

2022 SUMMER DAY CAMP



HOW TO REGISTER

Follow the step by step instructions below to sign up for summer camp. If you have questions, contact us at (616) 735-6240 ext. 105 or camp@blandfordnaturecenter.org.

1 Pick your camper's age group using the chart to the right.

2 Review this brochure and select which camp session(s) work best for your child's schedule and interest. For your convenience, all camp programs are organized by age group.

3 Log onto our website at blandfordnaturecenter.org/seasonal-camps to register and pay for your selected camps session(s). Click on the applicable age group to enter our online registration program. Find the session, click on the "Register" button and complete registration.

4 Watch your email for purchase confirmation. Your child will be enrolled once we have received your completed online registration and payment.

CAMP GROUP	AGES	TIME	COST/WEEKLY SESSION*
Camp Warm Up	4-12	8-9AM	\$20 Members \$40 Non-members
Camp Cool Down	6-12	4-5:15PM	\$20 Members \$40 Non-members
● Nature Buds	4-5	9AM-12PM	\$90 Members \$110 Non-members
○ Wild Sprouts	6-7	9AM-4PM	\$180 Members \$220 Non-members
➤ Trail Blazers	8-9	9AM-4PM	\$180 Members \$220 Non-members
◆ Outdoor Explorers	10-12	9AM-4PM	\$180 Members \$220 Non-members
★ Specialty Camps	6-12	9AM-4PM	\$200 Members \$240 Non-Members

*EACH SESSION IS PURCHASED AS A WEEKLY CAMP

Please keep in mind that memberships must be valid through the dates of your camp(s) in order to receive member pricing and priority registration.

One week prior to each session that you have registered for, you will receive a camp information email including session information and camp preparation tips to best prepare your camper for their adventure!

CAN'T REGISTER ONLINE?

Contact our Camp Manager at camp@blandfordnaturecenter.org or call (616) 735-6240 ext. 105 to request a form be emailed to you or set up a time to pick up and drop off paper registration at our Visitor Center.

CAMP CANCELLATION POLICY

Notice must be received **AT LEAST 14 BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE** the scheduled camp session to receive a full refund.

*In the case of camper or household Covid-19 exposure/symptoms, cancellation policy does not apply. Contact our Camp Manager at camp@blandfordnaturecenter.org for questions or to give notice.



CAMP WARM UP & COOL DOWN

Advanced registration is required for both Camp Warm Up and Cool Down which can be purchased together or separately during camp registration. Members and non-members will receive a 15% discount when purchasing Camp Warm Up and Cool Down within one transaction.

CAMP WARM UP

Ages 4-12

Campers can be dropped off one hour early to accommodate working parents' schedules. Campers can gently ease into the day of camp with quiet activities, stories, and music. Camp Warm Up is available to all campers and will run from 8-9 am.

CAMP COOL DOWN

Ages 6-12

Your camper will have the ability to unwind from a full day of action packed activities in a relaxed, quiet atmosphere. Campers will read stories and play games while you enjoy the extra hour of time! Camp Cool Down is for full day campers only and will run from 4-5:15 pm.

CAMPERSHIPS & DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Due to the generosity of our donors, we are able to offer a limited number of Camperships and Diversity Scholarships.

Camperships are available for campers who might otherwise not have the means to go to camp.

Diversity Scholarships are part of our efforts to make our camp a more representative picture of the diverse Grand Rapids community. Our mission is to engage and empower **ALL** our community in enriching experiences in nature, so we have set aside funds to cover the cost of camp for a limited number of campers of a diverse background.

Interested in applying for a Campership or Diversity Scholarship? Visit our website at blandfordnaturecenter.org for more information.



WEEK 1: JUNE 13-17

NATURE BUDS

Ages 4-5



Little Blandford Safari

Hop like a toad, walk like a fox, and run like a deer as we explore the habitats of Blandford! We'll search high and low through forest, meadow, and stream and use scientific tools to discover animals large and small. Find your wild side as we discover the natural world around us!

WILD SPROUTS

Ages 6-7



Marsh Madness

Have you ever wondered what critters live inside the murky waters of the marsh? We'll use nets, buckets, magnifiers, and our curiosity to explore the waters of Blandford and the creatures that call them home.

