

# camp woodend

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2024 Nature  
Summer Camps  
For Grades K-9

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Woodend Nature Sanctuary, Chevy Chase, MD



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# Chevy Chase Camps (Woodend Sanctuary)

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Two-week sessions include a different theme each week.

Grade in Fall 2024

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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, and games
- **3:00** Return to Woodend
- **3:15** Reflections and Nature Journals
- **3:30** Game: Capture the Flag
- **3:45** Pick Up



## Birthday Parties at Woodend

Explore Woodend Nature Sanctuary with a naturalist for nature-themed activities and games all outdoors!

Learn more at [natureforward.org/birthday-parties](http://natureforward.org/birthday-parties)

ENJOY THE WONDERS OF WOODEND



# Days Off & Spring Break Camps

## MCPS Spring Break Camp Grades K-5

Monday, March 25-Thursday, March 28, 2024  
8:45 am – 3:00 pm  
Members \$370; nonmembers \$400  
Extended camp available until 5:00 pm for \$100

## Days Off Camps (Grades K-5)

Wednesday, April 10 (MCPS)  
8:45 am – 5:00 pm  
Members \$135, nonmembers \$155

Join us for outdoor adventures and nature exploration. Activities may include catching frogs in the pond, learning about pollinators in the meadow, games, and building forts. Come prepared to get dirty and have fun!



SCAN TO REGISTER

Questions? [denis.perez@natureforward.org](mailto:denis.perez@natureforward.org)  
Register at [natureforward.org/day-off-camps](http://natureforward.org/day-off-camps)



# Discovery Camp (K in Fall 2024)

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

(One-week Session)

8:45 am-2 pm

Session 1: June 17-21

(No camp Wednesday, June 19)

Members \$320; nonmembers \$405

Extended Camp available from 2-3:45 pm  
for \$108

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.

## Backyard Birds & Forest Friends

(Two-week Session)

8:45 am-2 pm

Session 2: June 24-July 5

(No camp Thursday, July 4)

Members \$715; nonmembers \$885

Extended Camp available from 2-3:45 pm  
for \$243

Session 6: August 5-16

Members \$790; nonmembers \$960

Extended Camp available from 2-3:45 pm  
for \$270

Robins, cardinals, chickadees, and woodpeckers are just some of the amazing birds that we'll be talking about (and seeing!) in this camp. We'll learn about what makes a bird a bird and observe local birds in their native habitats.



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.

## Dino Soar

(One-week session)

8:45 am-2 pm

Session 3: July 8-12

Members \$395; nonmembers \$480

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.

## Animals of Woodend & Bugs Galore

(Two-week session)

8:45 am-2 pm

Session 4: July 15-26

Members \$790; nonmembers \$960

Extended Camp available from 2-3:45 pm for \$270

In this camp, we'll learn all about what makes a bug a bug! We'll look for insects under logs and in the meadow and use magnifying glasses to study their similarities and differences.

Come learn about animals that live in the woods, meadow, and pond at Woodend. From worms to birds to frogs, we will observe and study various animals in their natural habitats at camp.

## Where the Wild Things Roam

(One-week session)

8:45 am-2 pm

Session 5: July 29-August 2

Members \$395; nonmembers \$480

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

Our tall forest, green meadows, and cool pond are just teeming with wildlife in the summer! From large bucks to tiny snails, campers will explore the multitudes of critters that make Woodend and Rock Creek their home.

# Exploration Camp (1st and 2nd Grade in Fall 2024)

8:45 am–3:45 pm

Extended Camp available until 5:00 pm

## Extreme Animals

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 1: June 17-21

(No camp Wednesday, June 19)

Members \$430; nonmembers \$515

Session 5: July 29-August 2

Members \$535; nonmembers \$620

Nature is full of wonder, beauty, and unbelievably extreme animals! In this camp we'll learn about the smartest, fastest, and deadliest animals out there and why they have evolved such special traits.

