

Connecticut Audubon Society Coastal Center at Milford Point

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Aliens in a Drop of Water

Sat., June 7, 1-2 p.m.
Attention! Something small, and alive, is floating in the waters of Long Island Sound; in fact there are millions of them! They're plankton! We're breaking out the microscopes to scrutinize (enter) the world of these often tiny plants and animals. Discover a crab's secret identity, witness one of the fastest animals alive in action, and all before you can say "dino-flagellate." We will collect our own water samples from the Sound, so come ready to get wet. Prepare to be amazed as we uncover the secret world of microscopic plankton! We'll even sneak a peek at these amazing critters on our big screen TV! Fee: \$5 CAS members, \$7 Non-members.

Down By the Sea Chanteys!

Sun., June 8, 1 p.m.
The Coastal Center is an ideal place for a concert. Join us and the talented students from The Sound School in New Haven for a delightful afternoon of maritime music! These students will share with you their incredible love of the water and the music it inspires, through sea chanteys

and other musical forms. Led by Paula Daddio, previously of the trio Shipping News, and Kristi Otterback, they perform with the enthusiasm expected of a bunch of teenagers! Don't miss the fun, there's a little something for everyone! Fee: \$7 per person.

Prehistoric "Crabs"

Sat., June 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Sat., June 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
On rising tides in May and June, Horseshoe Crabs visit our beaches to lay eggs. Shorebirds, traveling north to Canada, time their arrival to take advantage of this rich food source. Researchers who are trying to understand and protect these living fossils need your help! Delve into the incredible world of the Horseshoe Crab by helping to tag and release these amazing creatures. Bring water shoes, a water bottle and a towel. Sign up early. Fee: \$4/child, \$8/adult for CAS members; \$8/child, \$12/adult Non-members; \$5 for Seniors.

Original Paper Designs: Cut-and-Fold Art

Sat., July 19, 10:30 a.m.-noon.
Out of a small piece of paper let a 3-dimensional butterfly

take shape. In little more than a minute, make a 3-D dragonfly you can let stand delicately in the palm of your hand. Learn to create wonderful enhancers for scrapbooks and delightful additions to greeting cards from cut and folded paper. Recommended for children 10 years and older. Fee: \$6/child, \$8/adult CAS members; \$10/child, \$12/adult Non-members; \$5 for Seniors.



The "Peep" Show: Shorebird and Tern Workshop

Sat., Aug. 9, 2:30-4 p.m.
Confused by those little brown "peeps"? Do all terns look the same to you? Join experienced leader Frank Gallo for a hands-on shorebird and tern identification workshop. Enjoy an array of migrant species, including rare breeders such as Piping Plover, American Oystercatcher and Least Tern, while sharpening your birding skills. Milford Point is a major staging area for shorebirds and terns along the Connecticut Coast. Fee: \$15 CAS members, \$20 Non-members.

Connecticut Audubon Society Birdcraft Museum

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SUMMER HOURS AT BIRDCRAFT MUSEUM

In addition to the 2008 Summer Nature Weeks programs described below, during June, July and August our Birdcraft Museum, Visitors Center and Nature Store are open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from noon-5 p.m. (Closed Sundays and Mondays.)

Our adjoining 6-acre Birdcraft Sanctuary is open 7 days a week from dawn to dusk year-round. Founded in 1914 by Connecticut Audubon Society's founder, Mabel Osgood Wright, Birdcraft is the first private bird sanctuary in the U.S. It includes the Teaching Bridge and Pavilion that abut Birdcraft Pond, which is home to Painted Turtles, Tree Swallows and many duck species. You'll also find Black-crowned Night Herons and other varieties of song birds in the Sanctuary.

Our Birdcraft Museum's 2008 Summer Nature Weeks Are Special!

Our staff are experienced teacher/naturalists and college-educated men and women who have experience working with children.

Your child will learn about the natural world from professionals and explore the environment right in our own backyard, in the 6-acre Birdcraft Sanctuary and Museum (and for "Beach Bums," in Fairfield's Ash Creek Open Space).

Each program has a low staff-to-child ratio so that all participants enjoy a safe and fulfilling educational experience.

Each program includes age-appropriate activities which may include stories, crafts, songs, games, experiments, museum visits and outdoor explorations.