Nature Art

Making art comes naturally! Budding artists will find materials as well as inspiration as we traverse forest, stream, and meadow. Using a variety of natural and traditional media, campers will create art fit for gallery walls and forest floors. Camper artworks will be on exhibit for family and friends during our Friday Art Show.

Feathery Friends

Binoculars up! We're going on a bird hike like no other, searching for songbirds, raptors, waterfowl and more! We'll create egg-cellent art, explore the forests and meadows in search for flighted friends, and collect data for real ornithologists as we learn about this amazing class of animals.

Camp Classic

From creek to farm to schoolyard, explore Blandford's favorite games, hikes, and animals! Whether you are a returning camper, or a first-timer learning what Blandford Summer Camp has to offer, this camp will be packed full of fun!

TRAIL BLAZERS

Ages 8-9



Farmyard Friends

Serious animal lovers and farm fans come together to care for the resident Blandford Farm animals! We'll spend time learning about the livestock, what they need to stay healthy, and what they provide for us. Campers will also pitch in to feed, exercise, and entertain the goats, sheep, and chickens.

Hooray for Herptiles

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Wild Culinary Adventures ★

Come along on an edible adventure -- harvesting garden veggies, discovering wild forest foods, and creating deliciously healthy snacks! Along the way, we'll practice basic culinary skills like reading a recipe, dicing, and measuring ingredients. Campers will put these skills into action when they recreate our recipes from this week on their own on Thursday.

Outdoor Explorers

Ages 10-12



Fort Building

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Cycles of the Farm

Life on the farm awaits! We'll nurture a love of farming through hands-on life in our gardens and animal barns. Roll up your sleeves and get ready to explore the path our food takes from seed to plate as well as assist in taking care of Blandford's resident farm animals.

WEEK 2: JUNE 20-24

NATURE BUDS

Ages 4-5



Adventures at Polliwog Pond

Have you ever wondered what critters live inside the murky waters of a marsh or wanted to hop with frogs around a pond? We'll use nets, buckets, magnifiers, and our curiosity to explore the waters of Blandford and the creatures that call them home.

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Let's get to know the animals at Blandford Farm! We'll work to keep the Blandford livestock happy and healthy and learn how to feed, clean, and entertain goats, chickens, and sheep. Grow and harvest food for our animals and become a Blandford farmer for a week as we learn and play at the farm!

Nature Play

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Ecosystem Explorers

Harness the energy of the sun, discover the importance of plants, experience what it's like to be a predator or prey, and dig in the mud while looking for decomposers! Campers will experience all of this and more as they spend the week learning about how different Michigan organisms fit into the food web.

Wildlife Helpers ★

Michigan is home to a wondrous variety of wildlife that need your help! Campers will create special items to help the wildlife in their backyard, go on adventures to explore habitat diversity, and go behind the scenes with our wildlife staff to prepare food and enrichment items for our permanent residents.



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WEEK 3: JUNE 27-JULY 1

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Dino Stomp

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Aqua Explorers

As summer gets warmer, let's cool down at the edge of the water! Prepare to get wet as we explore the marsh, pond and creek, look for water creatures, conduct water experiments, and discover the fun of H2O!

Fairy Tales

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WEEK 4: TAKE A BREAK

WEEK 5: JULY 11-15

NATURE BUDS

Ages 4-5



Mornings at the Farm

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Game Makers

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Nature Photography ★

Do you have an eye for the unique beauty that abounds in nature? Do you want to try your hand at special techniques and tools to help you get a different perspective? From close-ups of forest structures to framing a landscape shot, we'll practice capturing the essence of the world around us through the camera's lens. We will even try making our own cameras this week!

WEEK 6: JULY 18-22

NATURE BUDS

Ages 4-5



Insect Investigators

Let's explore the smaller side of the animal kingdom! Our buggy adventures will have us netting butterflies in the meadow and finding beetles under logs. Live your best six-legged life as we learn what makes insects so special!

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Farm Fairytales

Lots of our favorite fairy tales include farm plants and animals! Find out what's landing on Chicken Little's head, discover what lies at the top of a beanstalk, and search for the goose that lays the golden egg! Imaginative play will take us to the farm and beyond in search of adventure.

Gross Nature

Investigate creepy-crawly creatures, muddy marshes, and wondrous woods at Blandford. Campers will be getting dirty as we play in mud, search under logs, and seek out the weirdest fungi, plants, and animals.

