



GUIDED DISCOVERIES NATURE DAY CAMP 2024 Schedule-at-a-Glance

June 24 to June 28		
Ages 4 to 6	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Woodland Wonders – morning
Ages 7 to 9	9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Building in Nature I: Forts, Boats, and More
Ages 4 to 6	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Woodland Wonders – afternoon
July 1 to July 5		
Ages 4 to 6	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Adventures in Nature – morning
Ages 7 to 9	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Herp, Herp, Hooray
Ages 4 to 6	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Adventures in Nature – afternoon
Ages 10 to 13	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	AquaCamp
July 8 to July 12		
Ages 4 to 6	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Flap, Hop, and Wiggle – morning
Ages 10 to 13	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Junior Animal Keepers I
Ages 4 to 6	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Flap, Hop, and Wiggle – afternoon
Ages 7 to 9	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Modern Dinosaurs
July 15 to July 19		
Ages 4 to 6	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Sky Hunters – morning
Ages 10 to 13	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Junior Animal Keepers II
Ages 4 to 6	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Sky Hunters – afternoon
Ages 7 to 9	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Things with Wings
July 22 to July 26		
Ages 4 to 6	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Animal Superheroes – morning
Ages 10 to 13	9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Building in Nature II: Forts, Boats, and More
Ages 4 to 6	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Animal Superheroes – afternoon
July 29 to August 2		
Ages 4 to 6	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Discovering Dinosaurs – morning
Ages 4 to 6	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Discovering Dinosaurs – afternoon
August 5 to August 9		
Ages 4 to 6	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Marvelous Mammals – morning
Ages 7 to 9	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Nature of Clay I
Ages 4 to 6	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Marvelous Mammals – afternoon
Ages 10 to 13	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Nature of Clay II
August 12 to August 16		
Ages 4 to 6	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Tales and Trails – morning
Ages 7 to 9	9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Animal Art I
Ages 4 to 6	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Tales and Trails – afternoon
Ages 10 to 13	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Animal Art II

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Woodland Wonders - morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 4 to 6

Our explorations will introduce the wonders of woodlands. Through many outdoor activities and discoveries, we will explore, enjoy, and learn together. Throughout the week we will meet live animals that makes their home in the forest. Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

Building in Nature I: Forts, Boats, and More, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Ages 7-9

We will construct a fort village in the midst of trees in the forest, build boats to float on the pond (not human sized!), dam a stream, and even build small scale shelters for tiny make-believe creatures! Throughout the week, we will meet live animals to learn about the shelters they construct as inspiration for our own creations.

Cost: \$350/member; \$385/non-member

Woodland Wonders - afternoon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 4 to 6

See morning session for description. Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

July 1 to July 5

Adventures in Nature - morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 4 to 6

Our adventures will take us to different natural places at the Science Center each day. Through outdoor activities and discoveries, we will explore forests, ponds, fields, and more. We will meet live animals throughout the week that call these places home. Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

Herp, Herp, Hooray, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

Join us for adventures in herping. Turtles, snakes, frogs, and salamanders are all herps! We will learn all about reptiles and amphibians during this week of exploring forest, pond, wetland, stream, and field in our search for these fascinating creatures. Meet some of the Science Center's resident herp ambassadors up close and personal.

Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

Adventures in Nature - afternoon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 4 to 6

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AquaCamp, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 10 to 13

We will dive into learning all about water this week. Our explorations will include collecting organisms at the pond, meeting and learning about animals that live in and around water, venturing out onto Squam Lake to measure water quality and learn about lake ecology, and more! Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

July 8 to July 12

Flap, Hop, and Wiggle - morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 4 to 6

Flap like a falcon, hop like a hare, and wiggle like a worm! It's all about movement as we explore different groups of animals and focus on the ways they move. Become an expert on animal locomotion through up close observations of our animal ambassadors, outdoor activities, and stories. Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

Junior Animal Keepers I, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 10 to 13

Otter popsicles? Training time for a skunk? Treats and puzzles for opossums? Do you love caring for animals? Do you wonder what the Science Center's animals eat for dinner? Learn how New Hampshire's wild animals survive, then apply that knowledge by helping to care for and feed the wildlife at the Science Center. Watch staff members train animals, and help make puzzles and treats to engage our resident animals. *Please note that sessions I & II are identical.* Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

Flap, Hop, and Wiggle - afternoon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 4 to 6

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Modern Dinosaurs, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

Dinosaurs are coming to the Science Center this summer! Become a paleontologist as we dig-in to dinosaurs to learn about the species featured on the exhibit trail as well as other favorites. We will discover how fossils form, see what it's like to dig for fossils, and even meet some modern-day dinosaurs through visits with live animal ambassadors. Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

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July 15 to July 19

Sky Hunters – morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 4 to 6

Learn about the hunters that command the skies as we investigate the world of flying predators. Visit with live owls, hawks, and falcons. Meet other airborne predators too, such as dragonflies and bats.

Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

Junior Animal Keepers II, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 10 to 13

See July 9-12 for description. *Please note that sessions I & II are identical.*

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Sky Hunters – afternoon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 4 to 6

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Things with Wings, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

How many things can you think of with wings? Explore the world of flight as we learn about birds, insects, mammals, and even plants that take to the sky. Each day we will meet a live animal ambassador that relies on its wings to survive. Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

July 22 to July 26

Animal Superheroes – morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 4 to 6

You may not consider animals to be superheroes, but they do have super powers. We call them adaptations. Learn about nature's super powers as we explore ways animals find food, avoid being eaten, and protect themselves from the elements. Discover these adaptations through experiments, games, and visits with live animals.

Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

Building in Nature II: Forts, Boats, and More, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Ages 10 to 13

Part biology, part engineering, part art – this week is 100% hands-on fun. We will construct different types of shelters, design and build boats to float on the pond (not human sized!), dam a stream, and create sculptures out of natural materials. Throughout the week, we will meet live animals to learn about the shelters they construct as inspiration for our own creations. Cost: \$350/member; \$385/non-member

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July 29 to August 2

Discovering Dinosaurs – morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 4 to 6

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4 to 6 Year Old Sessions

Please note that you may sign your child up for a morning *or* afternoon session each week, but not both. Children must be four years old by the start of the session to be eligible to participate.

First Guides Program for 14 to 17 Year Olds

First Guides is a teen volunteer program based on our adult docent program. During the summer, teens between the ages of 14 and 17 attend training to become a welcoming and informative presence on the exhibit trail, often demonstrating animal artifacts alongside volunteer docent mentors with live animals. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year. Mandatory training is held on June 19, 20, 22, 25, and 26, 2024. Visit nhnature.org for more information and to complete an application.

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August 5 to August 9

Marvelous Mammals – morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 4 to 6

Discover what makes mammals special as we focus on this diverse group of animals. From herbivores and insectivores, to carnivores and omnivores, mammals serve a range of functions in the natural world. Meet a mammal up close each day and learn about the role it plays and the adaptations it uses to survive.

Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

Nature of Clay I, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

Want to take earth and turn it into art? Using wild animal ambassadors and the natural beauty of the Science Center as inspiration, we will transform our ideas into ceramic treasures. Under the guidance of Community Clay Center instructors, explore a variety of ceramic techniques to create functional and sculptural projects.

The ceramic process will be completed at the Community Clay Center in Plymouth. Finished projects will be ready for pickup by September 5. Shipping is available for an additional fee. Cost: \$235/member; \$260 non-member

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Nature of Clay II, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 10 to 13

See morning session for description. Cost: \$235/member; \$260 non-member

August 12 to August 16

Tales and Trails – morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 4 to 6

Stories of animals and nature will serve as our inspiration. We will meet live animal ambassadors from the books we read and explore the forests, ponds, and fields these animals call home.

Cost: \$210/member; \$235/non-member

Animal Art I, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

Let animals and their habitats serve as your inspiration as we create art from and of nature under the direction of artist Jadi Mercer. Explore the Science Center grounds to study form, examine color, and observe light to inform the art we create. Focus on detail through up close encounters with animal ambassadors. Use a variety of media to create two-dimensional and three-dimensional art and share your work at an art show for family and friends.

Cost: \$235/member; \$260 non-member

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Animal Art II, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 10 to 13

See morning session for description. Cost: \$235/member; \$260 non-member

Registration

Registration is available at nhnature.org beginning Friday, March 1, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. If a session is full, you may select to join the waitlist.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available. To apply for a scholarship, complete the scholarship application form during the online registration process. Select scholarship as your payment method at check out. This will hold your child's spot.

Scholarship applications are due by April 5; award notifications will be made by April 19. Any remaining balance not covered by a scholarship will be due at that time.

Guided Discoveries Cancellations... Yours and Ours!

A \$25 administration fee will be charged for all cancellations. Cancellations made more than 30 days prior to the start of a session will be issued a full refund (less \$25 fee). Cancellations made 14-30 days prior to the session start date will be issued a 50% refund (less \$25 fee). Cancellations made less than 14 days prior to the start of a session will not be refunded. If there is low enrollment, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center will cancel week-long programs on the Wednesday prior to the scheduled start date and will fully refund your payment at that time. The Science Center will make every effort to alert participants to possible cancellations one month in advance.

Registration and payment may be transferred to an alternative session at no additional cost if space allows.