

Summer Nature DAY CAMPS

June 19 to August 25, 2023

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 **Adventures in Nature!** 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 **Adventures in Nature** will your child experience?

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 \$350 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

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.

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 \$350 per session. Payment is due at registration



Howard
County
Conservancy

connecting people to nature

Weekly Camp Sessions

June 19–23: Green STEM

Put on your lab coat and start your summer by studying the natural world! Conduct experiments, participate in STEM challenges and uncover scientific mysteries of nature. Investigate the Conservancy's various ecosystems and learn how organisms adapt to their environments.



June 26–30: Backyard Birds

Take to the skies and explore the fascinating world that lies above us! Become familiar with bird species you may find in your own backyard, and learn birding tips from experts to help identify birds by sight and sound. Campers will meet our barred and screech owls and celebrate the amazing feat of flight with themed games, crafts, and activities.

July 3, 5–7: Plant Power (no camp July 4th)

Did you know that trees can communicate with each other? Uncover these mysteries of the forest while working on your plant 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 \$280*

**Special pricing this week*

July 10–14: Wonders of Water

Dive beneath the water's surface to uncover what adventures lie ahead. Frogs, tadpoles, fish and macroinvertebrates all call our streams home. Discover these organisms and more in the Conservancy's aquatic habitats! Conduct scientific research to find out if your stream is healthy by identifying the species that live there. We will explore wetlands, paint with watercolors, and play water games!

July 17–21: Rad Reptiles

From turtles and snakes to lizards and skinks, Maryland is home to a variety of reptiles. Learn the differences between these unusual species, and join us as we explore bogs, streams, meadows, and woodlands in search of these wonderful, but hard to find, creatures. Meet the Conservancy's animal ambassadors for an up close encounter!

July 24–28: Adventure Skills

Join us for a week that is all about Adventures in Nature! 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. We will practice tracking animals and identify plants that could help you survive in the wilderness.



July 31–August 4: 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!

August 7–11: Incredible Insects

Discover the hidden world of insects! Search under rocks and logs for beetles, worms, and other bugs. Learn about the important role of pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies, and join us in bug themed crafts, games, and more!

August 14–18: Backwoods Trekkers

Are you ready to have an **Adventure in Nature?** We will explore our woodlands, meadows and streams in search of unique plants, animals and insects. Check out how all these plants and animals are connected to each other and to us through experiments, games, and scientific observations!

August 14–18: Climate Camp (Ages 9-12)

Our NEW climate camp will give campers the opportunity to participate in a special week of programming focusing on climate science and positive solutions, with hands-on STEM focused activities.

August 21–25: Habitat Hikers

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 ecosystems on our grounds! Help us close out a fantastic summer in the The Great Outdoors!