



BLANDFORD | nature center



DISCOVER THE
OUTDOORS!

JUNE 19
thru
AUGUST 25
2017

SUMMER

DAY
CAMP

FOR

4-12
yr. olds

www.blandfordnaturecenter.org

REGISTER
TODAY!

WELCOME TO BLANDFORD SUMMER DAY CAMP

CAMP COST

Each session is purchased as a weekly camp unless indicated by "Single Day Camp."



Nature Buds

AGES 4-5 | Nature Buds camps run from 9am-12pm (AM) & 1pm-4pm (PM).

Week Long Camp Cost:

Members: \$70 a session (AM OR PM)

Non-Members: \$90 a session (AM OR PM)

Single Day Camp Cost:

Members: \$15 a day (AM OR PM)

Non-Members: \$20 a day (AM OR PM)



Wild Sprouts

AGES 6-7 | Wild Sprouts camps run from 9am-4pm.



Trail Blazers

AGES 8-9 | Trail Blazers camps run from 9am-4pm.



Outdoor Explorers

AGES 10-12 | Outdoor Explorers camps run from 9am-4pm.

Week Long Camp Cost:

Members: \$140 a session, unless Specialty Camp

Non-Members: \$180 a session, unless Specialty Camp

Single Day Camp Cost:

Members: \$30 a day

Non-Members: \$36 a day



Specialty Camp Cost:

Members: \$160 a session

Non-Members: \$205 a session

CAMP COOL DOWN - AFTER CAMP CARE

Camp Cool Down offers your camper the ability to unwind from a full day of action-packed activities in a relaxed, quiet atmosphere; reading stories and playing games while you enjoy the added benefit of an extra hour of time! Available to full-day campers. Advanced registration required.

Camp Cool Down Cost:

Members: \$30 a week

Non-Members: \$45 a week

Additional Siblings: \$15 a week

MONDAY-FRIDAY
4PM-5:15PM

Single Day Camp Cool Down Cost:

Members: \$7 a day

Non-Members: \$10 a day

Member Sibling: \$3 a day

Non-Member Sibling: \$5 a day

CAMP CANCELLATION POLICY

Notice must be received **at least ten business days before** the scheduled camp session to receive a full refund. There will be no refunds issued after that time.

SIGN UP TODAY – SPOTS ARE GOING FAST!

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CAMP

Just follow the step-by-step instructions below to get your kiddo(s) signed up for summer camp! If you have questions, contact the Registrar at 616.735.6240 or registrar@blandfordnaturecenter.org.

1

Determine if you need a Campership. If not, go to Step 2.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and corporate sponsors, we are able to offer Camperships to families that might not otherwise have the means to afford a camp experience. Apply for a Campership on our website and **wait for confirmation before registering**. We will give you a discount code to use at registration.

2

Pick your camper's age group.

Nature Buds: 4-5 years old
Wild Sprouts: 6-7 years old
Trail Blazers: 8-9 years old
Outdoor Explorers: 10-12 years old

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Review this brochure and select which camp session(s) work best for your schedule.

Remember, camps start June 19 and run through August 25. Each session is purchased as a weekly camp unless indicated by "Single Day Camp."

