

# 2018 ACNC Day Camp Schedule at a Glance

For more information, please look inside.

Pre-K camps are 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  All others are 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	PreK	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th – 12th
	4 yrs	5 yrs	6 yrs	7 yrs	8yrs	9yrs	10 yrs	11 yrs	12 yrs	13 yrs	14 yrs	15+ yrs
<b>June 26 – 29</b> Tu – Fri			<b>The Blue-Green Earth</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)	<b>Underworld</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)		<b>Awesome Nature</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)						
<b>July 3, 5, 6*</b> Tu, Th, Fr <i>*Only three days</i>	<b>Leap and Fly</b> \$55 (\$105 non-members)		<b>Fields, Forts and Fun</b> \$100 (\$150 non-members)  <b>Protect and Defend</b> \$100 (\$150 non-members)					<b>Backpacking Part 1: Training Camp</b> \$300 (\$350 non-members) \$200 (\$250 non-members)  This is a three session camp, details inside.				
<b>July 10 – 13</b> Tu – Fr	<b>Get Growing</b> \$70 (\$120 non-members)		<b>Traveling Plants</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)					<b>Tween Treks</b> \$160 (\$210 non-members)				
<b>July 17 – 20</b> Tu – Fr			<b>The Shape of Nature</b> \$145 (\$195 non-members)	<b>Over Yonder</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)  <b>Nature’s Problem Solvers</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)				<b>Backpacking Part 2: Day Hike</b>  This is the second session of a three part camp. Price listed in Part 1 above. Details inside.		<b>Teen Treks</b> \$160 (\$210 non-members)		
<b>July 24 – 27</b> Tu – Fr	<b>Green Play</b> \$70 (\$120 non-members)		<b>Nature’s Playground</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)					<b>Backpacking Part 3: Nights in the Woods</b>  This is the third session of a three part camp. Price listed in Part 1 above. Details inside.				
<b>July 31 – Aug 3</b> Tu – Fr	<b>Forest Adventures</b> \$70 (\$120 non-members)			<b>Dirty Hands, Happy Hearts</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)  <b>Tracks and Signs</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)				<b>Camp Color Codes:</b> <div><div></div> <b>Deep and Sticky Learning</b></div> <div><div></div> <b>Free Exploration</b></div> <div><div></div> <b>3-Part Backpacking Camp</b></div> <div><div></div> <b>Adventure Camps</b></div> <i>For more information on each camp, please look inside.</i> <b>Age/Grade:</b> This is the age of your child on the first day of camp and the grade he/she will enter in Fall 2018. Age trumps grade. <b>Fees:</b> vary based on materials needed for and expenses of the camps.				
<b>Aug 7 – 10</b> Tu – Fr			<b>Open Air Adventure</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)	<b>Forest Frolic</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)		<b>Far Afield</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)						
<b>Aug 14 – 17</b> Tu – Fr		<b>Imagine a World</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)		<b>Sunshine and Shadows</b> \$130 (\$180 non-members)								

### Important Information for Registration

Campers should be ages listed and entering the grades listed in the fall. Age trumps grade. ACNC can accommodate some special needs, call the Camp Director for details at (716) 569-2345. Preschoolers must be at least 4 by the first day of camp. Campers must be able to take care of their own toilet needs.

### Membership Information

A Family Membership costs \$55 and includes parents and children OR grandparents and grandchildren. Memberships may be upgraded to Family from lower levels. You may purchase or upgrade online at auduboncnc.org or by phone at (716) 569-2345.



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2018 ACNC Day Camp  
June 26 — August 17

# Summer Day Camp 2018



Summer Day Camp actively engages children with the outdoors, captivating their interest and inspiring them to partner with the natural world. ACNC achieves this by providing campers with time for free play, indirect educational opportunities, interactive lessons, and discovery-based activities.

### Required at Time of Registration

**Deposit:** \$25 deposit per child per session. The balance is due one week before the start of camp.  
**T-shirt payment** (if applicable): Camp t-shirts are optional with registrations before June 1. Non-refundable.

