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# Nature Summer Camps

2023 Summer Camp Catalog

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## Camp Woodend, Chevy Chase, MD



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## Chevy Chase Camps (Woodend Sanctuary)

Woodend Schedule	Session 1 June 20-30		Session 2 July 3-14		Session 3 July 17-28		Session 4 July 31-August 11		Session 5 August 14-18
K (must be 5 yrs)	Animal Babies & Nature Explorers		Forest Friends & Creepy Crawlies		Animal Babies & Nature Explorers		Forest Friends & Creepy Crawlies		Dino Soar
Grades 1-2	Science Sleuths & Carnivore Camp		Water Works & Backyard Bugs		Science Sleuths & Carnivore Camp		Water Works & Backyard Bugs		Soil Sleuths
Grades 1-2	Feathered Friends & Wildly Crafty		Prehistoric Prowlers & Secrets of the Forest		Feathered Friends & Wildly Crafty		Prehistoric Prowlers & Secrets of the Forest		Plantapalooza
Grades 3-4	Insectigations & Mythical Creatures		Aquatic Odyssey & Fantastic Flyers		Insectigations & Mythical Creatures		Aquatic Odyssey & Fantastic Flyers		Woodend Artists
Grades 3-4	Science Wizards & Rock Creek Critters		Reptile Mania & Amazing Adaptations		Science Wizards & Rock Creek Critters		Reptile Mania & Amazing Adaptations		Talons and Teeth
	Week 1 June 20-23	Week 2 June 26-30	Week 3 July 3-7	Week 4 July 10-14	Week 5 July 17-21	Week 6 July 24-28	Week 7 July 31-August 4	Week 8 August 7-11	Week 9 August 14-18
Grades 5-6	Rock Creek Rescue & Outdoor Adventures		Planet Partners & Animal Keepers		Outdoor Adventures		Bay Quest		Camp Cuisine
Grades 7-9	Green Team		Nature Photography				Advanced Bay Quest		Wilderness Skills
Grades 9-11	TNT Session 1				TNT Session 2		TNT Session 3		
Grades 10-12					Advanced Wilderness Skills				

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Two-week sessions include a different theme each week.  
Grade in Fall 2023

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## A Day at Camp Woodend

Here's what your camper may do on a typical day at Camp Woodend! Activities vary from day to day and according to each camp's theme. Two-week sessions include two camp themes.

**Sample Camp:** Backyard Bugs

**Theme:** What is an insect? What is the difference between insects and other invertebrates?

- 8:45 Drop Off
- 9:15 Camp Gaggle (All campers gather for a morning meeting.)
- 9:30 Morning Circle: What is an insect? Learn characteristics common to all insects.
- 9:45 Hike: Scavenger hunt for insects. Identify native insects.
- 10:30 Snack and Story
- 10:45 Craft: Design and build your own insect out of recycled materials.
- 11:15 Outdoor Exploration: Roll logs and look for decomposers.
- 12:00 Lunch and Free Play
- 1:00 Afternoon Circle: Discuss aquatic insects and their adaptations for survival.
- 1:30 Outdoor Exploration: Ponding! Get the nets and boots as we look for aquatic insects.
- 2:15 Game: Camouflage in the forest.
- 2:30 Closing Circle: Wrap up and Review
- 3:45 Pick Up

## A Day of Traveling at Camp Woodend

**Sample Camp:** Outdoor Adventures

**Theme:** Learning local natural history through outdoor activities

- 8:45 Drop Off
- 9:15 Camp Gaggle (All campers gather for a morning meeting)
- 9:30 Morning Circle: Discuss today's destination: Sugarloaf Mountain
- 9:45 Travel to Sugarloaf Mountain
- 10:30-2:00 Nature hike, lunch, hike and games
- 3:00 Return to Woodend
- 3:15 Reflections and Nature Journals
- 3:30 Game: Capture the Flag
- 3:45 Pick Up





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## Enjoy the wonders of Spring at Woodend!

# Spring Break Camp

April 3 to April 6, 2023 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

### Grades K-5

Catch frogs in the pond, hike to Rock Creek, and get your hands dirty in our Learning Garden!

