2023 Summer Day Camp
at Blandford Nature Center

FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-12
WEEKLY CAMPS
JUNE 12-AUG 18

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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CAMPERSHIPS & DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

We are able to offer a limited number of Camperships and Diversity Scholarships!

Camperships are available for campers who may 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 of 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.

Applications for our Campership and Diversity Scholarship programs will open on Monday, January 2nd. Please keep in mind that availability of both camps and scholarships are limited, and acceptance and processing are time-sensitive! Visit our website for more information and to apply for a Campership or Diversity Scholarship at: www.blandfordnaturecenter.org

THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 SUMMER DAY CAMP SPONSORS!
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 camp activities. Blandford Camp 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, develop leadership skills, stay active, and have fun with friends!

Whether you are new to Blandford or you're a seasoned veteran, one of the first steps in becoming a Camp Aide is completing an online form. The Camp Aide Form can be found under the 2023 Summer Day Camp tab on our website and will be available beginning Monday, January 2nd. Camp Aide Forms need to be submitted by Friday, May 5th. 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!

SENIOR CAMP AIDE INTERNSHIP

If you have volunteered as a camp aide before and are 16 years of age or older, you can apply for our 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 curricula 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 12th-August 18th with mandatory training occurring June 5th-9th 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.
CAMP WARM UP & COOL DOWN

Do our drop-off and pick-up times conflict with your work schedule? Check out our Camp Warm Up and Camp Cool Down add-ons!

With Camp Warm Up, campers can be dropped off one hour earlier than normal. Campers can gently ease into the day of camp with quiet activities, stories, and music. This add-on is available to all campers and will run from 8-9 am. During Camp Cool Down, campers will unwind with stories and games while you enjoy an extra hour of time before pick-up. This add-on is for full day campers only and will run from 4-5:15 pm.

Advanced registration is required for both Camp Warm Up and Cool Down. They can be purchased together or separately during camp registration.

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REGISTRATION

Follow the step by step instructions below to register your child for 2023 Summer Day Camp:

1. Pick your camper’s age group using the chart to the left.

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. Visit our website 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 the registration.

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

5. Look for another email one week prior to each session that you have registered for. This will contain important camp details 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 to request a form be emailed to you, or pick-up and drop-off paper registration at our Visitor Center during our business hours Monday-Friday from 9 am-5 pm.

NEW! CAMP CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Each individual camp sessions will have a $30 non-refundable deposit which covers the cost of internal processing fees. Refunds will be processed as follows:

- Registrants who cancel more than 30 days before their camp session start date will receive a full refund, minus the $30 deposit.
- Registrants who cancel 14 to 29 days before their camp session start date will receive a 50% refund of the session cost, minus the $30 deposit.
- Registrants who cancel within two weeks of their session will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis:
  - Cancellations due to camper illness, injury, or other emergency will require a physician’s written verification before a refund, minus the $30 deposit, will be issued.
  - Cancellations due to personal reasons will not be refunded.
  - No-shows without prior communication will not be refunded.
  - Session fees will not be refunded if a camper is sent home due to behavioral or health issues.
- If camp groups or sessions are canceled due to COVID-19 or other circumstances beyond our control for 3 or more days, registrants will receive a 50% refund of the session cost, minus the $30 deposit.

Questions about our camp registration or cancellation policy?
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WEEK 1: JUNE 12 - 16

● NATURE BUDS | AGES 4-5

Dino Stomp
It’s time for a dinosaur dance! Experience life as herbivorous and carnivorous dinos, discover the ancient tropical habitats they called home, and go on a dinosaur dig to learn about life long ago!

● WILD SPROUTS | AGES 6-7

Fort Building
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Farm Fairy Tales
Lots of our favorite fairy tales include farm animals and plants! 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.

Hooray for Herptiles
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● TRAIL BLAZERS | AGES 8-9

Marsh Madness
Have you ever wondered what things live below the murky waters of the marsh? We’ll use special tools and skills to explore Blandford’s marsh and discover the many organisms who call it home! We’ll get our splash on with animal searches near and far from the pond, and get our hop on with fun froggy games too!

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.

Animal Instincts
Animal survival depends on strength, stealth, and speed! This week, we will build these skills for ourselves as we explore the many ecosystems of Blandford. Camouflage, animal yoga, fox walking, and turtle sprints will help us practice our animal instincts in the wild!

