



Wild at Art Nature Camp

2025 Session Themes

Nature Camps

Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm • Themed weekly sessions

June 16-August 15 (no camp June 19 or July 4)

Before camp: 7:45am-9:00am

After camp: 3:00pm-5:30pm

Age Groups

Ages 4.5-6

This age group is designed to encourage a young child's curiosity, increase sensory awareness, and introduce nature. Campers split their time between shorter hikes, engaging nature play, and art projects.

Ages 7-8

Curriculum emphasizes the natural history of animals and the interrelationships of all living things through art projects, exploration in meadows, the brook, and pine grove, and nature-based games.

Ages 9-10

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Ages 11-14

These campers go beyond basic nature education by working closely with Mass Audubon staff to participate in inquiry-based activities; campers will build their own autonomy through self-directed learning and peer teaching. All sessions include opportunities to thoughtfully explore multiple art medias and technologies, as well as fun games.

Themes for Ages 4.5-8

The Lorax: Being Nature's Superhero

June 16-20 (no camp June 19)

Using the Lorax as inspiration, enter the world of Dr. Seuss and become a nature superhero! Using all your senses, learn about the ways animals and plants are nature superheroes and how you can be one, too. Using art and stories created by Dr. Seuss as inspiration and your own imagination, create your own world through art.

Clay-mazing Treasure Hunters

June 23-27

Explore the wildlife sanctuary and search for wildlife treasure. Create clay artifacts using different ceramic techniques, make maps, and create mixed media art inspired by your discoveries.

Art Immersion: Wild Painting

June 30-July 3 (no camp July 4)

Get creative with paint using spray bottles, bubbles, splatter screens, and homemade brushes. Look for wet wildlife, such as frogs and salamanders, and play water games.

That's Wild: Owl Extravaganza

July 7-11

Owls soar into camp again this summer! Spend the week on the prowl for owls. See live owls up close, learn about their special adaptations, and create art based on the different owl species found here in Massachusetts.

Crucial Keystone Critters

July 14-18

Discover which species keep our local environments in balance and how they do it! Learn about a new keystone species every day and create art inspired by the roles they play, while exploring the sanctuary and their natural habitats.

That's Wild: Bug Safari

July 21-25

Turn over logs, search the meadow, and explore the pine grove to discover the amazing bugs that live on the wildlife sanctuary. Learn different nature journaling techniques, expand your curiosity through detailed nature journaling, and use the digital microscope to be inspired to create amazing art by all the intricate patterns found on bugs.

Amazing Amphibians and Remarkable Reptiles

July 28-August 1

Leap into fun when you go on an amphibian safari and beat the heat while you learn about fascinating reptiles. Live animals will visit camp this week and art projects may include weaving in the woods, painting, and creating collages with natural materials.

Painting and Pollinators

August 4-8

Buzz into an amazing week of learning about pollinators and creating art that will soar. Closely observe butterflies visiting flowers in the meadow and pollinator garden, spend time exploring the wildlife sanctuary, and discover pollination in action. This week you have fun painting in different ways, including watercolor painting, marbling paper, and creating a collage with acrylic paint and natural materials.

Shapes and Patterns in Nature

August 11-15

Look for motifs all over our sanctuary! Explore the beauty of nature by crafting ceramic tiles inspired by honeycomb patterns, painting vibrant butterflies with symmetrical wings, and creating leaf rubbings or spiral shell designs.

Themes for Ages 9-13

What's the Buzz?

June 16-20 (no camp on June 19)

Explore the diverse world of pollinators on our sanctuary, from sweat bees to ruby-throated hummingbirds. Gelli print with the flowers they pollinate and design your own 'save the pollinators' poster.

Owl Ecology and Art

June 23-27

Discover the mysterious world of owls, learning about their ecology and interactions with other species. See live owls up close and create owl-inspired art.

Aquatic Adventures

June 30-July 3

Catch and release crayfish, discover how dragonflies spend some of their life underwater, and use our digital microscope to uncover the miniature world hidden in a drop of vernal pond water. Become an aquatic ecologist as you explore the brook and vernal pool. Your discoveries will inspire your art projects, including mixed-media paintings, collage, and more.

Ceramics and Pottery Inspired by Nature

July 7-18

Immerse yourself in the world of pottery. Learn how to “throw” on pottery wheels and create nature-inspired ceramic sculptures and pottery. Create sculptures that reimagine the animals and plants that live on the sanctuary and in your own neighborhood.

Nature's Canvas: Painting, Journalling, and Field Biology

July 21-August 1

Conduct mini science experiments, survey our vernal pool as an aquatic ecologist, and discover hidden natural treasures. Find Monarch caterpillars in the meadow and crayfish in the brook, use our digital microscope to get a closer look at these magnificent creatures, and create wildlife-inspired works of art by sketching and painting what you've seen.

Campers will receive and take home an artist-quality sketchbook and drawing supplies, a watercolor palette with high-quality paints, and a travel-sized watercolor brush. Campers will also receive a "curiosity kit" to take home at the end of their session. All materials are included in the cost of the program.

Painting Immersion: Nature's Palette

August 4-8

Gather inspiration from the natural world and explore painting in depth. Paint outside in the fresh air, discover different techniques inside the studio, and get up close with masterpieces in Mass Audubon's art collection. Enjoy the space and freedom to experiment with painting and create your own masterpieces.

Shapes and Patterns in Nature

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Dive deeper into the world around us and discover nature's hidden motifs. Design your own nature-based tesseraets and create intricate patterns with natural materials in the pine grove.

Specialty Camp: Ages 11-4

Taking Flight: Operating From The Nest

Using the tools of art and design, campers will become artists, engineers, and scientists during these innovative camp weeks. Design stencils on the Cricut Maker cutting machine, program the laser printer to engrave nature pins, and concoct bioplastic to pour into molds built in our 3D printer. *No Taking Flight session the week of June 30.*

Weekly Themes:

June 16-20: Flight (no camp on June 19)

June 23-27: Nesting

July 7-11: Miniature Landscapes

July 14-18: Sustainability and Natural Materials

July 21-25: Pollinators

July 28-August 1: Owls

August 4-8: Hawks and Falcons

August 11-15: Metamorphosis