**Cost:**  
\$370 for Members  
\$400 for Non-members

*Extended camp available until 5:15 pm for \$100*

Register now at  
[natureforward.org/spring-break-camps](http://natureforward.org/spring-break-camps)

Questions? Contact [denis.perez@natureforward.org](mailto:denis.perez@natureforward.org)



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## Discovery Camp (K in Fall 2023)

8:45 am-2 pm

**Your camper must be 5 years old and toilet-trained  
by the start date of camp to attend.**

**Extended Camp available until 3:45 pm**

### Animal Babies & Nature Explorers

8:45 am-2 pm

**Session 1 (June 20-30) No camp June 19**

**Members \$730; nonmembers \$900**

**Session 3 (July 17-28)**

**Members \$805; nonmembers \$975**

**Extended Camp available from 2-3:45 pm for  
\$243 (Session 1) and \$270 (Session 3)**

Animal babies are amazing! Some are cute and cuddly while others are scruffy and slimy. We will explore how animal babies grow and change, how they communicate, and how their parents protect and teach them.

What better way to learn about nature than through hands-on exploration! Join us as we satisfy our curiosity and get our hands dirty looking for slugs, bugs, and more!

### Forest Friends & Creepy Crawlies

8:45 am-2 pm

**Session 2 (July 3-14) No camp July 4**

**Members \$730; nonmembers \$900**

**Session 4 (July 31-August 11)**

**Members \$805; nonmembers \$975**

**Extended Camp available from 2-3:45 pm for  
\$243 (Session 2) and \$270 (Session 4)**

Come learn about all our animal friends who live in the forest! From foxes to worms, we'll learn why animals live in forests, what they find to eat, and how they build their homes.

Insects, worms, snakes, and slugs are the focus of this favorite camp! Campers learn to separate fact from fiction as they meet and learn all about these amazing creatures.

### Dino Soar

8:45 am-2 pm

**Session 5 (August 14-18)**

**Members \$405; nonmembers \$490**

**Extended Camp available from  
2-3:45 pm for \$135**

We're going back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the Earth! Bones, fossils, ferns, and gigantic animals will surround us as we investigate the world's pre-historic life forms. We'll even learn to identify some common dinosaurs by their tricky names.



**Note on Extended Camp:** Extended Camp will run for K camps if we have a minimum number of campers participating. If we don't reach the minimum by April 21, you will have the option to withdraw with a full refund minus the \$5 registration fee. See page 13 for more info on extended camp.



# Exploration Camp (1st and 2nd Grade in Fall 2023)

8:45 am-3:45 pm  
Extended Camp available until 5:00 pm

## Science Sleuths & Carnivore Camp

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 1 (June 20-30) No camp 6/19

Members \$960; nonmembers \$1130

Session 3 (July 17-28)

Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235

Calling all junior scientists! This is a camp full of experiments, creations, and make-believe. We'll test our theories in our own "lab" and then head outside to investigate nature's coolest concoctions from honey to slug slime.

Sharpen your senses in this camp on predators and their prey. We will discover who eats whom on our sanctuary and learn what adaptations, from stalking to ambushing, help carnivores find their dinner.

## Water Works & Backyard Bugs

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 2 (July 3-14) No camp July 4

Members \$960; nonmembers \$1130

Session 4 (July 31-August 11)

Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235

The water we drink today is the same water the dinosaurs swam in! We'll investigate the many forms water takes as it moves in and around our planet. Expect many wet and wild adventures as we explore our pond, Rock Creek, and all things aquatic!

Sharpen your observation skills by searching for grasshoppers, butterflies, honeybees, dragonflies, beetles, ants, and more! Journey with us as we investigate the meadows, explore the forests, and probe the depths of the pond in search of insects and their kin.

## Feathered Friends & Wildly Crafty

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 1 (June 20-30) No camp 6/19

Members \$960; nonmembers \$1130

Session 3 (July 17-28)

Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235

From tiny warblers to magnificent eagles, birds are the masters of the sky! We'll explore feathers, flying, camouflage coloring, talons, and beaks. On our outdoor hikes we'll learn to birdwatch and try our hand at building nests and bird boxes.

The world is a wonderful place to stretch the imagination. Campers will learn to express creativity with organic inspiration through drawings, paintings, crafts, and movement.