### Discounts

Family Memberships and higher receive \$50 off each session and may register January 1. You may purchase or renew a Family Membership for \$55 at registration.

### Refund Policy

If you cancel more than two weeks before camp, ACNC will refund everything except the membership, deposit, and t-shirt fees. There are no refunds for cancellations made less than two weeks before camp starts.

### Register Online at [auduboncnc.org/daycamp](http://auduboncnc.org/daycamp)

Current members may register January 1. Others may register February 1. Have the child’s health, personal, and emergency contact information ready before registering.

### Camperships and Scholarships

Camperships are available for families in financial need. A deposit is required. They may **not** be used toward the cost of a membership. Scholarships are for campers who meet merit-based criteria. Apply online or contact the Camp Director for more information. Deadlines apply.

### Contact:

Sarah Hatfield, Camp Director  
Call (716) 569-2345 or email [shatfield@auduboncnc.org](mailto:shatfield@auduboncnc.org)



# Free Exploration Camps

Free Exploration Camps are nature play-based, driven by the campers’ interests. Adults are present to supervise and teach when questions arise. Research shows that unstructured play, especially outdoors, is a key developmental component missing from the lives of many children. Time is divided by 80% nature play, 20% structured.  
*For camps without descriptions, reference the info above.*

**Green Play (Grades PreK – K, Ages 4 – 5)**  
July 24 – 27, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
\$120 Non-members; \$70 Nature Center Members  
With outdoor toys, natural materials and imagination, campers gain comfort and confidence playing in the natural world.

**Forest Adventures (Grades PreK – K, Ages 4 – 5)**  
July 31 – August 3, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
\$120 Non-members; \$70 Nature Center Members  
Using mostly what nature provides, campers build forts, role play, take adventure hikes, and engage with each other and the creatures that live in the forest.

**Imagine A World (Grades K – 2, Ages 5 – 7)**  
August 14 – 17, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$120 Non-members; \$70 Nature Center Members  
This camp allows kindergarteners to spend all day at Audubon playing with older students who serve as role models.

**Nature’s Playground (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)**  
July 24 – 27, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members

**Open Air Adventure (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)**  
August 7 – 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members

**Fields, Forts and Fun (Grades 1 – 4, Ages 6 – 9)**  
\*July 3, 5 and 6, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members  
*\*Please note this is a three day camp.*

**Dirty Hands, Happy Hearts (Grades 2 – 5, Ages 7 – 10)**  
July 31 – Aug 3, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members

**Forest Frolic (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)**  
August 7 – 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members

**Sunshine and Shadows (Grades 3 – 5, Ages 8 – 10)**  
August 14 – 17, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members

**Over Yonder (Grades 3 – 6, Ages 8 – 11)**  
July 17 – 20, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members

**Far Afield (Grades 5 – 6, Ages 10 – 12)**  
August 7 – 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members

## Backpacking Adventure

This is a three-part camp designed to introduce and practice the skills needed to backpack into the woods for a few days. It includes a three-day training week, a single long day-hike offsite, and a three-day, two-night backpacking trip. Camp must be paid for in full and campers must commit to all three sessions.

*Campers provide their own gear, Audubon supplies the food. Call the Camp Director with questions. ACNC’s refund policy applies until after the first session. After Session 1, refunds minus \$50 will be given if the camper decides against going overnight.*

**Backpacking Adventure (Grades 7 – 9, Ages 12 – 14)**  
Three part camp, dates and times listed below  
**\$350 Non-members; \$300 Nature Center Members**  
**Now \$200 (\$250). Reduced thanks to support from Allegheny Outfitters and Lakewood Rod and Gun.**  
*Price includes all three sessions.*  
Session 1: Training, \*July 3, 5, 6, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
*\*Please note this is a three day camp.*  
Session 2: Day Hike with Pack, July 16, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Session 3: Overnight, July 24, 9:00 a.m. – July 26, 3:00 p.m.

