Choice of two Howard County Locations, Plus...
- Maryland Youth Camp Certified
- Professional Staff
- 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 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 celebrating nature gone wild! 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 experience with nature gone wild?

Nature camp runs from 9:00 am–3:30 pm with before care options available. Campers must be between the ages of 5–12. Cost is $290 per session. Sign your child up for one or more sessions!
- Hundreds of acres and miles of hiking trails
- Streams, forests, and grasslands
- 8–14 children per educator

Important Information
Nature Camp hours: 9:00 am–3:30 pm
Before care options available to extend the day from 8:00 am. After care options will be based on the status of COVID-19
- 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 $290 per session.

Nature Camps Feature
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- Air conditioned facilities

Choose Your Location!
Two Locations Available
BELMONT: 6553 Belmont Woods Rd., Elkridge
MT. PLEASANT: 10520 Old Frederick Rd., Woodstock

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

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. The Conservancy’s Belmont location is in Elkridge, adjacent to Patapsco State Park.
Weekly Camp Sessions

June 21–25: Green STEM
Start your summer by exploring the science in nature around us! Join us in our outdoor lab and conduct experiments, participate in engineering challenges with recycled materials and discover microscopic organisms all around us. Use high and low-tech means to investigate various habitats and learn how organisms modify their environments to survive.

July 12–16: Come Fly with Me
Go where few have gone before! Take to the skies and discover the fascinating flighted world. Butterflies, bees, birds and bats all can fly, but are very different. Join us for games, trivia competitions, hikes, crafts and more as we search the skies for our flighted friends discovering their unique traits along the way.

July 19–23: Stream Sleuths
Discover what can be found beneath the water’s surface. Frogs, tadpoles, fish and macroinvertebrates call lakes and streams home—see what organisms hang out at the Conservancy! Conduct scientific research to find out if your stream is healthy by identifying the species that live there. We will visit wetlands, paint with watercolors, and play water games!

July 26–30: Survive It!
Be ready to join us for a week that is all about Wilderness Survival! Learn how to use a compass, read a trail map, build a shelter and more! Master tying knots, preparing a fire circle, and using navigational tools. Learn how to track animals and identify plants that could help you survive in the wilderness.

August 2–6: Rockin’ Reptiles
Maryland is home to a variety of reptiles including lizards, skinks, snakes and turtles. Join the Conservancy for a rockin’ good time as we explore ponds, bogs, streams, rivers, meadows and woodlands in search of these wonderful hard to find creatures. Meet the animal ambassadors at the Conservancy for an up close encounter with these incredible reptiles!

August 9–13: Dirt Detectives
Discover the hidden world below your feet. Search for beetles, worms, fungi, moss; even many different types of mammals call dirt their home such as groundhogs and shrews. Unearth that not every rock is the same and observe the different colors and textures of soil. Plan to get dirty this week at camp!

August 16–20: Backwoods Explorers
Discover the hidden wonders of your own backyard while in ours. We will explore a variety of habitats including woodlands, meadows and streams in search of unique plants, animals and insects. Investigate how all these plants and animals are connected to each other and to us through experiments, games, and scientific observations!

August 23–27: Forest Forensics
Hit the trails to walk where few have gone before. Locate deer trails, find woodpecker holes, roll logs and search for salamanders. This camp will focus on exploring all of the different habitats and micro-ecosystems on our grounds! This camp will be held at Mt. Pleasant location only.

June 28–July 2: Marvelous Mammals
Rabbits, Foxes, and Deer, Oh My! Spend a week learning about the fascinating mammals of Maryland. Search for signs of wildlife, identify animals’ adaptations, play games to understand predator/prey relationships and the web of life. Become an environmental steward by completing projects to protect and conserve local wildlife habitats.

July 6–9: Branching Out
Did you know that trees can communicate with each other? Uncover mysteries of the forest while working on your tree identification skills. Observe how plants and trees change throughout the seasons, and take home native plant seeds to help grow a new generation of natives in your community! 4 day camp $230*

*Special pricing this week