## Prehistoric Prowlers & Secrets of the Forest

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 2 (July 3-14) No camp July 4

Members \$960; nonmembers \$1130

Session 4 (July 31-August 11)

Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235

Do you know who the prowlers of the Mesozoic era were? Dinosaurs! In this camp we will learn about the different adaptations that made the dinosaurs so successful and what we can learn about them through their fossils.

There's more to a forest than what we see. Discover how trees talk to each other, how birds communicate with deer, and how ants protect plants.



## Soil Sleuths

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 5 (August 14-18)

Members \$535; nonmembers \$620

More than a billion organisms can be found in one teaspoon of soil! Let's learn what soil is made of and why so many creatures live in it.



## Plantapalooza

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 5 (August 14-18)

Members \$535; nonmembers \$620

Discover the wonderful world around you from the perspective of a plant and explore how different plants support our Woodend ecosystem. Learn how carnivorous plants, grasses, leaves, mosses and algae are the base of the food web that sustains life.



## Extended Camp

We are offering extended camp for 1st-6th grade camps from 3:45-5:00 pm. Sign up when registering for camp and **make sure to pick both weeks if you are signing up for a two-week session**. Extended camp spots are limited and we cannot guarantee a spot.

Extended camp for K camps only runs until 3:45 pm. Due to licensing regulations and space, we can't offer an extended camp option until 5:00 pm for K campers. See page 13 for more info.



# Investigation Camp (3rd and 4th Grade in Fall 2023)

8:45 am-3:45 pm  
Extended Camp available until 5:00 pm

## **Insectigations and Mythical Creatures**

8:45 am- 3:45 pm

**Session 1 (June 20-30) No camp 6/19**

**Members \$960; nonmembers \$1130**

**Session 3 (July 17-28)**

**Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235**

Bugs in the meadow! Bugs in the Pond! Bugs in the Forest! Are all insects bugs? We'll answer this question and more while looking high, low, and lower for our six-legged friends and their habitats all over Woodend. Come investigate insects and how important they are to ecosystems. Get ready for some crazy crawlers, happy hoppers, and fantastic fliers.

Why did the dragon develop the ability to breathe fire? We will use outdoor exploration, art, stories, and our imagination to learn about animal adaptations and to develop our very own creative creatures.

## **Science Wizards & Rock Creek Critters**

8:45 am-3:45 pm

**Session 1 (June 20-30) No camp 6/19**

**Members \$960; nonmembers \$1130**

**Session 3 (July 17-28)**

**Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235**

Erupting volcanoes, oozing slime, and dancing bubbles – we'll learn the science behind these magical reactions in this camp full of experiments and explosions. We'll test our concoctions in our own "lab" and then head outside to discover the powerful forces of nature all around us.

What animals can we find in Rock Creek? What kind of critters live in creeks? And how do they survive there? We will answer these questions and many more while getting wet and muddy exploring Rock Creek. We'll even have a look at some of these small critters under a microscope!







### **Aquatic Odyssey & Fantastic Flyers**

**8:45 am-3:45 pm**

**Session 2 (July 3-14) No camp July 4**

**Members \$960; nonmembers \$1130**

**Session 4 (July 31-August 11)**

**Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235**

In this investigative camp, campers submerge themselves in the water cycle and aquatic ecosystems. We will get our feet and hands wet as we explore the plants and animals of our local pond and streams.

Take flight in this exciting camp! We will learn all about different animal flyers including bats, birds, insects, and a few famous gliders, like flying squirrels. We will learn the techniques of different flying creatures, conduct flying experiments, and participate in games and creative activities as we discover the wonders of flight.

### **Reptile Mania & Amazing Adaptations**

**8:45 am-3:45 pm**

**Session 2 (July 3-14) No camp July 4**

**Members \$960; nonmembers \$1130**

**Session 4 (July 31-August 11)**

**Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235**

Komodo Dragons, Timber Rattlesnakes, and sea turtles are featured as we learn about reptiles and their cousins, the amphibians. We will focus on how these animals are alike and different, learn about their special needs, and compare them to their prehistoric ancestors.