## Aventuras Acuáticas

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Bilingual English/Spanish

Session 1: June 17-21

(No camp Wednesday, June 19)

Members \$440; nonmembers \$525

Bilingual

Did you know that the water we drink today is the same dinosaurs drank? Explore the different forms that water takes through its journey around the planet and learn Spanish in the process. All kind of levels of Spanish are accepted.



## Habitat Hikers & Litter Critters

(Two-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 2: June 24-July 5

(No camp Thursday, July 4)

Members \$960; nonmembers \$1130

Session 6: August 5-16

Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235

Home to an amazing host of plants and animals, Rock Creek Park is a natural wonderland! During our explorations we'll discover how forest, meadow, and pond ecosystems are structured. By observing and interacting with wildlife and native plants, we'll develop our understanding of ecology and interrelationships.

In this camp, we'll explore the forest floor looking for creepy crawly insects, decomposers, arthropods, and other invertebrates! We will play games and make crafts to help us learn about the underworld of the forest and why it's so important.

## Science Sleuths & Planet Pals

(Two-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 2: June 24-July 5

(No camp Thursday, July 4)

Members \$960; nonmembers \$1130

Session 6: August 5-16

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.

Children can be environmentalists too! Recycling and composting will all make perfect sense at the end of this camp. We'll make crafts out of recycled materials, pick up trash at Rock Creek, and learn about how kids can make a difference and help their planet.



## Wildy Crafty

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 3: July 8-12

Members \$535; nonmembers \$620

Camp Woodend loves crafts! Get creative by being inspired by nature. Learn DIY projects using natural objects found at the Sanctuary.

## Cold Blooded Creatures

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 3: July 8-12

Members \$535; nonmembers \$620

Do you love reptiles, amphibians, and fish? Then this is the camp for you! We will focus on how these animals are alike and different, learn about their special needs, and compare them to their prehistoric ancestors.

## Backyard Bugs & Plantapalooza

(Two-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 4: July 15-26

Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235

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. Through our observations, we'll learn why there are more insects than humans and why they live almost everywhere on the planet.

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.



## Nature and the Imagination &

### Maryland Mammals

(Two-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 4: July 15-26

Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235

The natural world is a wonderful place to stretch the imagination. Campers will learn to express their creativity and inspirations through drawings, paintings, songs, and movement.

From the mountains to the floodplains, Maryland is home to thousands of mammals. We will learn about their adaptations, habitats, and behaviors. On our own sanctuary we will track raccoons, look for fox dens, and feed our flying squirrels.

## Wild at Heart

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 5: July 29-August 2

Members \$535; nonmembers \$620

Have you ever wondered why a dog buries its bone? In this camp we will explore some of our favorite domestic animals and their fascinating behaviors. We will learn about their different needs and see how some of our most beloved pets might still be wild at heart! During our outdoor investigations we will observe wild animals and compare their needs to their domestic relatives.

## 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 information.

# Investigation Camp (3rd and 4th Grade in Fall 2024)

## 8:45 am–3:45 pm

### Extended Camp available until 5:00 pm

#### Rock Creek Critters

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 1: June 17-21

(No camp Wednesday, June 19)

Members \$430; nonmembers \$515

Session 5: July 29-August 2

Members \$535; nonmembers \$620

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.

#### Craft Crazy

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 1: June 17-21

(No camp Wednesday, June 19)

Members \$430; nonmembers \$515

Session 5: July 29-August 2

Members \$535; nonmembers \$620

Embrace your creative side with this camp designed for all the crafters out there! Every day we will learn to make different crafts and we will incorporate nature objects into them.

### Extended Camp

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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 information.

#### Aquatic Odyssey & All About Birds

(Two-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 2: June 24-July 5

(No camp Thursday, July 4)

Members \$960; nonmembers \$1130

Session 6: August 5-16

Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235

Did you know that water is the basis for all life on earth? In this investigative camp, campers submerge themselves in the water cycle, aquatic ecosystems, and aquatic plants and animals. Then we will really get our hands wet as we explore our local pond and streams!

