



BLANDFORD | nature center



Discover The
Outdoors!

JUNE 18
through
AUGUST 23
2018

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

Week Long Camp Cost:

Members: \$70 a session

Non-Members: \$90 a session

Single Day Camp Cost:

Members: \$15 a day

Non-Members: \$20 a day



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 14 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

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3

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

Remember, camps start June 18 and run through August 23. Each session is purchased as a weekly camp unless indicated by "Single Day Camp."

4

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



Nature Buds: 4-5 years old



Trail Blazers: 8-9 years old



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June 18-22

AM: Nature Play



Nature is your playground at Blandford! Let your imagination run wild as we splash in creeks, build forts, catch bugs, and explore the amazing opportunities for fun in the outside world.

Hooray for Herptiles



Campers will discover the slimy and scaly world of toads, turtles, salamanders, and snakes as we explore Blandford's own froggy ponds, muddy marshes, and curvy creek. As herpetologists in training, we'll feed, interact with, and come up with ways to improve the habitats of these amazing animals!

Marsh Madness



Have you ever wondered what critters live inside the murky waters of a marsh? We'll use nets, buckets, magnifiers, and our curiosity to explore the waters of Blandford and the animals that call them home.

Cycles of the Farm



Life on the farm awaits! Campers will get a week of hands-on farm life in our gardens and animal barns to nurture the love of farming in all of us. They'll explore the path their food takes from farm to table as well as assist in taking care of Blandford's resident farm animals. Students will leave with an appreciation for the life of a farm.

June 25-29

AM: Mornings at the Marsh



Have you ever wondered what critters live inside the murky waters of a marsh? Or hopped with frogs around a pond? We'll use nets, buckets, magnifiers, and our curiosity to explore the waters of Blandford and the animals that call them home.

Fairy Tales



See the Blandford woods through the eyes of your favorite fairy tales: walk through the woods like Little Red Riding Hood, build homes for fairies and trolls, and explore Jack's beanstalk. Fairy tales awake the most wonderful parts of our imagination; combined with nature play this makes for a week of never ending stories and lasting memories.

Farmyard Friends



Serious animal lovers and farm fans come together to care for the resident Blandford Farm animals! We'll spend time with the livestock in barns and pastures, and work hard to feed, exercise, and entertain goats, sheep, and chickens.

Beautiful Birds & Radical Raptors



Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate ornithologist? Using binoculars and field guides, we will explore the property from top to bottom looking for signs of birds of prey in action. Campers will have the opportunity to meet Blandford's owls, kestrels, and hawks, hear their stories, and prepare their food each day.

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 2-6

Single Day Camps



MONDAY - OWL ABOARD!: Next stop: all about owls! Join us and spend a day learning about the owls that call Blandford Nature Center home. We'll think like owls, explore their habitats, and see how we can help wildlife to thrive outside!

TUESDAY - REALM BUILDERS: Mine through your nature knowledge to explore Blandford in a virtually-inspired adventure! We'll craft new tools, search for resources, and build survival shelters using teamwork and the natural materials around us.

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

FRIDAY - FARM FRIDAY: There is always fun to be had at the Blandford Farm! Spending time with the chickens, goats, and farmers, playing games in the fields, and helping to grow delicious foods will give you a taste of the Blandford Farm life.

July 9-13

The Little Blandford Safari

Hop like a toad, walk like a fox, and run like a deer as we explore the habitats of Blandford! We'll search high and low through forest, meadow, and stream, and use scientific tools to discover animals large and small. Find your wild side as we discover the natural world around us!

Aqua Explorers

As our summer days get longer and the summer sun begins to heat up, come cool off by the water! Water experiments, activities, and exploration are what this camp is all about. Prepare to get splashed as we learn about the fun of H2O.

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Science in the Great Outdoors

Have you ever wondered what creatures live in our marsh? How about the aerodynamics of bird flight, how fish breathe underwater, or how to tell time using nothing but the sun? This week, campers will see what makes our living world tick. Enjoy in-the-field learning and experiments in a fun-filled week of hands-on experiences.

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Farm Eco-Engineers



Tap into your ingenuity as you help create a better environment for our farm animals. Young engineers will have a blast designing, constructing, and prototype-testing enrichment activities for the goats, sheep and chickens using kid-appropriate materials.

July 16-20

AM: Dinosaur Stomp



Roar into the past during our dinosaur stomp! Experience life as herbivorous and carnivorous dinos, discover how these giant creatures moved through their ancient habitats, and learn how animals today compare to the great beasts of long ago.

Nocturnal Nature



Do you have what it takes to survive nature at night? We'll take the day to learn about the adaptations necessary to survive and thrive through the night, and why these "night owls" benefit from their nocturnal habits. Campers will have a chance to meet and study some of Blandford's resident nocturnal critters.

Michigan Legends



Buckle up for a wild ride through time! Harnessing the power of our imaginations, great stories, and helpful historians, we will step into the lives of the pioneering young folk of Michigan's past. Each day will be spent exploring a different time period.

Fort Building



Grab some sticks and your imagination, it's time to build a fort! Venturing into the woods and fields of Blandford we will be creating human-sized habitats for dwelling & defense from the elements. Learn proper structure and function of fortress foundations, as well as how to make sure your fun time in the woods is warm, dry and as fun as can be!