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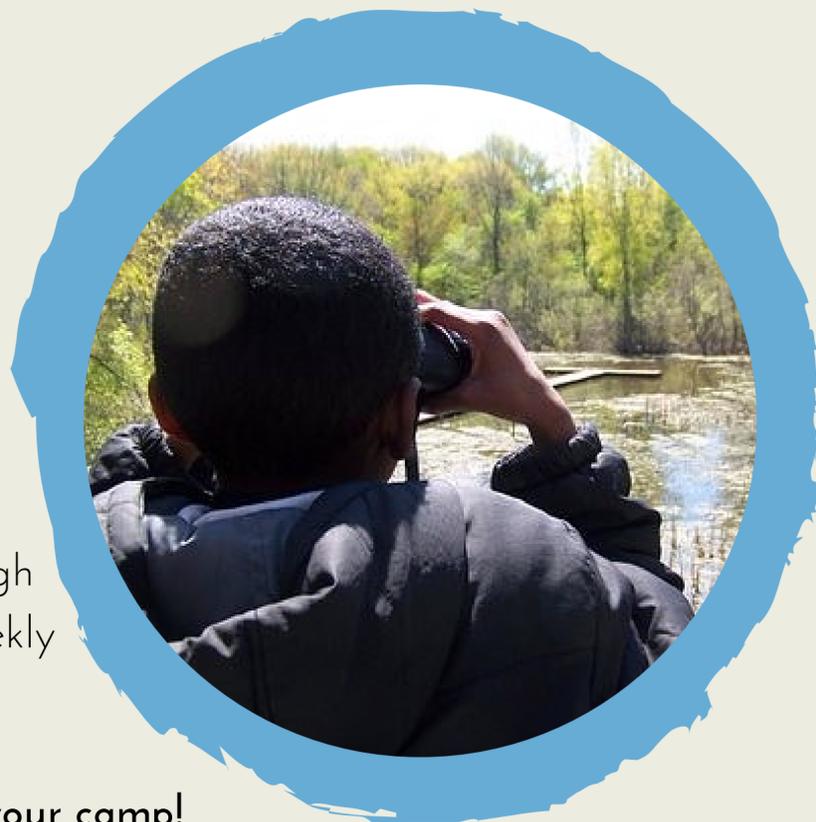
Log onto our website to register and pay for your camp!

Go to www.blandfordnaturecenter.org/seasonal-camps/. Click on the applicable age group to get to our online registration program. Find the camp and click on the "Register" button. Please keep in mind that Memberships must be valid through the dates of your camp(s) in order to receive member pricing and priority registration.

5

Watch your email for purchase confirmation.

Your child will be enrolled once we have received your **completed online registration and payment** (step 4). Immediately after registering online, you should receive an email receipt that confirms your purchase. Retain that receipt for your files. Please call the Registrar if you have any questions regarding the processing of your registration.



CAMP CONFIRMATION

One week prior to each session you're registered for, you'll receive a confirmation email. The packet will contain session information, camp preparation tips, and a map to Blandford Nature Center.



JUNE 19-23

AM: Nature Play

Play is defined as engaging in activities for pure enjoyment and that is exactly what we will do! Campers will use nature as their playground as they build forts, splash in the creek, catch insects, and create works of art out of materials we find in nature.

Blandford Safari

Discover an adventure like no other this summer in the habitats of Blandford! Campers will search high and low for the wild animals of Michigan that make this place unique. Hands-on investigation and activities will show just how fantastic these places and animals are!

Marsh Madness

The marsh is home to an awesome variety of wildlife and together we will explore their wet world! Some critters can be seen with the naked eye, while others are so tiny that we need to use special field tool to get a closer look.

Cycles of the Farm

Experience first-hand how it feels to step into farm life. Chores, games, and activities will abound with a little agriscience learning thrown in for good measure. Campers will even take on the role of a veterinarian as they learn about and care for "their" chickens and goats.

JUNE 26-30

AM: Mornings at the Marsh

Have you ever wondered what critters live inside the murky water of the marsh? Or even in the surrounding forest? Campers will investigate these questions together each morning as we visit the waters of Blandford equipped with curiosity, nets, buckets, and magnifying tools.

Hooray for Herptiles

Campers will discover the secret world of toads, turtles, salamanders, and snakes by exploring Blandford's ponds, marshes, forests, and creeks. Find the wild reptiles and amphibians that live on the property and then meet our resident herptiles in the Wildlife Center. Together we will come up with ways to make better habitats for these spectacular animals!

Running Wild

Act like wild animals as you run about, exploring miles of wooded trails. Boys and girls will discover just how much endurance and strength the different animals have as they run wild on the trails of the Nature Center.

