

# Summer Nature DAY CAMPS

June 17 to August 23, 2024

Monday through Friday • 9:00 am–3:30 pm

## Our Camp is proud to be...

- Maryland Youth Camp Certified
- An Educational Partner with the Howard County Public School System

The Howard County Conservancy is a nonprofit environmental education center located on 232 acres of rolling hills in Woodstock. The Conservancy has been educating youth since 1997, and has been an Educational Partner with the Howard County Public School System since 2003. We reach more than 25,000 children each year through nature field trips, School's Out programs, nature preschool and more.

## Conservancy Nature Camps

This summer, we are celebrating **Our Natural World!** Armed with boundless creativity and curiosity, our campers will explore habitats, engineer devices to solve environmental challenges, and connect to nature through immersive games, hikes, crafts, and STEAM challenges. Our outdoor classrooms will encourage integration of technology and traditional outdoor skills. What wonders of **Our Natural World** will your child discover?

Nature camp runs from 9:00 am–3:30 pm with before care and after care options available. Campers must be between the ages of 5–12. Cost is \$365 per session. Sign your child up for one or more sessions!

- Hundreds of acres and miles of hiking trails
- Streams, forests, and grasslands
- Small group sizes



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For more information, FAQs,  
STEM Missions of the Week and to register visit:

[www.howardnature.org/camp](http://www.howardnature.org/camp)

email [camp@howardnature.org](mailto:camp@howardnature.org)

or call 410-465-8877

## Nature Camp Mission

The Conservancy's camps are designed to nurture respect for the natural world, increase awareness of environmental issues and instill a sense of stewardship. Campers will hike, explore the landscape, play nature games and create earth friendly arts and crafts!

The Conservancy's Mt. Pleasant location is just 15 minutes from Columbia. Camps are held outdoors and in our newly renovated and expanded Gudelsky Environmental Education Center.

## Important Information

**Nature Camp hours: 9:00 am–3:30 pm**

**Before care options available** beginning at 8:00 am.

**After care options available** until 5:00 pm.

- For ages 5–12
- Registration is online! Please [check our camp page](#) for registration information, FAQs, and the STEM Mission of the Week
- Cost is \$365 per session. Payment is due at registration



Howard  
County  
Conservancy

*connecting people to nature*

# Weekly Camp Sessions

## June 17-21: Environment Engineers

Start your summer by building the tallest towers, constructing the toughest bridges, and investigating animal architects' feats of engineering! Explore nests, burrows, dams and dens to become an environment engineer.



## June 24-28: Ferns, Flowers, and Fungi

Explore the secret world of the plants and fungus among us! From giant oaks reaching to the skies to the underground networks of mushrooms, learn about the great, small and strange of our environment's flora.

## July 1-5: Bug's-Eye View

(no camp July 4th)

Ants and spiders and bees, oh my! Dig through logs to search for roly-polies and worms, scout the blossoms for butterflies and bees and explore the forest for spiders and centipedes. Map webs, practice your waggle dance and prepare for fun as bug explorers!

4 day camp \$295\*

*\*Special pricing this week*

## July 8-12: Birds of a Feather

Flock together this summer! Learn how the chickadee sings, the eagle soars, and the owl sees. From identifying backyard birds, learning birds' favorite snacks, and sharing their best crow caws, campers will explore the sensational life of our feathered friends!

## July 15-19: Marvelous Mammals

Fly like a bat, sneak like a fox, and build like a beaver with us! This week, campers will explore the world of mammals by listening for sounds with their deer ears, searching for tracks and other clues and meeting our resident goats!

## July 22-26: Snakes to Salamanders

This week we investigate the lives of reptiles and amphibians. Search for frogs among the reeds, flip logs to look for salamanders, and meet our resident snake and terrapin! Campers will learn about the slithery, the scaly, and the slimy with games, crafts, and activities.

## July 29-August 2: Puddles and Ponds

Splash and stomp through the wonderful world of water! Just how deep is the ocean blue? What's the best way to catch a crayfish? Campers will dive deep to learn about lakes, streams and beyond through scientific observation, experimentation, and fun!



## August 5-9: Legends and Lore

Tall tales and stories galore! Join us this week to explore storytelling traditions from across the globe. Campers will learn tales old and new, spin their own yarns, and discover the secrets of the natural world around us.

## August 12-16: Survival Skills

Grab your shovels and practice tying your knots! During survival skills week campers will learn the tricks of the trade for forging their way in the great outdoors. Craft tools, paint caves, and learn what it takes to survive in the wild!

## August 12-16: Climate Camp (Ages 9-12)

Prepare to be future climate scientists! Campers will learn about climate science and solutions through experiments, games, artistic exploration, and observation of the changing world around us.

## August 19-23: Investigation: Nature

Pull out your magnifying glasses and find your field guides! To close out summer, campers will search for evidence of the who's, what's, when's and where's of natural life at the Conservancy. Investigate the food web to find out who ate who, look for clues along our trails, and uncover the mysteries of life in nature!