



GUIDED DISCOVERIES NATURE DAY CAMP 2025 Schedule-at-a-Glance

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Ages 10 to 13	9:30am to 3:30pm	Junior Animal Keepers
Ages 7 to 9	1:30pm to 4:30pm	Junior Naturalist
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Tales & Trails, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 5 to 6

From popular children stories to local legends, our activities this week will be based on the tales we read! We will explore the natural spaces of the Science Center and create our own tales as we walk through the woods. Throughout the week campers will also get the chance to meet some animals found in the stories we read! Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

Building in Nature I, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

Ever wondered what a human-sized bird's nest might look like? Do you like to build forts? How about fairy-houses? In this week of camp, we will explore the forests of the Science Center and get the chance to build using all-natural materials! Throughout the week, we will meet live animals to learn about the shelters they construct as inspiration for our own creations. Cost: \$378/member; \$420/non-member

Herp, Herp, Hooray! I, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 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: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

June 30 to July 3 (no camp on Friday, July 4)

Adventures in Nature - morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 5 to 6

Join us for a week of outdoor adventure! We'll walk some of the Science Center trails and enjoy exploring nature across the Science Center campus. Each day our adventures will take us to different natural places. Throughout the week we will explore forests, ponds, and fields, and meet some animals that call those places home. Cost: \$179/member; \$208/non-member

Predator-Prey - morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

Join us for a week of learning about the predator-prey relationship! Who eats what? Who eats who? How do predators catch their prey? How do prey avoid predators? Campers will learn all about the adaptations of predators and prey as we explore the fascinating relationships between these groups of animals. Throughout the week we will also get the chance to meet both predator and prey species up-close. Cost: \$179/member; \$208/non-member

Adventures in Nature - afternoon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 5 to 6

See morning session for description. Cost: \$179/member; \$208/non-member

Predator-Prey - afternoon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

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July 7 to July 11

Insect Adventure, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 5 to 6

In this week of camp, campers will become young entomologists as we learn some bug basics and about the importance of insects. We'll look for insects across the Science Center campus as well as meet some animals who rely on insects for survival. Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

Junior Animal Keepers, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Ages 10 to 13

Do you love caring for animals? Do you wonder what the Science Center's animals eat for dinner? 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, and of course, scoop some poop! Campers will learn about each species' natural history along the way, and get the opportunity to share some cool facts with family and friends at the end of the week. Cost: \$378/member; \$420/non-member

Junior Naturalist, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

Calling all nature-enthusiasts! Ever wondered what it takes to become a Science Center naturalist? Join us this week and get the chance to learn a little bit of everything! From trail cameras to tracks, campers will 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! Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

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July 14 to July 18

Marvelous Mammals – morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 5 to 6

What makes a mammal a mammal? Are people mammals? How about a porcupine? In this week of camp, we will learn all about mammals and what makes them different from other types of animals. Throughout the week campers will get the chance to meet different ambassador mammals and learn about what makes them unique, but still a marvelous mammal. Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

Nature of Clay I, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 10 to 13

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. Cost: \$254/member; \$290/non-member (*additional shipping fee for completed ceramic projects applies*)

Marvelous Mammals – afternoon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 5 to 6

See morning session for description. Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

Nocturnal Nature, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

This week is all about what different animals do at night to survive. We'll talk about their different adaptations and what it takes to be a nocturnal animal! Throughout the week campers will get the chance to meet some nocturnal animals and learn about what makes them suited to night-time survival. Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

July 21 to July 25

Animal Superheroes – morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 5 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: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

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

See description week of July 14-18. Cost: \$254/member; \$290/non-member (*additional shipping fee for completed ceramic projects applies*)

Animal Superheroes – afternoon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 5 to 6

See morning session for description. Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

Foxes, Bobcats, and Bears, Oh My!, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

Are you an animal lover? Join us this week and learn about the natural history of the exhibit trail animals and ambassador animals cared for here at the Science Center. From bobcats to bald eagles, campers can learn about what makes each species special and the roles they play in the New Hampshire ecosystem. Through up-close encounters with our ambassador animals, campers will build a better appreciation for our NH wildlife!

Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

Morning and Afternoon Sessions

Please note, for sessions labeled "morning" or "afternoon" you may sign your child up for a morning *or* afternoon session each week, but not both.

Minimum Age

Sessions for Ages 5 to 6 are open to children at least 4 years and 8 months old. Campers must be a minimum of 4 years and 8 months of age by the first day of the session they are registered for. ***We cannot make exceptions to this requirement***, as it is determined by our Youth Skills Camp License through NH Department of Health and Human Services. Registration for children between 4 years 8 months and 5 years old must be done over the phone by calling 603-968-7194 x112.

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July 28 to August 1

Sky Hunters, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 5 to 6

Learn about the hunters that command the skies as we investigate the world of flying predators. You'd be surprised to learn that it's more than just birds! Join us for a week where we'll learn about the power of flight and the different animals who use flight to move around their world and find food. Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

Earth Camp, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Ages 10 to 13

Have you ever wondered about the impact of helping a turtle cross the road? The impact of weeding out invasive plant species? In this week of camp, campers will develop skills that can be used to help protect wildlife and the environment in their communities. Through hands-on projects, citizen science, and engaging discussion, campers will learn ways in which they can influence positive change and climate action.

Cost: \$378/member; \$420/non-member (full scholarships available for students from local schools funded by *Learning Ecosystems Northeast*, call to inquire)

Things with Wings, 1:30 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. Throughout the week campers will get the opportunity to meet some animals who use the amazing power of flight. Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

August 4 to August 8

Summer Sensations - morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 5 to 6

We'll spend this week learning about our five senses and how other animal's five senses are not so different. We'll explore the Science Center campus using our five senses and better understand how other animals use theirs. We'll smell, taste, touch, see, and hear our way through this fun-filled week! Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

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

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.

Cost: \$254/member; \$290 non-member

Summer Sensations - afternoon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 5 to 6

See morning session for description. Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

Animal Art II, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

See morning session for description. Cost: \$254/member; \$290 non-member

August 11 to August 15

Fur, Feathers, and Scales - morning, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 5 to 6

This week will be all about different types of animals (mammals, birds, reptiles) with a spotlight on those we can find here in NH and at Science Center! Campers will learn about similarities and differences across these different animal groups, and get a chance to meet some animals up-close. Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

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

See description week of June 23-June 27. Cost: \$224/member; \$260 non-member

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August 18 to August 22

Have to Have a Habitat, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Ages 5 to 6

Ever wondered about the importance of food, water, shelter and space? We'll spend this week learning about habitat requirements and the importance of habitats. 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.

Cost: \$224/member; \$260/non-member

Habitat Explorer, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Ages 7 to 9

We'll spend this week learning about habitat requirements and the importance of habitats. Campers will explore and study the different habitats here at the Science Center and get the chance to meet some live animals who might call those habitats home. From field to forest, each place is different and boasts some unique opportunities for exploration and learning. Cost: \$224/member; \$260 non-member

Registration

Registration is available at nhnature.org beginning Monday, February 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. If a session is full, you may select to join the waitlist.

New for 2025 - Camp T-Shirts!

During the registration process, you will have the option to purchase one or more camp t-shirts for your child. These custom Guided Discoveries shirts are available in youth and adult sizes for \$10 each. We cannot guarantee availability of shirts ordered after April 30.

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 4; award notifications will be made by April 18. Any remaining balance not covered by a scholarship will be due at that time.

Earth Camp Scholarships - A separate scholarship fund is available to local students for *Earth Camp* the week of July 28. Call 603-968-7194 x112 for more info.

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.

First Guides Volunteer Program for Ages 14 to 17

First Guides is a volunteer program for teens interested in helping to engage and educate Science Center visitors along the Live Animal Exhibit Trail.

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, 21, 24, 26, and 27, 2025. Visit nhnature.org for more information and to complete an application.