Fort Building

A camper favorite! Learn tricks and techniques for building lasting structures that provide a perfect place for hiding out with friends. Then save a little time to create special homes for some of Blandford's creatures.

JULY 3-7

Single Day Camps | Nature Bud Sessions Duplicated for AM & PM



MONDAY -- HOW TO TRAIN YOUR RAPTOR: Blandford's Wildlife Ambassador birds require specialized care and enrichment to stay healthy. Your mission is to become a raptor expert, helping to care for and understand these magnificent creatures.

WEDNESDAY -- GOIN' ON A BEAR HUNT: What's that up ahead? Develop your skills as a wildlife biologist as we search for bear clues and learn about the amazing abilities of this unique Michigan mammal.

THURSDAY -- MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU: Tap into the secret powers of the trees and the wild inhabitants of the forest to realize the force within. Special activities for training and a mission into the forest depths make for an exciting day, but beware the Dark Side!

FRIDAY -- FARM FRIDAY: There is always fun to be had spending time with the goats, the chickens, and Blandford's Farmers! Playing special farm games and helping grow delicious local foods will give you a taste of the Blandford Farm life.



JULY 10-14

AM: Mornings on the Farm



Where does your food come from? Campers will get hands-on experience as they spend sunny, summer days among the vegetables and the farm animals.

PM: Nature Safari



Hop like a frog, walk like a fox, and run like a deer during this action-packed camp. Campers will search high and low during daily treks through the nature center's trails, equipped with all the proper instruments to find animals large and small.

Aqua Explorers



As summer gets warmer and warmer, cool down by the edge of the water! Water experiments, activities, and exploration is what this camp is all about. Prepare to get wet as we discover the fun of H-2-O!

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Wild Culinary Adventures



Go on an edible adventure -- harvesting garden veggies, discovering wild forest foods, and creating deliciously healthy snacks! Along the way, practice basic cooking skills like dicing, reading a recipe, and measuring ingredients. Campers will build up their cooking abilities in order to whip up a recipe of their own on Friday.



JULY 17-21

AM: Animal Architects

From bees to owls, wild animals use natural materials in various ways to create magnificent structures. We will not only search for and try to identify some of these structures, but we will also try to mimic the process and create our own.

PM: Go Exploring

What is hiding under logs, skipping along the pond, or jumping through the trees at Blandford Nature Center? Your little explorer will investigate the nooks and crannies of the nature center to try to find as many different amazing creatures as we can! We will practice walking and talking just like the wild critters we find.

Fairy Tales

The enchanted forest is full of wonder -- where pigs design houses, dragon fire protects treasure, and you get to find a way to save the day. Help us bring our favorite stories to life as we create a week of magic!

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Farm Eco-Entrepreneurs

Entrepreneurs-in-the-making will gain confidence and experience by creating their own farm business! Skills for success like marketing, money management, and growing a great product will be woven throughout all the fun farm experiences. Camp includes a field trip to the Fulton Street Farmer's Market where campers will help staff the Blandford Farm stall.



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PM: Make A Splash

Water is an incredible source of life! Your water loving campers are sure to have a splash-tastic time at this camp as we play in the Brandywine Creek, visit the different spots at Blandford that hold water, and learn about the importance of water to both people and wildlife.

Goats, Pigs, Chickens - Oh My!

This farm camp is designed with serious animal lovers in mind. Fun, engaging learning activities will be centered on caring for livestock in the barns and pastures, as well as activities with wool, feathers and more.

Radical Raptors

Do you have the fierceness and determination of a raptor? Using binoculars and field guides, we will explore the property looking for signs of raptor activity from nesting to feeding. Campers will get an opportunity to meet Blandford's birds of prey, hear and share their stories, and prepare their food for them each day.

