

2009 Pleasant Valley Natural History Day Camp



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Come Join the Fun!

Pleasant Valley's camp, established in 1947, has allowed several generations of children to explore the natural world of the Berkshires. Approximately 1,300 acres of forest, meadows, mountains, brooks and beaver ponds provide a wonderful outdoor laboratory for children. Along with exploring nature, campers have the opportunity to meet new friends, do crafts and play games.



Our camp provides an environment where children can connect with nature and have the freedom to play, discover and explore their interest in the outdoors. The various programs include daily hikes within the sanctuary to observe animals and plants, related nature crafts, games, songs and more.



Discoverers (ages 6-7):

Our youngest campers will participate in age-appropriate outdoor activities during their week long session that enables them to relate to the wonders of nature through hands-on discovery. Nature oriented crafts and games add

opportunities for creativity and self-exploration.

Explorers (ages 8-9): Campers take part in greater exploration of the sanctuary's many habitats—from meadow to wetland and forest during their two week session. Each habitat holds wonders awaiting discovery through active learning in the out of doors. An overnight, campfire and hike to Lenox Mountain summit are featured activities.

Naturalists (ages 10-11): A sharper focus on the sanctuary's biological communities and the many creatures that call each home make up the camper's two week session. Activities such as "ponding" and "streaming" enable campers to explore wetlands and discover the fascinating adaptations creatures have for aquatic life. An overnight campout as well as a hike to the summit of Lenox mountain add adventure to their experiences.

Ecologists (ages 12-13): Campers gain insight into the greater complexities of the natural world through interactive, hands-on and exploratory studies of the sanctuary's significant biological diversity. A greater emphasis on species identification and understanding of natural cycles helps campers appreciate the interconnectedness of all life. Ecologists also enjoy the overnight campout and hike to the summit of Lenox Mountain.

Our staff is made up of a group of enthusiastic naturalists who are dedicated to providing campers with the best summer experience possible.

Many of our staff members were once campers themselves here at Pleasant Valley. They have come back to continue the wonderful tradition of sharing their appreciation of nature with today's campers. All of our camp staff members are trained in accordance with ACA accreditation standards including First Aid and CPR certification.



There's more to explore at Wildwood, Mass Audubon's only overnight camp, in Rindge, New Hampshire. Choose 1- or 2-week overnight camp sessions for campers aged 9-14, Teen Adventure Trips for campers aged 14-17, or Leaders-in-Training programs for campers entering grades 10-12. Everyone is welcome at our 4-day Family Camp programs. Go wild this summer! Call toll-free 866-MAS-CAMP for more information, or visit Wildwood online at www.massaudubon.org/wildwood.

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In compliance with dept of Health Notification requirements 105CMR430.190: This camp must comply with regulations of the MA Department of Public Health (105 CMR 430) and be licensed by the Tri-Town Board of Health. Information on these regulations can be obtained at (617) 983-6761. Parents may request copies of background checks, health care and discipline policies and procedures for filing grievances from the director.

Hours

Camp is held Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Sessions are one week long for campers age 6 and 7. Campers age 8 to 13 attend two week sessions which include one overnight. (There will be an adjusted schedule during the overnight.)

Ages of Children

Campers must be at least 6 years old at the start of their camp session. Unfortunately, we do not offer camp for children under 6, but do offer a program called “Midsummer 4s & 5s” for these ages during the summer. Please see our program catalog or www.massaudubon.org for more information.

Registration

To register, please return completed registration form along with your \$100 non-refundable deposit check to:

**Pleasant Valley Day Camp
472 West Mountain Road
Lenox, MA 01240**

Please make checks payable to *Mass Audubon*.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available on a limited basis to those with financial need. Call 413-637-0320 to request an application. Completed financial aid forms are due to our office by May 16, 2009.

So that the maximum number of children can enjoy the camp experience, campers may only attend one session.

Do you have multiple campers and require additional forms? Additional forms are available on our website at www.massaudubon.org.

2009 Sessions and Fees

Discoverers Ages 6-7	Dates	Session	Fee: Nonmember/ Member
	6/22-6/26	D1	\$285/\$255
	6/29-7/3	D2	\$285/\$255
	7/6-7/10	D3	\$285/\$255
	7/13-7/17	D4	\$285/\$255
	7/20-7/24	D5	\$285/\$255
	7/27-7/31	D6	\$285/\$255
	8/3-8/7	D7	\$285/\$255
	8/10-8/14	D8	\$285/\$255

Explorers Ages 8-9	Dates	Session	Fee: Nonmember/Member
	6/22-7/3	EX1	\$540/\$480
	7/6-7/17	EX2	\$540/\$480
	7/20-7/31	EX3	\$540/\$480
	8/3-8/14	EX4	\$540/\$480

Naturalists Ages 10-11	Dates	Session	Fee: Nonmember/Member
	6/22-7/3	N1	\$540/\$480
	7/6-7/17	N2	\$540/\$480
	7/20-7/31	N3	\$540/\$480
	8/3-8/14	N4	\$540/\$480

Ecologists Ages 12-13	Dates	Session	Fee: Nonmember/ Member
	6/22-7/3	EC1	\$540/\$480
	7/20-7/31	EC2	\$540/\$480
	8/3-8/14	EC3	\$540/\$480

Not a member? Go to www.massaudubon.org or stop by the sanctuary to become a member today and begin enjoying the wonderful benefits of membership including reduced camp and program rates.



Registration Form

Camper's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male/Female

Age at Start of Camp: _____

Has Camper Previously Attended this Camp? Y / N Year _____

First Choice Session _____

Second Choice Session _____

Guardian 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Guardian 2

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Mass Audubon Member # (REQUIRED for discount) _____

Expiration Date: _____

How did you hear about our camp?

Refund Policy: A non-refundable deposit of \$100, to be applied to the tuition balance, is required for registration, and will not be refunded under any circumstances. A \$15 late fee will be charged for all forms and/or balances not received by their due date.

I agree to the aforementioned Mass Audubon Day Camp refund policy and understand that the fees paid by cash, check, or credit card for day camp tuition will not be reimbursed for any reasons that are not in compliance with our refund policy.

Signature _____ Date _____



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