

# Summer Nature DAY CAMPS

June 20 to August 26, 2022

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 the Great Outdoors! 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 this summer in the Great Outdoors?

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 \$330 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 \$330 per session. Payment is due at registration

## Nature Camps Feature

- Hundreds of acres and miles of hiking trails
- Streams, forests and grasslands
- Small group sizes
- Air conditioned facilities
- Professional staff



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*connecting people to nature*

This information is neither supported or endorsed by HCPSS or the school.



# Weekly Camp Sessions

## June 20–24: 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 27–July 1 Soaring through the Skies

Take to the skies and explore the fascinating world that lies above us! Butterflies, bees, birds, and bats all can fly, but are very different. Compare and contrast the unique traits of each of these animals as we search the skies for our flighted friends. Celebrate the amazing feat of flight with themed games, crafts, and other activities.

## July 5–8: Forest Friends (no camp July 4th)

Search the Conservancy's forests for signs of wildlife and learn about the organisms all around us, from sneaky foxes to elegant deer. Identify animals' adaptations to their forest homes and play games to understand the web of life which exists in this ecosystem. Become an environmental steward by completing projects to conserve local wildlife habitats. 4 day camp \$260\*

*\*Special pricing this week*

## July 11–15: Aquatic Adventures

Dive beneath the water's surface to uncover what adventures lie ahead. Frogs, tadpoles, fish and macroinvertebrates all call our streams home. Join in as we 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 18–22: Slither and Slime

From turtles and skinks to salamanders and toads, Maryland is home to a variety of reptiles and amphibians. Learn the differences between these two groups of 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 25–29: Survive It!

Join us for a week that is all about Survival in the Great Outdoors! 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.



## August 1–5: Planet Protectors

Let's work together to make a difference! While learning about how to be a better environmental steward, we will complete action projects to inspire others to protect the planet. Summer camp fun such as games, crafts, and experiments will also take place!

## August 8–12: Buggin' Out

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 15–19: Into the WILD

Are you ready to venture Into the Wild? 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 22–26: Trailblazers

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!