# Deep and Sticky Learning Camps

Children have a deep curiosity about the world, and providing opportunities for them to wonder, deduce, and conclude through personal experience is the ideal learning environment. These camps are more structured, using themed topics and lessons to engage campers. Time is divided into 70% learning, 30% nature play.  
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**Leap and Fly (Grades PreK – K, Ages 4 – 5)**  
\*July 3, 5 and 6, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
\$105 Non-members; \$55 Nature Center Members  
*\*Please note this is a three day camp.*  
Movement is a trait of most animals. Campers learn how different animals move, what body parts help them move, and mimic some common animals.

**Get Growing (Grades PreK – K, Ages 4 – 5)**  
July 10 – 13, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
\$120 Non-members; \$70 Nature Center Members  
Plants need certain things in order to grow. Campers learn what those are, how they get what they need and examine different plant parts in depth.

**The Blue-Green Earth (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)**  
June 26 – 29, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members  
Campers get to know some common plants and animals that share the Earth with humans. Campers learn through games and activities.

**Traveling Plants (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)**  
July 10 – 13, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members  
Plants often must send their seeds or offspring out on their own to find space and resources to grow. Campers explore different methods of plant travel.

**The Shape of Nature (Grades 1 – 2, Ages 6 – 7)**  
July 17 – 20, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$195 Non-members; \$145 Nature Center Members  
Lines, circles, and spirals — nature features these shapes and more. Campers investigate, collect specimens, and create artwork based on what they discover and learn.

**Protect and Defend (Grades 1 – 4, Ages 6 – 9)**  
\*July 3, 5 and 6, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$150 Non-members; \$100 Nature Center Members  
*\*Please note this is a three day camp.*  
Animals protect themselves from weather, danger, and cold. They often defend against predators or competitors. Campers learn how local animals protect and defend themselves.

## Why include free play?

ACNC believes that free nature play is the foundation to a healthy relationship with the environment and provides life-long support for sustainable behavior.

**Tracks and Signs (Grades 2 – 5, Ages 7 – 10)**  
July 31 – August 3, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members  
Animals leave behind clues they’ve been there: tracks, scat, nests, chew marks, scratches, and more. Campers learn observation skills to find clues and learn which animals made them.

**Underworld (Grades 3 – 4, Ages 8 – 9)**  
June 26 – 29, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members  
In the dark below human feet, nature thrives. With tools of the scientist, campers explore what lives there and how, why they choose the dark, damp underworld as their home.

**Nature’s Problem Solvers (Grades 3 – 6, Ages 8 – 11)**  
July 17 – 20, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members  
Bird eggs get cold, beavers need ponds, seeds must travel. Campers learn how plants and animals solve their problems, often in creative and innovative ways.

**Awesome Nature (Grades 5 – 6, Ages 10 – 11)**  
June 26 – 29, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$180 Non-members; \$130 Nature Center Members  
Campers jump in with both feet when they conduct nature experiments. They look at nature with fresh perspectives after working with plants and animals to test ideas.

## Offsite Destination Camps

Campers venture offsite to visit natural destinations in the region. There are beautiful and amazing places to see.  
*Exact itinerary is weather-dependent, finalized on camp week.*

**Tween Treks (Grades 7 – 9, Ages 12 – 14)**  
July 10 – 13, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$210 Non-members, \$160 Nature Center Members

**Teen Treks (Grades 10 – 12, Ages 15 – 17)**  
July 17 – 20, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$210 Non-members, \$160 Nature Center Members

## Counselors-In-Training (CIT) and Junior Counselor (JC)

ACNC uses assistants in most camp sessions. CITs and JCs are teenagers wanting to gain experience working with children, volunteer with community organizations, or increase their level of responsibility. ACNC holds a training session for all CITs and new JCs. Interested teens fill out an application, available online. CITs are 13 – 15, pay half the listed fees and must attend the training, June 25, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. JCs are 16+ who either have been a CIT or JC previously, or must attend the training session. There are no fees for JCs.