JULY 31–AUGUST 4

AM: Birds Of A Feather

Campers will try to answer the question of "what makes a bird a bird" by talking like a bird, eating like a bird, building like a bird, playing like a bird, and even dressing up like a bird. Equipped with binoculars and books about birds, we will explore different habitats to find these feathered friends.

PM: Nature Art

Nature can provide all kinds of ideas and materials that we can use to create wonderful works of art. Crafty campers will love creating nature collages, camouflaging themselves in natural materials, singing silly songs, making art installations for other visitors to enjoy by the creek, and more.

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Wild Wizarding Wonders

Have you ever felt like there is a whole magical world hidden all around us? Campers will put their extraordinary imaginations to the test as they practice their wand-dueling skills, care for magical creatures, play quidditch and explore Blandford's enchanted forest. Muggle campers will leave this camp as talented wizards and witches after completing a magical quest.

AUGUST 7–11

AM: Bug Bonanza

Come take a closer look at all of the insects that call Blandford's forest, marsh, meadow, creek, and ponds home! Watching them crawl, hop, fly, and wiggle, we'll discover how these critters survive.

PM: Creature Powers

There will be a mystery to solve every day during this Wild Kratts™ themed adventure camp. Animals will lead the way through all of the dry and wet habitats as the campers find the clues left behind and learn about creature powers and adaptations.

Wildlife Helpers

Michigan is home to a wondrous variety of wildlife that need your help! Campers will create special items to help the wildlife in your backyard, work on projects to protect habitat diversity, and go behind the scenes in our wildlife care center to prepare food and enrichment items for our permanent residents.

Farm Eco-Engineers

Tap into your ingenuity as you help create a better environment for our farm animals. Designing, constructing, and prototype-testing using kid-appropriate materials will create a unique farm experience for young engineers.



AUGUST



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AUGUST 14-18

AM: De Colores 

¡Hola! Exercise the creative half of your brain as well as the half that controls language learning. Make connections between some of the things we find during our adventures and the Spanish terms for them through songs, stories, and fun outdoor activities.

PM: Slimy Skins & Scales 

Hop like frogs, croak like toads, crawl like turtles and slither like snakes! Set off on an adventure armed with nets, containers, and curiosity to find these slimy and scaly friends. Campers will also have a chance to meet and care for some of the residential reptiles that call Blandford their home.

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VanGoats   

Bring out the natural artist in your child with this week-long farm camp! Famous works of art (copies not the originals), nature explorations, and each camper's farm experience will be translated into their own artistic creations. Collaboratively, campers will work throughout the week to create and execute a mural design that will become a permanent farm installation. The week culminates with a "Farm Art Exhibit."

Wilderness Leaders  

Develop skills as a leader in the outdoors during a week of adventure! From building a survival shelter and campfire for cooking, to planning a trip and finding our way with compass and map, campers will leave with a new sense of outdoor preparedness. We will take our skills off-site on Friday for a special day of adventure.

AUGUST 21-25

Single Day Camps | Nature Bud Sessions Duplicated for AM & PM



MONDAY - NATURE'S SUPERHEROES: The animals around us have some pretty spectacular powers. Examine these gifts and design your own nature superhero character, complete with a secret identity and super powers.

TUESDAY -- OUTDOOR ADVENTURES: Take a walk on the adventurous side while exploring the wildest areas of Blandford. We will practice how to NOT to get lost and how to stay safe when on an adventure.

WEDNESDAY -- GO BUGGY: Discover the crawling, flying, and hopping bugs that call Blandford home. Campers will have a chance to use investigation tools to get an up close look at these little creatures as we explore different habitats from the forest to the meadow.

THURSDAY -- SUMMER GAMES: Celebrate the best of summer and the best of Blandford with our favorite camp games and adventures. Maybe you will work together as a team of crows trying to steal the egg from the eagle's nest or perhaps you'll pretend to be prey animals running through the forest from predators.

FRIDAY -- SEARCHIN' FOR SASQUATCH: Do you know how to find the most elusive creatures in the forest? Seek out a squatch by looking for their unique habitat: find evidence of food, water sources, and safe shelter.