2008 Summer Nature Weeks

Exploration, discovery and curiosity are at the heart of the Birdcraft Museum's Summer Nature Weeks for preschoolers. Participants will explore the wonders of nature as the outdoors becomes an exciting learning place for all children. They'll become naturalists each week, discovering the pond and the forest, catching butterflies, using binoculars to look at birds and searching for reptiles and amphibians.

Enjoy 3-day Nature Week sessions (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) filled with games, stories and hikes that enhance the fun and learning.

- Morning Sessions: 9 a.m.-noon.
- Afternoon Sessions: 1- 4 p.m.
- Fee per session: \$115 CAS members, \$170 Non-members. (Our Non-member fee includes a free 1-year CAS Family Membership.) Children must be toilet trained and able to attend without an adult.
- Each camper receives a free Connecticut Audubon Society tee shirt.

- All programs are held rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, an outdoor activity will be replaced with an equivalent indoor activity.
- Please call 203-259-0416 ext. 403 for more information. (See Page 5 for Registration & Permission Form or visit www.ctaudubon.org/about/programs.htm.)

Preschool Explorers for 3-5 year olds

Children must toilet-trained and able to attend without an adult.

A Day In The Life: June 3-5

9 a.m.-noon only.
Come join us while we hop like a frog, crawl like an ant, or stroll like a bear. Each day we will act like an animal as we discover the daily routines of the creatures that live in our small Wildlife Sanctuary.

Insect Insanity: June 10-12

1-4 p.m. only.
Six legs? Eight eyes? Come along as we investigate the world of insects. Discover how they escape and hide from birds and other animals. Grasshoppers, butterflies and ladybugs are just a few of the friends you will visit this week.

June 24-26: Creature Feature

9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.
Explore the wildlife habitats at our Birdcraft Museum as we learn about the feathered, furry, scaly and slimy creatures that fascinate us. We'll have fun creating crafts, visiting the Museum and searching our Wildlife Sanctuary for clues that animals are around.

July 15-17: Flutter, Buzz and Crawl

9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.
Which animals talk with their legs, buzz in the breeze, or spin silk webs? We'll find out as we investigate the lives of bees, butterflies, birds and raccoons and all sorts of amazing animals

July 29-31: Hooray for Herps

9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.
We'll get up close and personal with those scaly and slimy critters known as reptiles and amphibians. Eavesdrop on turtles in ponds and discover salamanders under logs as we hunt for herps on the trails of the Birdcraft Sanctuary.

Aug. 12-14: Animal Alphabet

9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.
"A" is for Ant, "B" is for bat, "C" is for . . . ? Come along as we learn the ABCs of the wonderful world of nature.

Aug. 19-21: So Long to Summer

9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.
Join us for three days of fun as we get ready to say goodbye to summer, with games, crafts, scavenger hunts and some wacky water fun.



Beach Bums for Preschoolers-Grade 2

9 a.m.-noon for 3-5 year olds.
1-4 p.m. for Grades K-2 (Group 1) and 3-5 year olds (Group 2).
Children must be toilet-trained and able to attend without an adult.

Search for birds, crabs, fish and more while getting wet at Fairfield's Ash Creek Open Space. (Drop off and pick up children at Ash Creek – we will provide directions.) In case of inclement weather, classes will be held at the Birdcraft Museum.

DATES:

July 8-10
July 22-24
Aug. 5-7 (all sessions full)

- Fee per session: \$130 CAS members; \$185 Non-Members (includes free 1-year CAS Family Membership).

Friday Family Fun

For children 3-5 years old accompanied by an actively participating adult. Classes meet Fridays, 10-10:45 a.m.

Come and experience the joy of discovering crabs and periwinkles, catching dragonflies in the field, listening to the magnificent sound of birds and more at Fairfield's Ash Creek Open Space. Enjoy nature discoveries through stories and explorations with your child. (Each class will meet at Fairfield's Ash Creek Open Space; we will provide directions. In case of inclement weather, the class will be held at the Birdcraft Museum.)

DATES:

June 27	July 18	Aug. 1
July 11	July 25	Aug. 8

FEE (includes one child and one adult):

- Daily: \$14 CAS members, \$20 Non-members.
- Six-program series: \$75 CAS members \$75; \$130 Non-members (does not include free 1-year CAS Family Membership).

