



Fun and learning in the sun!

Connecticut Audubon Society's Summer Nature Day Camp provides two age appropriate programs.

Join us for adventure this summer!

Be prepared to get dirty exploring the wonders of the natural world. Our groups are small, limited to 20 campers a week, so there's plenty of hands-on time with instructors. We will be busy catching crayfish, exploring the woods, identifying plants and insects, hiking, eco-journaling and a whole lot more!

Our days will be spent on our two sanctuaries, our 700 acre Bafflin Sanctuary in Pomfret and our 168 acre Trail Wood Sanctuary in Hampton, with a few field trips thrown into the mix.

Camp hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Ask about our early drop off (8:30am) and late pick up (4:30pm) for an additional fee.

Campers bring their own lunch and water bottles.

**Register today - space is limited!
Only 20 campers per week**

For more information, please call 928-4948 or email sheminway@ctaudubon.org

Camp will be based out of our new facility:

**CT Audubon Society Center, 218 Day Road, Pomfret Center, CT
www.ctaudubon.org**

Mission: Founded in 1898, Connecticut Audubon Society (CAS) conserves Connecticut's environment through science-based education and advocacy focused on the state's bird populations and habitats. Working exclusively in the state of Connecticut for over 100 years, Connecticut Audubon Society is an independent organization, not affiliated with any national or governmental group.



SUMMER NATURE DAY CAMP 2011



**TRAIL BLAZERS - AGES 6-8
June 27 - August 12**

**JUNIOR BIOLOGISTS - AGES 9-12
June 27 - August 12**



Check out the new Conservation Center!

Summer Camp will be based out of our new 5000 sq. ft. facility. Centrally located on our 700 acre Bafflin Sanctuary, our Center on Day Road will be spacious and cool when we need to retreat indoors. We are looking forward to filling it with campers.



Twice the Fun! New Program Offerings

With our expanded space, we are really excited to be able to provide seven consecutive weeks of camp for **two age groups:**
Trail Blazers - Ages 6-8
Junior Biologists - Ages 9-12



Junior Counselor Opportunities

If you are 15 years or older and interested in gaining leadership experience in the out-of-doors, consider a week as a Junior Counselor.

Cost: \$95.00 for members, \$125.00 for non-members.



Center at Pomfret
PO Box 11
Pomfret Center, CT 06259

REGISTRATION

Fee: \$195/week for CAS members

Not a member? Join us! \$55 for one year Family Membership.

Mail form with a 50% deposit or payment in full. Information to follow via email.

Checks payable to: CT Audubon Society at Pomfret.

Mail to: PO Box 11, Pomfret Center, CT 06259.

Week(s) attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Method of payment: ___ Check ___ Credit Card (Complete info below)

Child's name _____ Gender: M F

Date of birth ___/___/___

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____ Town _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Credit Card: MC /VISA

Name on card: _____

Card number: _____ Exp. date: _____

Signature: _____

Camper information sheet and medical forms will be sent via email.

NOTE: An up-to-date physical is required for every camper.

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TRAIL BLAZERS AGES 6 - 8

For our younger budding naturalists, Trail Blazers camp offers small group camp experience (no more than 20 campers). We will be all about exploring the woods, discovering and observing the critters in our fields and streams. We will be enjoying art, journaling and gardening each week in addition to our theme fun. Our campers will get lots of fresh air, exercise and fun.

WEEK 1 JUNE 27 - JULY 1



Slime Crimes

In the water, in the mud, this week will be all about slimy critters (frogs, turtles, and salamanders) and their prey (interesting insects, juicy worms and grubs). Wear old sneakers and plan to get wet and dirty!



WEEK 2 JULY 4 - 8



Amphibians and Reptiles, Oh My!

Mucklucking, stream slogging, critter adventures and outdoor fun. We will be scouring our sanctuaries for “amps” and “reps” and a few crustaceans as well. We will be getting wet and dirty while exploring on the run! Wear old sneakers and clothes ready for frog patrol!

WEEK 3 JULY 11 - 15

Birds, Bats & Boxes

This week will be all about birds and bats. We will become familiar with the birds and bats common to northeastern Connecticut, the best ways to attract them, make bird and bat boxes and observe them in our sanctuaries. There will be bird, egg and nest painting and creating, an opportunity to observe bird banding and campers may be able to release a bird or two. Lots of engaging games, crafts and activities!