Farmyard Friends



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July 23-27

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A camp favorite: grab some sticks and your imagination, it's time to build a fort! Explore the woods and fields of Blandford to gather the perfect materials to make your fort a fortress. Campers will learn how human-sized habitats can be made with nature's materials.

Garden Guardians



This week, young farmers will discover that there is something lurking in our garden that is making it harder for the veggies to grow. Can we find what it is in time to get the veggies to market? Daily investigations, a little hard work (and maybe a small battle or two) will help the garden grow big - and delicious!

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Wild Wizarding Wonders

Have you ever felt like there's 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.

July 30-August 3

AM: Mornings at the Farm

Farm life is the life for me! From sun, to soil, to plants, to animals: we'll focus on all levels of the farm this week to learn how it truly functions. Our mini-farmers will take the week to get to know our animals, plants, and farm tools.

Circle of Life

Harness the energy of the sun, discover the importance of plants, experience what it's like to be a predator or prey, and dig in the mud while looking for decomposers! Campers will experience all of this as they spend the week learning about how different Michigan organisms fit into the food web.

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Farm Stand

Do you have an entrepreneurial spirit? Then the farm needs you! Become a part of our working farm, harvesting and marketing produce to share with our community. Practice skills needed to run a business, including money management, consumer research, and work ethic. Includes a field trip to Fulton Street Farmers Market where campers will help Farm Staff run the produce stall.



August 6-10

AM: Animal Architects

Architects design our homes, schools, and the buildings all around us; now it's time to learn about the architecture of nature. What structures provide the best homes? Which animals live where? We will work together to investigate the many different homes from below the ground to way up in the sky.

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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 their 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.

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Pig-casso: Farm Art Camp

Bring out your inner artist at the Blandford farm! We'll find inspiration in our farm landscape, resident animals, and famous artworks through the ages. Create art from natural materials and media and show off your final products at our Farm Art Exhibition.

Running Wild

Become a trailblazer as you hike through Blandford's many trails! Campers will be modern-day explorers venturing on Blandford's outer trails, collecting specimens and taking notes in their nature journals.

August 13-17

The Big Blandford Safari

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Forest Forensics

At Blandford, investigation is our middle name! This week will be full of BNC mysteries and cases for our campers to crack. By the end of the week we will have earned our badges in forest forensics, captured the Blandford Beast, and solved a few of the great mysteries of the BNC woods.

Wilderness Leaders

Blaze a trail into the great outdoors. Wilderness leaders know that wilderness survival is something that takes preparation, patience and practice. This week, we'll create survival kits, bond through team-building challenges, and practice the basics of survival while also learning respect towards nature. The week will end with a survival challenge testing our knowledge and preparedness. See if you have what it takes to become one of the few, the wild: the wilderness leaders.

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August 20-23

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MONDAY -- A PIRATE'S PARADISE: A pirate's life for me! Spend the day becoming a pirate and learning the way of a life set sail. We will spend the day creating our own pirate personas, playing pirate games, and searching for the ultimate treasure! But don't worry, our pirates will remain scurvy-free!

TUESDAY -- SEARCHIN' FOR SASQUATCH - RETURN OF THE SASQUATCH: The hunt for this elusive creature continues as campers investigate the forest, meadow, and grassland ecosystems of Blandford. Find evidence of food, water sources, and safe shelter, and you may have just found the home of Sasquatch!

WEDNESDAY -- INSECT INVESTIGATION: Come see what the BUZZ is all about! The creepy crawlies of the world may not be the most appealing, but don't be sluggish to sign up! Campers learn that from decomposing & recycling to pollinating, these critters make the world go round. Whether your child loves to learn about these amazing flying, crawling, buzzing, burrowing beauties or just likes to explore new and exciting things, this day will be a time for your camper to BUG OUT!

THURSDAY -- OUTDOOR ADVENTURES: Explore the wildest areas of Blandford on a day full of adventure! We will pack up our backpacks with tools to find our way and investigate creatures great and small.



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 (\$45) Admission for one cardholder. Basic benefits.

Family (\$70) Admission for two cardholders and dependents under 18 in the same household. Basic benefits. Priority summer camp registration.

Grandparents (\$70) Admission for two cardholders and their grandchildren (when accompanied by cardholders). 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.

For info on these and other membership levels: www.blandfordnaturecenter.org/membership/.

WHAT ARE THE BASIC BENEFITS?

- FREE year-round admission to Blandford Nature Center and trails
- Reciprocal membership at participating ANCA Nature Centers (16 in Michigan and 150 nationwide). See participating centers at natctr.org
- Special member pricing for community programs and festivals
- Priority registration and discount for CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Farm Share program
- 10% discount on Gift Shop items
- Monthly e-newsletter highlighting upcoming events
- Subscription to The Acorn, Blandford's yearly newsletter
- Special member pricing for Wildlife Care Experiences
- 10% off all private event rentals



Additional Opportunities

Blandford Farm CSA | June 5 - October 26

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, 2018. Non-member registration opens February 24, 2018.

Nature Play | Tuesdays From July 10 - August 21

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 information about Nature Play can be found online at:

<http://blandfordnaturecenter.org/community-programs-calendar/>.

And, Coming Fall 2018...

Bands at Blandford | August 24 - September 14

Jeans & Jewels Gala | September 20

Harvest Festival | October 13

hOWLween at Blandford | October 25

Pioneer Thanksgiving | November 17

Pioneer Holiday Celebration | December 8

Visit our website for more information!