Nature Art ★
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● OUTDOOR EXPLORERS | AGES 10-12

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!

Camp Classic
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WEEK 2: JUNE 19 - 23

NATURE BUDS | AGES 4-5

Mornings at the Farm
Farm life is the life for me! Our youngest farmers will help grow and harvest food in the Children’s Garden, feed friendly chickens, and play goat games as we learn all about life on the Blandford Farm. As the sun helps our crops to grow, we’ll learn about what plants and animals need to survive and even try our hands at using small farm tools.

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Nature Play
Outdoors is the best place to play! Will you be the fastest frog in the pond, the silliest salamander under the log, or the most creative bug in the meadow? We’ll play the animal way, creating new games, exploring different habitats, and having all kinds of fun in the sun!

Big 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 trek further into the natural world around us!

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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.

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WEEK 3: JUNE 26 - 30

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.

WILD SPROUTS | AGES 6-7

Farm Olympics ★
Get ready to run, jump, toss and tumble through the week as we create and compete in the Second Annual Blandford Summer Camp Farm Olympics! Individuals and teams will create fun obstacle courses, events, and races to test themselves amongst the plants and animals on the farm. You need not be the fastest or most flexible; there will be fun events for everyone!

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Have you ever wondered what things live below 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. We'll get our splash on with a frog search near the pond and get our hop on with fun froggy games too!

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

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Cycles of the Farm
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Game Makers
We're breaking out our big book of fun and games! Join us for a week of scavenger hunts, trail games, and team-building challenges as we find fun in unexpected places. Try your hand at art projects with a twist, and trek out to some of the farthest points at Blandford as we test out new camp games created by you!

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Wild Wizarding Wonders ★
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WEEK 4: NO CAMP JULY 3-7
WEEK 5: JULY 10 - 14

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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!

**Wildlife Helpers ★**
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WEEK 6: JULY 17 - 21

**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!

**WILD SPROUTS | AGES 6-7**

**Nature’s Magic**
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**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.

**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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**Nature Photography ★**
Do you have an eye for the unique beauty that others miss in nature? Do you want to try your hand at special techniques and tools to help you get a different perspective? From close-ups in the forest 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!

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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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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. If we master these survival skills, we will be ready to take it to the next level and become Wilderness Leaders!

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Wilderness Leaders ★
Blaze a trail into the great outdoors! Wilderness survival is something that takes preparation, patience and practice. We’ll create survival kits, bond through team-building challenges, practice the basics of survival, and learn ways to respect 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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**Wild Sprouts | AGES 6-7**

**Fairy Tales**
See the Blandford woods through the eyes of your favorite fairy tales: walk through the woods like Little Red Riding Hood, build homes for fairies and trolls, and discover what’s at the top of the beanstalk. Fairy tales awaken the most wonderful parts of our imaginations, and combined with nature play, this makes for a week of never-ending stories and lasting memories.

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**Trail Blazers | AGES 8-9**

**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.

**Camp Classic**
Come explore nature at Blandford and have a blast! From creek to farm, we’ll get to meet Blandford’s ambassador animals, create art, build forts, and much more! 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!

**Outdoor Explorers | AGES 10-12**

**Nature Photography ★**
Do you have an eye for the unique beauty that others miss in nature? Do you want to try your hand at special techniques and tools to help you get a different perspective? From close-ups in the forest to framing a landscape shot, we’ll practice capturing the essence of the world around us through the camera’s lens. We’ll even try making our own cameras and learn how the sun can create an image for us!

**Nature Art ★**
From the biggest landscapes to the smallest insects, nature has always inspired artists. This week campers will draw inspiration from the nature around them and explore a variety of media, both natural and traditional, to create works of art fit for gallery walls. The week will conclude with an art show to share our creations with family and friends.
WEEK 10: AUGUST 14 - 18

● NATURE BUDS | AGES 4-5

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.

● WILD SPROUTS | AGES 6-7

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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.

➢ TRAIL BLAZERS | AGES 8-9

Game Makers
We’re breaking out our big book of fun and games! Join us for a week of scavenger hunts, trail games, and team-building challenges as we find fun in unexpected places. Try your hand at these art projects with a twist and trek out to some of the farthest points at Blandford as we test out new camp games created by you!

