



Camp Session Descriptions

Sessions for Campers 5 – 6 Years Old

Animal Senses

We'll spend this week at camp exploring our five senses and learn how other animal's five senses are not so different. We'll explore the Science Center campus using our five senses, and with up-close to animal encounters, we will better understand how other animals use theirs. With fun games and activities, we'll smell, touch, see, and hear our way through this fun-filled week!

Fur, Feathers & Scales

This week at camp will focus on three different types of animals: mammals, birds, and reptiles! Through games, activities, and crafts, campers will learn about the similarities and differences across these different animal groups. Throughout the week, we will walk the live animal exhibit trail to look at some New Hampshire mammals, birds, and reptiles, and even get the chance to meet some up-close in our classroom.

Frogs, Bugs & Backyard Buddies

Get ready to jump into a week of wild adventure! During this week of camp, kids will explore the incredible world of nature that can be found right in our own backyards. Campers will go on nature walks to spot different insects and amphibians, learn about what makes them so amazing, and create bug and frog inspired art. By the end of the week campers will have a new appreciation for the tiny creatures who call our backyards home!

Insect Adventure

Back by popular demand! Join us for a week where campers will transform into young entomologists, as we learn some bug basics and about the importance of insects. We'll search for insects across the SLNSC campus and meet some special ambassador animals who rely on insects for survival.

Turtle Time!

Do you love turtles? Well we do! Come to this week of camp and discover what makes turtles (and other reptiles) such amazing animals! During this week of camp, campers will get the chance to

see some live turtles up-close, explore the natural spaces turtles might live, create some turtle-inspired art, and transform themselves into turtles through fun activities and games.

Animal Superheroes

You may not consider animals to be superheroes, but they do have superpowers! We call them adaptations, and they help animals survive and thrive in the wild. In this week of camp, campers will explore the world of amazing animal adaptations through games, activities, and up-close animal encounters.

Have to Have a Habitat

Ever wondered about the importance of food, water, shelter and space? We'll spend this week discovering the importance of habitats and habitat requirements. Campers will explore the different habitats here at the Science Center and get the chance to meet some live animals and wonder about where they might like to live.

Sky Hunters

Camper will explore the world of flying predators in this exciting week of camp. We'll talk about birds of prey, like the hawks and owls found on our exhibit trail, but campers will be surprised to discover that it's more than just birds who command the skies! Join us for a week of fun activities, games, crafts, and up-close animal encounters where we'll learn all about different aerial predators.

Marvelous Mammals

What makes a mammal a mammal? Are people mammals? How about a porcupine? A bat? In this week of camp, campers will learn all about mammals, and what makes them different from other types of animals. Throughout the week campers will walk the exhibit trail to see some New Hampshire mammals, and get the chance to meet some up-close in our classroom, where we'll discover what makes them unique, but still a marvelous mammal.

Nature Explorers

Join us for an amazing week of camp, where campers will get the chance to explore the natural spaces found all around the SLNSC. From forest to ponds, and beautiful Kirkwood Gardens, campers will get the chance to see and learn about all different types of animal and plant life found in these different spaces. Join us for lots of fun, laughter, and time spent outside!

Sessions for Campers 7 – 9 Years Old

Forest Safari

Join us this week of camp and experience all that New Hampshire forests have to offer! Home to many different species of plants, insects, and animals, campers will get the chance to explore and learn about the natural wonders of New Hampshire forests. With plenty of time for games,

exploration, nature art, and up-close encounters with our ambassador animals, there will be something fun for every camper.

Earth Camp Jr.

New this summer, we're excited to offer younger campers the opportunity to learn about conservation and sustainability. Through games, hands on activities, and up-close encounters with special ambassador animals, campers will start to learn ways that they can have a positive impact on the natural world around them.

World of Birds

From soaring eagles to flittering hummingbirds, New Hampshire is home to some incredible bird species! Join us for this week of camp to discover the world of birds and become young ornithologists. Through up-close encounters with some of our ambassador birds, along with time spent at our Raptor Exhibits, campers will gain a new appreciation for our feathered friends!

Discovering Reptiles & Amphibians

Small but mighty, there are dozens of species of turtles, snakes, and amphibians found throughout New Hampshire! Join us for this week of camp and become young herpetologists, where we will learn all about what makes these groups of animals amazing and unique. We'll explore the many habitats they might live in, and get the chance to meet some animals up-close.

Powerful Pollinators

This week of camp will focus on the beauty and importance of pollinators, from bees to hummingbirds, butterflies and moths. With fun games, activities, and crafts, campers will gain an appreciation for the wonderful world of plants and their pollinators! We'll spend plenty of time in our beautiful Kirkwood Gardens looking for as many pollinator species as possible, and also think of ways in which we can help protect pollinators.

Nature of Clay

Want to take earth and turn it into art? This week, under the guidance of Community Clay Center instructors, campers will explore a variety of ceramic techniques to create functional and sculptural projects using clay. With the animals and natural beauty of the Science Center as inspiration, campers will transform their ideas into ceramic treasures.

Art in Nature

In this week of camp, animals and nature will serve as our inspirations as we create art under the direction of local 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 at the end of the week.

Junior Naturalist

Returning for a second summer, but now as a full day camp, we're excited to offer campers the opportunity to become Junior SLNSC Naturalists! Campers can join us this week and get the chance to explore the Science Center through the eyes of a Science Center naturalist; learning something new every day and having fun doing it. Fun activities, games, and up-close encounters with our ambassador animals will give campers new opportunities to appreciate the natural world.

Sessions for Campers 10 – 13 Years Old

Predator Survival

Join us for a week of learning what it takes to be an apex predator! Do all predators have sharp teeth and sharp claws? What about stealth and speed? Through games and activities campers will discover different predator adaptations, explore the predator-prey relationship, and uncover what it takes to be at the top of the food chain. We'll also get the chance to see some NH native predator species on our live animal exhibit trail, and up-close in our classroom.

Junior Animal Keepers

Do you love animals? Do you wonder what the Science Center's animals eat for dinner? What do you think it takes to keep a bear busy? Join us this week and learn what it takes to be an Animal Care Specialist here at Science Center. Campers will help prepare diets, create enrichment, learn some medical triage, and of course scoop some poop! At the end of the week, campers will get the opportunity to share with family some of their favorite animal-husbandry activities.

Earth Camp

Take action to help the planet! Join us this summer as we explore the natural world at the Science Center, on the lake, and in the community. Through investigations and data collection, we will examine the effects of climate change and human impacts on local ecosystems. Then we turn that learning into action through meaningful projects that benefit our local environment, all while gaining skills to make real-world change in your community.

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Nature Guides

Join us for a week of discovery and wonder, as we spend time exploring the woods and enjoying the great outdoors. Through thoughtful activities such as nature-journaling and soundscapes, campers will be able to appreciate the natural beauty found all around them. There will also be

plenty of time for orienteering and fort building, for those who are feeling a little bit more adventurous. There will be something for everyone in the fun-filled week of camp!

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