22-26 Animals Movin' and Groovin'

Get ready to move, groove, and explore the wild world of animals! Campers will embark on an exciting adventure where they'll discover the incredible ways animals move, from hopping like frogs to slithering like snakes. Through fun games and hands-on activities, campers will learn about different animal habitats, mimic animal movements, and unleash their inner creatures.

## June 29-July 2 Birds, Bugs and Beyond \*4-day week; no camp July 3 \*

From birds to butterflies to bats, so many incredible animals have wings! This week, campers' imaginations will take flight as they learn about animals that spend time in the air and create their very own flying creature. Discover how wings help different animals fly, then try some fun feather and flight experiments!

## July 6-10 Nature Artists

Let your little one's creativity bloom where imagination and the outdoors come together! Throughout the week, campers will explore the beauty of nature and use it as inspiration for their own unique works of art. From leaf prints, painting with pine needles and rock painting, to building tiny nature sculptures, children will experiment with colors, shapes, textures, and materials found right outside their door.

## July 13-17 Habitats and Hideouts

Step into the secret spaces of the wild where young explorers discover how animals survive, thrive, and make their homes! Throughout the week, campers will investigate forests, wetlands, meadows and more as they uncover the unique shelters and habitats that different creatures rely on. From burrows and nests to hidden dens and camouflaged hideouts, kids will learn how animals adapt to their environment and even try building a few hideouts of their own.

## July 20-24 Little Water Wonders

Campers will have fun exploring ponds, vernal pools and streams for animals big and small. Get your nets and magnifying glasses ready while we search for frogs, tadpoles, crayfish and much more. We will not only look for these amazing water creatures, we will do experiments and have some water fun! Be prepared to get wet each day.

## July 27- 31 Fairies, Gnomes & Mythical Creatures

Sing with the trees and dance with the dragonflies as we explore the myths and legends of the forest. Let your imagination soar as we are inspired by the natural world to build fairy houses, play magical games and create enchanting crafts. You'll make your very own fairy house to take home.

## August 3-7 Outdoor Explorers

This is a week filled with exploration, discovery and Audubon adventure! We'll explore the best that Audubon has to offer from ponds to forests, marshes to swamps, streams to meadows, and we'll search for the critters that call the sanctuary their home. Meet the Center's animal and bird ambassadors up close, catch a frog or two, roll rocks looking for creatures and look beneath the water's edge for what lives there.

## August 10-14 Camp Extravaganza

A virtual smorgasbord of favorite summer fun, this week is all about what campers liked best. We'll choose the all-time favorites and explore them again, capturing all the highlights for an excellent extravaganza that will surely go down in camp history!



# Completed Kindergarten - 5th Grade



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Camp at the Fairfield Nature Center is a unique learning experience for children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. Our exceptional programs give campers a chance to explore and thrive in the natural environment.

- Campers must have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade.
- Camp programs will follow the policies and guidance specific to COVID-19 provided by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood.
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## June 22-26 Eco Discoverers

Calling all explorers! Grab your net and magnifying lens as we investigate the secrets and mysteries of the Sanctuary. The challenge this week is to find the greatest number of species. As we study the behaviors of these animals, we will learn how to protect them and our ecosystems.





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## July 6-10 Adventure Trekkers

Gear up for a week of exploration, challenges, and outdoor excitement. This camp invites campers to dive into the thrill of nature through hands-on activities, teamwork, and real outdoor skills. Each day brings a new quest, whether it's navigating trails, building shelters, identifying wildlife tracks, or completing fun problem-solving missions. We will turn the great outdoors into the ultimate playground and learning lab.

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## July 20-24 Wetland Wonders

Searching for snakes, salamanders, bugs and newts is a great way to enjoy a summer day. We'll explore vernal pools, swamps, marshes and ponds to uncover the mysteries that lie within the wetlands and what creatures live there. You're sure to get your feet wet!

## July 27-31 Wildlife Biologists

Step into the boots of a real scientist this week, as young explorers dive into hands-on wildlife science! Campers will learn how wildlife biologists study animals in the field by practicing real investigation skills such as tracking, field observation techniques, and scat and habitat assessment. With fun challenges, outdoor adventures, and engaging science activities, campers will discover what it truly takes to study animals in the wild.

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## August 11-15 Camp Extravaganza

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# Completed 6th - 7th Grade

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This camp offers exceptional programming for campers who have completed 6th - 8th grade. Our advanced enrichment programming expands campers' knowledge with hands-on experimentation and exciting discovery. We strive to provide campers with an excellent balance of fun and engaging activities.

- The science enrichment programs provide advanced inquiry learning and hands-on experimentation.
- The programs are fun, challenging and packed with scientific discovery.
- All teachers are experienced professionals in the subjects provided.

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#### At the Fairfield Nature Center

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Days and Times.....Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

#### Full-Day Traveling Program

Each week will include one day at the Fairfield Nature Center and four days of field trips

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### Wildlife Biologists

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### Travel Adventure Camp

#### July 6-10 Aquatic Adventurers

#### July 27-31 Explorers

On our adventures we will combine exploration and science in freshwater, marine, meadow and woodland habitats at the Larsen Sanctuary in Fairfield and at off-site locations.

Each week campers will visit nature preserves, state parks and other Connecticut Audubon locations to learn about the diversity of the natural world. An itinerary will be sent as the week approaches.

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# Ages 14-18: Counselor-in-Training



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## Counselor-in-Training

Students ages 14-18 are welcome to become a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) for The Connecticut Audubon Society's Summer Camps. CITs assist experienced staff in working with campers.

Weeks of June 15 to August 14

Time: 9:30am to 3:30pm

Fee: \$150 per week

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### What Families and Campers Are Saying About the Fairfield Nature Center's Summer Camp

"Combines learning about nature with exploration outdoors for a fantastic camp experience! The counselors and volunteers are phenomenal!"

"We love this camp! The kids come home telling stories of their day and demonstrating outdoor skills."

"My child liked the wilderness skills so much she wanted to do another week. It was our first year with the camp, but she will definitely do it again!"

"Love, love, love, every aspect of this summer program. My children know the name of so many birds, trees and animals."

"The variety of activities and the content of the activities is what is so good for my child. He comes home so happy and can't wait to tell me what he did and teach me about the animals he interacted with."

"The Audubon camp is the best run camp my son attended in Fairfield."

"My kids love this camp! Last year they begged to stay all day. I love the content and how much they are learning. Keep up the good work! Thank you!!"

"Audubon camp is a place where 'everybody knows your name.' The staff makes my children feel right at home in the building and out in nature."

"Thank you for keeping the quality high for our third year at Audubon camp! We'll be back!"

"My son has been coming to Audubon for five years and looks forward to your camp every summer."

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