Animal Instincts
Animal survival depends on strength, stealth, and speed! This week, we will build these skills for ourselves as we explore the many ecosystems of Blandford. Camouflage, animal yoga, fox walking, and turtle sprints will help us practice our animal instincts in the wild!

◆ OUTDOOR EXPLORERS | AGES 10-12

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!

Fort Building
A camp favorite: Grab some sticks and your imagination, it’s time to build a fort! Come to Blandford and venture into the woods to create human-sized habitats for dwelling & defense from the elements. Learn proper structure and function of fortress foundations as well as ways to ensure our time in the woods is warm, dry, and as fun as can be!
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. We offer a wide variety of experiences to support our mission through 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.

Support our mission and become a member today! For more membership information, visit our website at: blandfordnaturecenter.org

**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:**

- 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 Summer Day Camp
- FREE snowshoe rentals

**NEW! MEMBERSHIP LEVEL PRICING:**

**Family Membership | $80**
Admission for 2 cardholders and dependents under 18 living in the same household

**Grandparent Membership | $80**
Admission for 2 cardholders and their grandchildren (when accompanied by a cardholder)

**Friend Membership | $110**
Admission for 2 cardholders and any 4 guests of any age (when accompanied by a cardholder)

**Add a Guest | $15**
Adding a guest allows you to bring an additional person with you each time you visit

**Add a Caregiver | $20**
Adding a caregiver allows a named person (nanny, babysitter, etc.) to bring the dependents listed on a Family Membership without the cardholder(s) present

Our new membership prices will take effect on February 1, 2023. Visit our website for more information!
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
Enjoy 20 weeks of fresh, naturally-grown seasonal vegetables! Half and full shares are available.

Flower Shares
Enjoy 10 weeks of gorgeous flowers! Members will receive a weekly bouquet including seasonal flowers.

Herb Shares
Enjoy 10 weeks of delicious herbs! Members will receive 4 bunches of fresh herbs.

Wildlife Care Experiences are a fun, hands-on way to explore the world of wildlife care! Participants will get a chance to assist with the daily tasks of a Blandford wildlife technician, including feeding of the animals.

1 Hour Option
$50 Members / $60 Non-members
+ $25 for each extra observer

What’s Included:
- One hour filled with hands-on experiences
- A behind the scenes tour of the Wildlife Department
- Participation in the feeding of the animals
- A photo opportunity with a wildlife ambassador of your choice
- A Blandford vintage logo sticker

2 Hour Option
$100 Members / $120 Non-members
+ $50 for each extra observer
+ $100 for 1 extra participant

What’s Included:
- Two hours filled with hands-on experiences
- A behind the scenes tour of the Wildlife Department
- Participation in the feeding of the animals
- A screen-printed Blandford t-shirt
- A photo opportunity with a wildlife ambassador of your choice
- A Blandford vintage logo sticker

To schedule a Wildlife Care Experience, contact us at registrar@blandfordnaturecenter.org or call (616) 735-6240 ext. 101.
Community Programs & Events

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2023 EVENTS!

- Snowshoe with Your Sweetie ...... February 11th & 18th | 6-7:30 pm
- Sugarbush Festival ..................... March 25th | 10 am – 2 pm
- Eggcellent Egg Hunt ..................... April 8th | 10 – 11 am
- Earth Day Celebration ................ April 22nd | 10 am – 2 pm
- Spring Nature Makers Market ..... April 8th | 10 - 11 am
- Log Cabin Day ......................... May 6th | 9 am – 3 pm
- Firefly Festival ......................... May 6th | 9 am – 3 pm
- Bands at Blandford .................. June 24th | 10 am – 2 pm
- Blandford Barn Dance ............... June 24th | 10 am – 2 pm
- Harvest Festival ....................... July 12th | 8 – 10 pm
- Wizards, Witches, & Owls ........... August 19th | 6:30 – 9 pm
- Halloween Hunt ....................... September 16th | 7 – 9 pm
- Fall Nature Makers Market .......... October 7th | 10 am – 2 pm
- Winter Solstice Celebration ........ October 27th | 6 – 9 pm
- Halloween Hunt ....................... October 28th | 10 am – 4 pm
- Fall Nature Makers Market .......... November 11th | 9 am – 3 pm
- Winter Solstice Celebration ........ December 16th | 1 – 3 pm