Take your bird knowledge to the next level! We will learn about the most common bird in our area, how to ID birds, and the strategies they use to eat, migrate, and survive.

#### STEAM Team & Scavenger Scheme

(Two-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 2: June 24-July 5

(No camp Thursday, July 4)

Members \$960; nonmembers \$1130

Session 6: August 5-16

Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math will be what this camp is all about. We'll do experiments, learn how solar panels work, and discover art in nature. Get ready to think, build, and test your critical thinking skills!

What do crabs, vultures, and hyenas have in common? They are all scavengers. Enter the world of scavengers and learn about why they are important for the environment and their strategies to get their food.



## Fossil Hunters

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 3: July 8-12

Members \$535; nonmembers \$620

Join us as we learn about fossils, the creatures that made them, and why they are so important. We'll go fossil hunting and make our own fossils to take home.

## Mythical Creatures

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 3: July 8-12

Members \$535; nonmembers \$620

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.

## Nighttime Flyers & Radical Reptiles

(Two-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 4: July 15-26

Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235

Get ready to delve deep into caves with bats and fly high in the sky with owls as we discover fun facts about nighttime flyers. We'll learn how bats use echolocation, why moths are attracted to your porch light, and set up a trail camera to track our nocturnal visitors.

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.



## Slugs to Bugs & Animal Clues

(Two-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 4: July 15-26

Members \$1065; nonmembers \$1235

Do you get excited about slime and the creepy crawly things that live under logs? Then this is the camp for you! Beetles, slugs, and centipedes are just a few animals we'll get to find and study up close in this camp.

While some animals may elude a hopeful observer, they always leave physical signs behind. Follow deer paths, examine plants for wildlife activity, hone listening skills, and practice tracking local fauna in this camp perfect for animal lovers.



# Pre-Teen Camps (5th–6th Grade in Fall 2024)

## 8:45 am–3:45 pm

### Extended Camp available until 5:00 pm

#### Planet Partners

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 1: June 17-21

(No camp Wednesday, June 19)

Members \$470; nonmembers \$555

Day Camp at Woodend—one day of traveling to a recycling plant.

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

#### Rock Creek Rescue & Outdoor Adventures

(Two-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 2: June 24–July 5

(No camp Thursday, July 4)

Members \$1010; nonmembers \$1180

Session 6: August 5-16

Members \$1110; nonmembers \$1280

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.

#### Archeology Camp

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 2: June 24-28

Members \$590; nonmembers \$675

Day Camp at Woodend—one day of traveling. Learn about the history of Woodend and the area by conducting an on-site dig like a real archeologist! Plus examine artifacts from the 1800s, meet a REAL archeologist, and visit a local museum located on an actual dig site.

#### Outdoor Skills

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 3: July 8-12

Members \$615; nonmembers \$700

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. We'll also explore some fun local hiking spots. Then on Thursday night we will put our skills to the test with a campout at Woodend.



## Outdoor Skills & Animal Keepers

(Two-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 4: July 15-26

Members \$1110; nonmembers \$1280

Day Camp at Woodend—one day of traveling and one campout 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. We'll also explore some fun local hiking spots. Then on Thursday night we will put our skills to the test with a campout at Woodend.

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.

## Farm to Table

(One-week session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 4: July 15-19

Members \$615; nonmembers \$700

Traveling day camp based at Woodend.

Dust off those hats and hiking boots for an adventure into the farms of Maryland. Experience a real working organic farm, pick your own fruits and veggies, meet farm animals, and find out where the food on your table comes from. We will visit three local farms and gardens and make some delicious food from our own Children's Garden.

## 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.

## Bay Quest

(One-week session)

9 am-4 pm

Session 5: July 29-August 2

Members \$730; nonmembers \$815

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

(One-Week Session)

8:45 am-3:45 pm

Session 5: July 29-August 2

Members \$555; nonmembers \$640

Day camp based at Woodend—no traveling.