Have you ever wondered how animals and plants can survive in the cold? Or thrive in extremely dry and remote environments? Or how some animals can breathe underwater? Find out all this and more while we explore the wonderful world of animal adaptations.

### **Woodend Artists**

**8:45 am-3:45 pm**

**Session 5 (August 14-18)**

**Members \$535; nonmembers \$620**

Nature will be our inspiration as we learn a new art technique every day. From murals to natural dyeing, painting to working with clay, we will explore as many different art forms as possible.

### **Talons and Teeth**

**8:45 am-3:45 pm**

**Session 5 (August 14-18)**

**Members \$535; nonmembers \$620**

Believe it or not, Maryland is home to many predators including foxes, hawks, bobcats, bears, coyotes, snakes, and more! In this exciting camp, we'll discover how these creatures find and hunt their prey, the important role predators play in the food chain, and how to find and track them.



### **Extended Camp**

We are offering extended camp for 1st-6th grade camps from 3:45-5:00 pm. Sign up when registering for camp and **make sure to pick both weeks if you are signing up for a two-week session**. Extended camp spots are limited and we cannot guarantee a spot.

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# Pre-Teen Camps (5th-6th Grade in Fall 2023)

## 8:45 am-3:45 pm

### Extended Camp available until 5:00 pm

#### Rock Creek Rescue & Outdoor Adventures

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 1 (June 20-30) No camp 6/19

Members \$1100; nonmembers \$1270

##### Day camp at Woodend – no traveling

Woodend's watershed is polluted, and it needs your help! Come be part of a green team for Rock Creek. We'll do stream clean-ups, chemical testing of the water, and even use nets to catch small animals that are key indicators of the stream's health. Our beloved Rock Creek will thank you!

##### Traveling day camp based at Woodend

This classic camp highlights some of the best outdoor activities in our area. Climb to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain, learn about Bay critters at a Research Center, and be challenged by a ropes course. All along the way, we'll hone our natural history skills.

#### Planet Partners & Animal Keepers

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 2 (July 3-14) No camp July 4

Members \$1100; nonmembers \$1270

##### Day Camp at Woodend – one day of traveling

Enter the exciting and challenging world of environmental professionals in this dynamic camp. We will visit a recycling plant, learn about Woodend restoration projects, learn about environmental issues, create art from natural and used material, and investigate local environmental policy issues.

##### Traveling day camp based at Woodend

In this animal-filled camp we will learn why people "keep" animals and how our special relationships have evolved through the years. Each day we will meet different animals and learn how to handle them, take care of them, and what makes them so special to the people who love them! We will travel to animal shelters, farms, and the Zoo Tuesday-Friday.

#### Outdoor Adventures

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Week 5 (July 17-21)

Members \$615; nonmembers \$700

##### Traveling day camp based at Woodend

This classic camp highlights some of the best outdoor activities in our area. Climb to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain, learn about bay critters at a research center, and be challenged by a ropes course. All along the way, we'll hone our natural history skills.



#### Outdoor Skills

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Week 6 (July 24-28)

Members \$605; nonmembers \$690

##### Day Camp at Woodend – one day of traveling and one camp-out night at Woodend

Ever wanted to go camping but felt like you didn't have the skills or knowledge? Learn how to build a fire, pitch a tent, and cook over a campfire all while exploring some fun local hiking spots. Then on Thursday night we will put our skills to the test with a camp-out at Woodend.



### Bay Quest

**8:45 am-3:45 pm**

**Week 7 (July 31-August 4)**

**Members \$720; nonmembers \$805**

**M-Tu are day camps at Woodend, W-F are overnight days at Echo Hill Outdoor School. We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.**

Go boating, fishing, swimming, and crabbing while learning about the importance of the Chesapeake Bay! Our adventure begins at Woodend where we will spend time getting to know our Bay Quest team and investigating our local watershed. Then we'll travel by bus to Echo Hill Outdoor School for a three-day, two-night excursion on the Chester River. This camp is a great introduction to the overnight camp experience.

### Camp Cuisine

**8:45 am-3:45 pm**

**Week 8 (August 7-11)**

**Members \$555; nonmembers \$640**

**Day Camp at Woodend – no traveling**

In this camp we will learn about edible wild plants, how to care for a garden, and sustainable farming. We will plant and pick in the Woodend Children's garden, as well as visit a local farmer's market to find ingredients for our creations. From the science of soil to the taste of freshly picked basil, this camp will satisfy.