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Ages 8-9



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Wild Wizarding Wonders ★

Have you ever felt like there is a whole magical world hidden all around us? Campers will put their extraordinary imaginations to the test as they practice their wand-dueling skills, care for magical creatures, play quidditch, and explore Blandford's enchanted forest. Muggle campers will leave this camp as talented wizards and witches after completing a magical quest.

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WEEK 7: JULY 25-29

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WILD SPROUTS

Ages 6-7



Dino Stomp

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Forest Forensics

Investigation is our middle name, and detection is how we play this game! The week will be full of Blandford mysteries and cases for our campers to crack. By the end of the week, we will have earned our badge in forest forensics, discovered a mysterious new species, and solved a few of the great mysteries of the Blandford woods.

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Farm to Table ★

Have you ever wondered where the foods we eat come from before we buy them at the store? During this culinary adventure at the farm, campers will learn how fruits, veggies and herbs grow, and we'll harvest some of these foods and prepare them for eating. Get ready to roll up your sleeves to work in the garden and learn basic cooking skills. We will get a chance to taste the results of our hard work!

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Wildlife Caretakers ★

Caring for Blandford's Wildlife Ambassadors isn't all turtle walks and bunny cuddles; you've got to have the grit for dirty jobs! Campers will have the special opportunity to help the wildlife staff with daily responsibilities as well as design projects to enrich the wildlife. If you loved Wildlife Helpers, take your skills to the next level!



WEEK 8: AUGUST 1-5

NATURE BUDS

Ages 4-5



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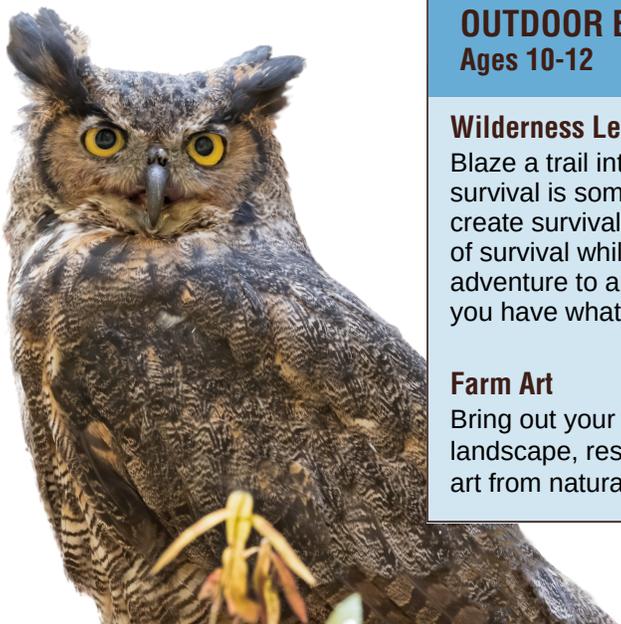


Wilderness Scouts

It takes hard work and determination to become a true Wilderness Scout! Together we will practice survival techniques, bond through team-building challenges, and learn to respect nature and each other. The week will end with a long hike that will test our knowledge and preparedness. If we master these survival skills, we will be ready to take it to the next level and become Wilderness Leaders!

Farm Art

Bring out your inner artist at the Blandford Farm! We'll find inspiration in our farm landscape, resident animals, and famous works of art through the ages. We'll create art from natural materials and show off our final products at our Farm Art Exhibition.



OUTDOOR EXPLORERS

Ages 10-12



Wilderness Leaders ★

Blaze a trail into the great outdoors! Wilderness leaders know that wilderness survival is something that takes preparation, patience, and practice. This week, we'll create survival kits, bond through team-building challenges, and practice the basics of survival while learning respect towards nature. The week will end with an adventure to a local natural area to test our knowledge and preparedness. See if you have what it takes to become one of the few, the wild: the wilderness leaders.

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WEEK 10: AUGUST 15-19

NATURE BUDS Ages 4-5

Fantastic Forts

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Farm Fort Building

All the fun of forts, but now at the Farm! This week we will be using some of our less utilized fort building spaces to create new and exciting builds. Using the farm as our home base, a new twist on a classic camp is sure to be fun!