WEEK 4 JULY 18 - 22



Gone Fishin'

We will learn all about the native fish species we have in our brooks, ponds and lakes as well as the habitat and food they need to survive. There will be casting lessons, a trip to the fish hatchery and of course, fishing. Through games, crafts and other fun activities, campers will come away with a solid understanding of our piscine friends.

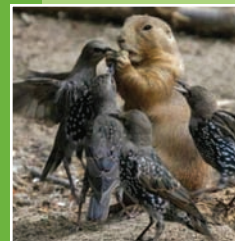
WEEK 5 JULY 25 - 29

Mammal Mania

Our woods are filled with elusive but intriguing animals. Each day we will focus on one or two of these critters: bobcat, porcupine, coyote, fisher. Through tracking, games and crafts we will learn where they seek shelter, what and how they eat and how they raise their young.



WEEK 6 AUGUST 1 - 5



Food Fight!

Animals, fish, birds, bugs, humans, we all compete for food. This week we will learn what it takes for an animal to survive in the wild. We will also put on our gardening gloves and begin the summer harvest from our new vegetable gardens. We will be picking and sampling our veggies as well as considering some yummy healthy recipes to take home. We will end the week learning about aquatic critters with a boat trip and island picnic on the Connecticut River (additional \$20).

WEEK 7 AUGUST 8 - 12

Surf & Turf

Hike our sanctuaries and the Airline Trail, pick blueberries, go fishing, pick and sample from the garden, taste local ice cream, work on some nature masterpieces, head to the shore and explore the lagoons and tide pools. Old fashioned summer fun – Mother Nature will dictate the activities!



JUNIOR BIOLOGISTS AGES 9 - 12

For our older set, the Junior Biologist Camp offers a more in-depth study of our habitats and the wildlife within them. It is designed for students interested in animals and the outdoors. It will serve as a great hands-on supplement to their school science programs. Thanks to talented camp staff, each themed week will have an art and gardening component woven into the day as well.

WEEK 1 JUNE 27 - JULY 1

Citizen Scientists

This week campers will go out in search of the disappearing vernal pool, the frogs and salamanders that hatched in them and are headed upland. We will slog up streams, collect riffle samples and evaluate water quality. We will look for nesting grassland birds, band birds, and track mammals. Citizen Science coordinator and retired science teacher, Paula Coughlin will be leading the charge.



WEEK 2 JULY 4 - 8

Awesome Amphibians!

If you are fascinated by frogs, salamanders and snakes and don't mind getting dirty, this is the week for you. We will be seeking out all the wet cool places our local amphibians and other cold blooded critters like to hang out — streams, ponds, vernal pool remnants, swamps and bogs. The camper challenge: How many different amphibians can be identified by the end of the week?



WEEK 3 JULY 11 - 15

The Wappaquias

Local Native Americans Week: The Wappaquias fished and harvested from the streams, fields and woods of Pomfret. Wappaquia Brook runs through the sanctuary. Campers will try their hand at crafting and launching a dug out canoe, weaving a cattail roof for our long house, working with animal hides and cooking over a camp fire. Optional camping overnight on Thursday (\$30 extra).



WEEK 4 JULY 18 - 22



BioBlitz!

You think you know what lives around here? From bugs to birds, butterflies to bobcats, moths to mice, beavers to birches — we are going to look at everything and identify it all. We will set traps, band birds and for those who are interested, camp out Thursday night and do some night monitoring. We will combine forces with the campers from our Milford Coastal Center. Optional camping overnight on Thursday (\$30 extra).

WEEK 5 JULY 25 - 29

Nature Photography

Learn about the environment through the camera lens. After a lesson in composition, we will head out on to the sanctuary each day with digital cameras to capture the natural world. Shooting, editing, and printing our best photos, each camper will create a photo album and select at least two of their favorites for submission to the Woodstock Fair. Bring your own camera, if you have one. Limited number of digital cameras available for use. Optional early morning photo hike to capture the magical light of dawn.



WEEK 6 AUGUST 1 - 5

Down by the Riverside

What is a watershed? Where does our drinking water come from? We will follow the hydrologic cycle — rain to stream, to river, to ocean. We will construct watersheds, investigate water flow, conduct water quality sampling and see how hydraulic engineering is put to work with a trip to West Thompson Dam. We will end the week with a boat trip and island picnic (additional \$20) on the Connecticut River.



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