BLANDFORD MEMBERSHIPS

GET A DISCOUNTED CAMP RATE, EARLY REGISTRATION & SO MUCH MORE!

Nature newbie or natural know-it-all, at Blandford, you belong! Blandford Nature Center has been a resource to the Grand Rapids community for more than 45 years. As a charitable non-profit organization, we want to reinvigorate your relationship with the natural world and with Blandford. Help support our efforts to engage the community in active outdoor play and education that leads to healthier lives and happier families. **Sign-up for your membership when you register for camps!** Just add it to your cart at checkout and you're all set. Easy as 1-2-3!

WHAT DOES EACH MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE?

Individual (\$35) Admission for one cardholder. Basic benefits.

Family (\$50) Admission for two cardholders and dependents under 18 in the same household. Basic benefits.
Priority summer camp registration.

Friend (\$100) Admission for two cardholders in the same household and up to 4 guests each visit. Basic benefits.
Priority summer camp registration.



More info on these and other membership levels available at blandfordnaturecenter.org/membership/.

WHAT ARE THE BASIC BENEFITS?

- Reciprocal membership at participating ANCA Nature Centers.
- Special member pricing for programs, workshops & camps!
- Priority registration for CSA Farm Share program.
- 10% discount on gift shop items.
- Bi-monthly email about upcoming community events.
- Subscription to the Blandford newsletter.
- Special member pricing for Wildlife Care Experiences.

NEW MEMBERS, NEW VISITOR CENTER, NEW HOURS

With your new membership card in hand, come on out for a visit! Blandford is excited to be opening a brand new visitor center! The 11,000 sq. ft., LEED certified **Mary Jane Dockerary Visitor Center** will officially open to the public on April 22, 2017.

Blandford is also pleased to unveil **new extended hours!** Monday to Wednesday from 9am-5pm, Thursday from 9am-7pm, Friday from 9am-5pm, and Saturday from 10am-4pm.



ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BLANDFORD FARM CSA | JUNE 6 – OCTOBER 27, 2017

Sign up today for a share of the Blandford Farm CSA! Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a model that builds a relationship between members who love fresh, healthy, local food and the farmers who grow the food. Get delicious vegetables, herbs, and fruits weekly for 21 weeks. For BNC members, full shares start at \$510 for the season or roughly \$25 a week.

For more information on share sizes and contents, prices, pick-up days, and pick-up locations, check out our website at blandfordnaturecenter.org/blandford-csa/. Member registration opens January 1, 2017. Non-member registration opens February 24, 2017.

LONGEST DAY 5K | JUNE 23, 2017

2017 marks the 5th year of Blandford Nature Center's fundraising trail run/walk! Join us for an evening of fitness and fun. Run or walk the trails through Blandford's 143 acre property. Sign-up for the full 5K or the one mile Kids Fun Run. Afterwards, celebrate the summer solstice with us at our Summer Celebration!

Early Bird registration opens March 1, 2017. Space is limited, so sign-up early to guarantee your spot! More info at longestday5k.org or facebook.com/longestday5k/. You can also follow us on Instagram at @bnclongestday5k.



NATURE PLAY | TUESDAYS FROM JULY 11 – AUGUST 22, 2017

Bring your tiny tikes out to get some 'Vitamin N'. These nature play programs will include some guided and some self-guided play for little ones ages 1-3. Rain or shine we will be outside, so bring sunscreen, rain gear, boots, etc. Programs run from 9:30am-11:00am. Registration is required.

More info on Nature Play can be found on our community calendar at <http://blandfordnaturecenter.org/community-programs-calendar/>.

AND, COMING FALL 2017...

Bands at Blandford | August 25, September 1, 9 & 15, 2017

Jeans & Jewels | September 21, 2017

Harvest Fest | October 14, 2017

hOWLween at Blandford | October 26, 2017

Watch our website for more information!