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BE A SUMMER CAMP AIDE

Summer Camp Aides are an integral part of Blandford Nature Center's summer camp team! Camp Aides are teens ages 13-18 who assist Summer Camp Educators in educational, fun, and safe camp experience for all BNC campers. Aides provide supplemental supervision, lead games and activities, assist at lunchtime, maintain program spaces, and mentor campers. Through volunteering and leadership training, Camp Aides gain valuable job experience, learn leadership skills, develop new friendships, stay active, and have fun!

Whether you're a new camp aide or a seasoned veteran, one of the first steps in becoming a 2021 Camp Aide is completing an online form! The Camp Aide Form will be available **February 7th, 2022** and can be found under the 2021 Summer Day Camp tab on our website.

Camp Aide Forms need to be submitted by May 5th, 2022.

Everyone submitting by May 5th will receive information and camp assignments on May 16th. Applications received after May 5th will be considered on a rolling basis.

- Spend 1-4 weeks of your summer outdoors!
- Share your love of the environment with campers ages 4-12!
- Learn valuable leadership skills!
- Earn up to 35 community service hours a week!



NEW VETERAN CAMP AIDE OPPORTUNITY

If you have volunteered as a camp aide before and are 16 years of age or older, you could apply to our new **Senior Camp Aide Internship!** Our Senior Camp Aide will assist Camp Educators in the creation, implementation, and leading of outdoor summer day camp activities using environmental education/recreation curriculum for children ages 4-12 years old. This internship may also assist in mentoring, supervising, and coaching new camp aides in youth development best practices. This internship is 30-40 hours per week from June 6th-August 19th and will be paid a total stipend of \$2,500. If you're interested in more information or are looking to apply, please email your inquiry or cover letter and resume to our Camp Manager at camp@blandfordnaturecenter.org.

BECOME A MEMBER

Get discounted pricing, early registration, and more!

Blandford Nature Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with the goal of providing a place for our community to enjoy, explore, and learn in nature. Blandford offers a wide variety of experiences to support our mission and vision through dynamic partnerships and innovative programming for all ages. We have been a resource to the West Michigan community for more than 50 years and we hope to continue providing a safe space in nature for all to enjoy for years to come.

Will you join us in our mission and become a member today? For more membership information, visit: blandfordnaturecenter.org/membership

Membership Levels

Family Membership | \$70

Admission for 2 cardholders and dependents under 18 living in the same household

Grandparent Membership | \$70

Admission for 2 cardholders and their grandchildren (when accompanied by a cardholder)

Friend Membership | \$100

Admission for 2 cardholders and any 4 guests of any age each visit (when accompanied by a cardholder)

Add a Guest to a Membership | \$15

Adding a guest allows you to bring an additional person with you each time you visit Blandford!

Add a Caregiver to a Membership | \$20

Adding a caregiver to your membership allows a named family caregiver (nanny, babysitter, etc.) to bring the named children on a Family Membership without the card-holding members present.



Basic membership benefits included in all options:

- FREE year-round admission to Blandford Nature Center
- Reciprocal admission at more than 125 participating ANCA nature centers nationwide
- Discounted pricing for Community Programs & Events, Gift Shop purchases, and Wildlife Care Experiences
- Early & discounted registration for Farm CSA program
- Early & discounted registration for Blandford Summer Camp
- FREE snowshoe rental (subject to availability)





Additional Opportunities

Community Supported Agriculture

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between community members who prefer locally-grown food and the farmers that grow it. CSA members support and invest in the farm by purchasing a “share” of the harvest that they can pick up weekly. Blandford members receive early registration and discounted pricing! To sign-up for a CSA share or learn more, visit our website at: www.blandfordnaturecenter.org

Summer Shares

Indulge in 20 weeks of fresh, naturally-grown seasonal veggies!

Flower Shares

Sign up for 10 weeks of gorgeous flowers! Members will receive a weekly bouquet including seasonal flowers.

Herb Shares

Enjoy 10 weeks of fresh herbs! Share members will get their choice of four herb bunches.



Community & Wildlife Programs

Join us for hands-on activities, games, wildlife introductions, and learning in nature! We offer a variety of family-friendly and adult-only programs that are both educational and fun. Check our Community Calendar to see what programs and events are happening at Blandford this season by visiting our website at: www.blandfordnaturecenter.org





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