**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 the Conservancy’s newly renovated and expanded Gudelsky Environmental Education Center. The Conservancy’s Belmont location is in Elkridge, adjacent to Patapsco State Park.

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**Important Information**

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

Before and after care options available to extend the day from 8:00 am to 5:30 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 $270 per session. Payment is due at registration

**Nature Camps Feature**

- Hundreds of acres and miles of hiking trails
- Streams, forests and grasslands
- 8–15 children per educator
- Air conditioned facilities

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**Choose Your Location!**

**Two Locations Available**

**BELMONT:** 6553 Belmont Woods Rd., Elkridge  
**MT. PLEASANT:** 10520 Old Frederick Rd., Woodstock

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, FAQs, STEM Missions of the Week, and to register visit:**

www.howardnature.org/camp  
email camp@howardnature.org  
or call 410-465-8877

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The Howard County Conservancy is a nonprofit environmental education center located on 232 acres of rolling hills in Woodstock and at Belmont Manor and Historic Park in Elkridge. 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, after school programs and more.

**Conservancy Nature Camps**

This summer, we are exploring our wild wonderful 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 STEM challenges. Our outdoor classrooms will encourage integration of technology and traditional outdoor skills. What will your child discover in our wild wonderful world?

Nature camp runs from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm with before and after care options available. Campers must be between the ages of 5 – 12. Cost is $270 per session. Sign your child up for one or more sessions!

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**Weekly Camp Sessions**

**June 22–26: Green STEM Camp**

Begin your summer by jumping right into the science around us! Join us in our outdoor lab and conduct experiments, engineer a recycled racer, and discover microscopic organisms all around us. Use high and low-tech means to investigate various habitats and learn how organisms engineer their environments to survive.

**June 29–July 2: Talons and Teeth**

Discover the fastest, strongest, and smartest animals around while learning how to track animals in the wild. Campers will uncover how these creatures find and hunt their prey and the important role predators play in the food chain. Join challenges to build the best habitat, navigate through camp, and have a wildly good time!

**July 6–10: Aquatic Odyssey**

Animals are the ultimate ecosystem engineers! Track our wetland animals, survey streams, and search for ecosystems changed by their animal inhabitants. Design a course for a rubber duck water race and prepare for a wet and wild week of camp!

**July 13–17: Earth Day, Every Day**

It's the 50th anniversary of Earth Day in 2020 - join our Conservation Celebration to discover how to save the animals in your backyard as well as in the most endangered habitats. Geocache in a race to protect as many animals as you can, plant a tree at our Nature Center, and take home a native plant to bring animals to your yard!

**July 20–24: Extreme Animals**

How do animals adapt to extreme habitats? Campers will try to survive like a wild animal - hide like prey, prowl like a predator, and adapt to changing conditions quicker than the other species. Celebrate the start of the Summer Olympics with our camp's own Animal Olympics!

**July 27–31: Expedition: Base Camp**

Learn to survive in the wild by building shelters, tying knots, preparing a fire circle, and using navigation and survival tools. Participate in a choose your adventure game to see if you learned enough to survive! Show off your skills at an optional family camp out that will be offered Friday night.

**August 3–7: Water Wizards**

What better way to escape the heat of summer than by participating in some aqua adventures! During this cooldown celebration we will visit wetlands, paint with watercolors, search for salamanders, excavate ice sculptures and more! Expect to get wet!

**August 10–14: Pollinators Paradise**

Campers will become citizen scientists as they search for bumbling bees and busy butterflies, finding the secret hideaways of these flower fanatics. Discover a pollinator paradise in one of our many gardens and embark on a hunt to find native edible plants, such as pawpaw trees and blackberries.

**August 17–21: Tracks and Trails**

Hit the trails to walk where few have gone before. Locate deer trails, find woodpecker holes, roll logs and search for turtles. Wildlife may lay low in the summer heat, but campers will track them high and low through the forests surrounding our Camps. Meet animal visitors each day in this special session of Summer Camp!

*Special pricing this week - ages 6 and up

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