## Teen Camps (7th-9th Grade in Fall 2023)

**8:45 am-3:45 pm**

**No Extended Camp available**

### Green Team

**8:45 am-3:45 pm**

**Week 1 (June 20-23) No camp June 19**

**Members \$490; nonmembers \$575**

**Day camp based at Woodend – one field trip**

Learn what it means to be green and earn 15 SSL hours. We will tour a recycling facility, work on restoration projects on the Sanctuary, identify and remove invasive species, and investigate local environmental policy issues.

### Nature Photography

**8:45 am-3:45 pm**

**Week 3 (July 3-7) No camp July 4**

**Members \$490; nonmembers \$575**

**Traveling day camp based at Woodend**

Can you capture the essence of a Tiger Swallowtail or the beauty of a wildflower? Come give it a try in this camp all about photographing the wonders of Nature. We will travel on two days to different local nature preserves and explore their natural flora and fauna. Please bring your own camera.



### Top Chef

**8:45 am-3:45 pm**

**Week 4 (July 10-14)**

**Members \$555; nonmembers \$640**

**Day camp based at Woodend – no traveling**

Our cheftestants will embark on different challenges throughout the week, such as making pizza and pies on site and by hand. We'll focus our creations around local produce and spend some time tending to our Children's garden.

### Beginning Backpacking

**8:45 am-3:45 pm**

**Week 6 (July 24-28)**

**Members \$620; nonmembers \$705**

**Traveling day camp based at Woodend with two overnights on Appalachian Trail**

Have you always wanted to try backpacking? Well now's your chance! We will spend Monday and Tuesday on the Sanctuary learning how to pack our gear and mapping our route. We will leave on Wednesday for a three-day, two-night trip where we will cover roughly 24 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Hiking boots (with ankle support and broken in) and backpacking pack are required.

## Teen Camps (7th-9th Grade in Fall 2023)

8:45 am-3:45 pm  
No Extended Camp available

### Advanced Bay Quest

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Week 7 (July 31-August 4)

Members \$850; nonmembers \$935

M-F are overnight days at Echo Hill Outdoor School.  
We return to Woodend Friday afternoon.

Explore undisturbed marshes and hike sandy beaches, meadows, and forests! Sleep in cabins, swim, fish, crab, and build campfires. Our trip meets at Woodend and then we will travel by bus to Echo Hill Outdoor School for a five-day, four-night wilderness adventure.

### Hiking Club

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Week 8 (August 7-11)

Members \$615; nonmembers \$700

Traveling day camp based at Woodend

Join our hiking club and check out some of the best trails in our area! We'll hike areas of Great Falls Park, Sugarloaf Mountain, and Gunpowder Falls State Park. While we hike, we'll learn about local plants and animals and play team building games.

### Wilderness Skills

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Week 9 (August 14-18)

Members \$605; nonmembers \$690

Day Camp at Woodend – one-night campout

Want to know how to survive in the woods? Come to this camp and find out! We'll be spending the first half of the week learning fire building, shelter making, tracking, and edible and medicinal plants. On Thursday we'll head to a Maryland State Park for a campout and return on Friday afternoon.



## High School Camps (10th-12th Grade in Fall 2023)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

### Advanced Wilderness Skills

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Week 5 (July 17-21)

Members \$605; nonmembers \$690

Traveling day camp based at Woodend - Two-night campout

This camp will take your basic campout skills to a whole new level. Learn how to start a fire without matches, tracking and camouflage, shelter building, and how to identify edible and medicinal plants. We'll end the week with a two-night campout at a Maryland State Park.





## Scholarship Information

Full and partial scholarships are available for campers who qualify for Free and Reduced price Meals (FARMS) or who are referred through a school counselor. All scholarships are funded through generous grant and camp registration donations. Please contact the Camp Director at [denis.perez@natureforward.org](mailto:denis.perez@natureforward.org) for more information. You may donate to our scholarship program through the camp registration process.