In this camp we will learn about edible wild plants, sustainable farming, and how to care for a garden. We will plant and pick in the learning 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 2024)

9:00 am–4:00 pm  
No Extended Camp available

## Wilderness Skills

(One-week session)

9 am–4 pm

Session 1: June 17–21

(No camp Wednesday, June 19)

Members \$570; nonmembers \$655

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 other survival techniques. On Thursday we'll head to a Maryland State Park for a campout and return on Friday afternoon.

## Green Team

(One-week Session)

9 am–4 pm

Session 3: July 8–12

Members \$615; nonmembers \$700

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.



## Advanced Bay Quest

(One-week session)

9 am–4 pm

Session 5: July 29–August 2

Members \$865; nonmembers \$950

M–F are overnight days at Echo Hill Outdoor School. We will 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.

## Outdoor Explorers

(One-week session)

9 am–4 pm

Session 6: August 5–9

Members \$645; nonmembers \$730

Traveling day camp based at Woodend. Join our club and check out some of the best outdoor activities in the DC region! We'll hike at local state parks, challenge ourselves at a ropes course, and more. Along the way, we'll learn about local plants and animals and play team building games.

## Top Chef

(One-week session)

9 am–4 pm

Session 6: August 12–16

Members \$555; nonmembers \$640

Day camp based at Woodend—no traveling. Throughout the week, our chefs will take on different cooking challenges featuring local produce. We'll learn new culinary techniques, visit our local farm stand, and spend some time tending to our learning garden.

# Camp Woodend Values

Nature Forward is committed to creating a larger and more diverse community of people who treasure the natural world and work to preserve it. We believe that inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility are essential to that mission.

Every child deserves to enjoy a safe and welcoming environment at camp. Children are expected to follow the 5 Camp Woodend Rules: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Kind, and Have Fun. This includes interacting respectfully with people from cultures or belief systems different from their own and refraining from bullying or intimidation.

Inappropriate or unsafe behavior, as determined by the camp staff or Director, may result in any or all of the following actions:

- Camper will be given a reminder of the rules and redirected towards more appropriate behavior.
- Camper will be given reasonable choices to modify behavior.
- Camper will take a supervised “cooling off” period away from the group.
- The camp director or the assistant camp director will meet with the child.
- Parental notification.
- Partial or total suspension of the child from camp.

# 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.

# 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 for Grades 1-6. 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)

- Session 1: \$108
- Session 2: \$243
- Session 3: \$135
- Session 4: \$270
- Session 5: \$135
- Session 6: \$270

## 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 Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 10 am for Nature Forward (formerly ANS) members. You can become a Nature Forward member when you register for camp on January 25. Simply pick the member rate and add a family membership to your cart. If you register on January 25 and are not a member we will charge a \$65 family membership to your account after we check membership records. Nonmembers can register on January 26.

### 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.

## Wellness and Covid

**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. Camp Woodend follows MCPS policies and CDC guidelines for masking, isolation, testing, and other recommendations. 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 for Grades 1-6. 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 inquires, 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 or 5 pm for Extended Camp grades 1-6.

## 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 must be completed one month before camp begins.****

**Note: Children who do not attend a US 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 19, 2024

Your tuition is fully refundable less a \$50 cancellation fee per week (\$100 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 19, 2024

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 \$50 cancellation fee per week (\$100 per two-week session). You may email your cancellation to [pam.oves@natureforward.org](mailto:pam.oves@natureforward.org).

If Nature Forward cancels all or part of your child's program for any reason, you will receive a full refund for the missed days minus the \$5 registration fee, membership fees, and any scholarship donations.

**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 2024)

8:30 am–4 pm

- **Session 1: June 17–July 5 (\$475 members/\$645 nonmembers) no camp June 19 or July 4**
- **Session 2: July 8–26 (\$545 members/\$715 nonmembers)**
- **Session 3: July 29–August 16 (\$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, 2024 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.