## Deaf/Hard of Hearing Camp

### Nature Explorers Camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Campers (1st-4th grades)

8:45 am-2 pm

Week 9 (August 14-18)

\$25 registration fee

**NEW!**

What better way to learn about nature than through hands-on exploration! Join us as we satisfy our curiosity and get our hands dirty looking for slugs, bugs, and more! Our teacher has strong skills, is fluent in ASL, and has extensive experience working with deaf and HOH children. Limited group of 5 with a teacher and a counselor. Scholarships available for all D/HOH campers except for \$25 registration fee. If you are interested, please contact the Camp Director, Denis Perez, at [denis.perez@natureforward.org](mailto:denis.perez@natureforward.org). Registration is not available online.

## Extended Camp

Extended camp is open to all campers Grade K through 6. Extended camp provides participants with a fun, relaxing end to their vigorous day at summer camp. Activities include crafts, outdoor games, quiet time for books, and cards. We provide a snack of goldfish crackers as well. Sign up when registering for camp and **make sure to pick both weeks if you are signing up for a two-week session**. Extended camp spots are limited and we cannot guarantee a spot. Extended camp for K camps only runs until 3:45 pm. Due to licensing regulations and space, we can't offer an extended camp option until 5:00 pm for K campers.

### K (2:00-3:45 pm)

Week 1: \$108  
Week 2: \$135  
Week 3: \$108  
Week 4: \$135  
Week 5: \$135  
Week 6: \$135  
Week 7: \$135  
Week 8: \$135  
Week 9: \$135

### 1st-6th (3:45-5:00 pm)

Week 1: \$108  
Week 2: \$135  
Week 3: \$108  
Week 4: \$135  
Week 5: \$135  
Week 6: \$135  
Week 7: \$135  
Week 8: \$135  
Week 9: \$135



## General Information

Nature Forward summer camps are designed to foster environmental awareness and expand natural and cultural knowledge. Woodend is a 40-acre oasis in the middle of Chevy Chase, MD. Bordering Rock Creek Park, the sanctuary contains mature woods and meadows, a pond, and an intermittent stream that provide habitat for many birds, insects, rabbits, and foxes. Open lawns provide activity space, and well-maintained nature trails permit safe nature exploration. All camps are taught by experienced environmental educators, maintaining a child-teacher ratio of 8-1.

## Registration Information

Online registration opens Monday, January 30, 2023 at 10 am for Nature Forward (formerly ANS) members. You can become a Nature Forward member when you register for camp on January 30. Simply pick the member rate and add a family membership to your cart. If you are not a member when you register on January 30 we will charge a \$65 family membership to your account after we check membership records.

### To Register:

- Go to [www.natureforward.org/summer-camps](http://www.natureforward.org/summer-camps)
- Click on the blue Register button and follow the prompts.
- You will have the option to renew your membership. **Membership fees are nonrefundable.**
- In an effort to reduce the number of forms parents must bring to check-in, we are including most forms as waivers in the registration process. Some waivers, such as sunscreen or transportation, may not necessarily apply to your camper due to age, but you must agree to all waivers to register. If you have any concerns, please email [denis.perez@natureforward.org](mailto:denis.perez@natureforward.org) after you complete your registration.

## COVID-19 Policies

**The health and safety of our campers is our top priority. By the start of camp, your camper must be up to date on the vaccinations required by public schools. Covid vaccinations are highly recommended. Additional measures such as indoor masking, cohorting, and social distancing may be required based on the status of the pandemic. Protocols are subject to change throughout the summer.**

### EXTENDED CAMP

Extended camp will be offered for K camps until 3:45 pm and for 1st-6th grade camps until 5:00 pm. If you are signing up for a two-week session be sure to pick both weeks of extended camp. If you have a K camper and an older camper, they will both need to be picked up at 3:45 pm as we are not offering extended camp beyond 3:45 pm for K campers.

**Drop off window will run from 8:45-9:15 am and pick up window will run 3:45-4:10 pm.**

### Need Help or Have Questions?

- **For questions about your registration, including payment information, waitlist status, and refunds please email [pam.oves@natureforward.org](mailto:pam.oves@natureforward.org).**
- Camp Woodend is committed to providing the best possible camp experience for your child. For questions about the summer camp program, including camp-specific inquiries, accommodations for special needs, medical issues, and scholarship information, please email Denis Perez (Berry), the Camp Director, at [denis.perez@natureforward.org](mailto:denis.perez@natureforward.org). Please don't hesitate to email before registration begins.



## Payment and Confirmation Information

- Full payment with a credit card is due at the time of registration.
- **Membership fees, registration fees (\$5 per camp), and scholarship donations are non-refundable.**
- **You may register for a maximum of five weeks. Two-week sessions will not be pro-rated for one-week attendance.**
- **You may not enroll a non-family member/child's friend under your account.**
- No prorated rates are available.
- Full and partial scholarships are available. Please email [denis.perez@natureforward.org](mailto:denis.perez@natureforward.org) for more info.
- All camps have a five minute grace period and \$1/minute/child late fee thereafter for pick-up after 4:10 pm.

### WAITLISTS

Nature Forward provides a waitlist for full camps. **Waitlists are free.** If a spot opens up in a camp, we will contact you and you will have 48 hours to decline or accept the spot. If the spot is accepted, payment must be made in 48 hours or the spot is forfeited.

**NOTE:** There is always a chance that spots will open up in a camp, so we encourage anyone who has some flexibility in their schedule to join the waitlist. We have no way of predicting which camps will have space open up, but in our experience, many camps have at least one cancellation. Due to the number of children registered for waitlisted camps, we will only contact you if space becomes available.

**Your child cannot be enrolled in one session and waitlisted for the other concurrent session unless you want to pay the applicable cancellation fees if a spot opens up.**

### CONFIRMATION PACKETS

Your initial confirmation after you register online will come by email. We will **email** final confirmations including camp policies and carpool lists approximately 2 weeks prior to the start date for camps. **If you don't receive a confirmation email a few weeks before your child's camp begins, contact [pam.oves@natureforward.org](mailto:pam.oves@natureforward.org). Health forms will be emailed in April and must be returned at least one week before camp begins.**

**Note:** Children who do not attend a U.S. school will need an immunization certificate by the start date of their camp. A copy of a school immunization record or one from your child's doctor will suffice.

### REFUND POLICY BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 21, 2023

Your tuition is fully refundable less a \$25 cancellation fee per week (\$50 per two-week session), provided that you submit your cancellation request in writing to the Education Office. You may email your cancellation to [pam.oves@natureforward.org](mailto:pam.oves@natureforward.org).

### REFUND POLICY AFTER APRIL 21, 2023

Cancellations must be made in writing at least 10 working days before the first day of the camp in which your child is registered, in order to be eligible for a 50% refund less a \$25 cancellation fee per week (\$50 per two-week session). You may email your cancellation to [pam.oves@natureforward.org](mailto:pam.oves@natureforward.org).

### COVID-19 REFUND POLICY

If Nature Forward cancels your child's program due to COVID-19, you will receive a full refund for the missed days minus the \$5 registration fee, membership fees, and any scholarship donations. Should a camper need to miss camp due to a potential COVID-19 exposure in their household, no refund will be provided.

**There will be no refunds for cancellations made fewer than 10 business days before the camp's start date. There are no refunds for missed days of camp.**



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## Teen Naturalist Training (TNT) Program (9th/10th/11th Grade in Fall 2023)

8:30 am-4 pm

- Session 1: June 20-July 7 (\$475 members/\$645 nonmembers) no camp June 19 or July 4
- Session 2: July 10-28 (\$545 members/\$715 nonmembers)
- Session 3: July 31-August 18 (\$545 members/\$715 nonmembers)

### Teen Naturalist Training (TNT) Program

If you like getting muddy, singing camp songs, and teaching campers how to hold a frog, then we have the program for you - our teen naturalist training program! TNTs will be assigned to one camp each week where they will assist the teacher with games, crafts and hikes. TNTs can earn up to 105 SSL hours per session (91 hours for Session 1). TNTs may sign up for a second session if spaces are available..

Application is currently open at <https://forms.office.com/r/cwD1Mjv4MS>. Applications will be accepted through March 5, 2023 on a rolling basis. Once accepted, TNTs will register and pay through the camp registration system. **Note: Acceptance into the TNT program is dependent on an interview at the camp director's discretion.**