Start A Wild Adventure

Summer Day Camp
June 23-August 15, 2014
At Blandford Nature Center we love to see children’s faces light up when they discover tracks in the mud or meet an owl for the first time. Exploring nature, playing with friends, and getting dirty come naturally to children; let us show you the benefits of nature play!

Inside this booklet you’ll find our list of fun and engaging camp offerings. Young children, 4-6, ready for their first camp experiences will enjoy our Nature Buds half-day programs. Children must be able to use the toilet independently; our facility is not licensed for diaper changing. Campers ages 7-12 can choose from a wide variety of single day and full week camps. Older campers can enjoy field trips and overnights. Our experienced educators are excited to share an amazing world of wonder with your child this summer.

“At Summer camp was awesome!” Camper

We believe that every child deserves an enriching summer camp experience. Thanks to the generosity of donors we are able to offer Summer Day Camp “Camperships.” These camp scholarships are awarded based on need. Visit www.blandfordnaturecenter.org/summercamp to download the application.

Are you interested in helping a deserving child attend Summer Day Camp? Your donation of:
$36.00 sends a child to one day of camp.
$90.00 sends a “Nature Bud” to a week of half day camps.
$180.00 sends a child to a full week of summer day camp.

Visit www.blandfordnaturecenter.org/scholarship to help send a child to camp.

Start a wild adventure this summer at Blandford Nature Center! We’re looking forward to helping campers build new skills, make new friends, and have lots of fun!
Single Day Camps for ages 7-12
9:00am-4:00pm, snack included
$30 member, $36 non-member

June 30 - July 3  
**Monday: Make It Wild**
Take a hike to find natural materials, transform your findings into one-of-a-kind artwork, and play creative games along the way. Artists will get to take some of their creations home.

**Tuesday: Frogs, Toads, Turtles, and Snakes**
Help feed and care for Blandford’s resident turtles and snakes. Discover what it takes to survive in the wilds of Blandford as we explore herptile habitats.

**Wednesday: Get Swamped!**
Wetlands are homes for many plants and animals and are exciting places to explore. Campers will head out to explore the marsh equipped with nets, buckets, field microscopes, and more.

**Thursday: Tree-Mendous Explorers**
Enjoy the shade of Blandford’s unique Beech-Maple forest as we play games, find hiding spaces, spy on critters, and build shelters.

July 21 - 25  
**Monday: Superhero Stewardship Day**
Bring your cape and help rescue the wilds of Blandford as we work to fight off those pesky invasive species and plant some native seeds. Fun games throughout the day will make our work seem like play!

**Tuesday: Wildlife Helpers**
Learn how to invite animals into your backyard by creating healthy backyard habitats. Make and take crafts that your backyard friends can’t resist.

**Wednesday: Native American Camp**
Live like the First People did over 300 years ago. Play Anishinabek games, make woodland crafts, taste traditional foods, hang out in the wigwam, and enjoy the beautiful view.

**Thursday: Rescue My Creek!**
Water is a very important resource on planet Earth and the Brandywine Creek needs your help. Join the forces as we count critters, test water quality, and plant native seeds. Campers will have lots of time to splash in the water and play water games.

**Friday: Wacky Weather**
What should you do if you are caught in a thunderstorm? Campers will discover how to prepare for extreme weather situations in nature through fun games and challenges.

“Everyday was filled with information and enthusiasm about what he learned.”  
Camp Parent
August 11 - 15

Monday: Plug– In to the Outdoors
Walk through the woods without making a sound, identify bird and frog calls, splash in the creek, and make castles in the sand. Your camper will get their full dose of Vitamin N … Nature!

Tuesday: Care of Magical Creatures
Owls, hippogriffs, and dragons have unique needs as well as amazing abilities. Meet our live animals while discovering what it takes to be a “magizoologist.”

Wednesday: The Summer Games
Join us outside and discover a world of new ways to play with your friends, from lacrosse and nature races to camouflage and kid creations.

Thursday: Farm to Table
Have you ever made a meal using ingredients right from the farm? Campers will develop a recipe, harvest produce, collect eggs, forage for wild foods, and help cook something delicious for an authentic farm-to-table experience.

Friday: Fort Builders
Adventure leads the way during this camp as we seek out the perfect place for a secret fort. Campers will learn tricks and techniques to build lasting structures to hide and hang out in, as well as create abodes for the smallest of creatures.

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Remember to send your child dressed for the weather because we’ll be playing outdoors as much as possible! Please pack a lunch for full day camps and we’ll provide the snack. Campers will have endless opportunities to investigate the natural world, splash in a creek, dig in the mud, and meet fun new friends along the way!
Full Week Camps for ages 4-12
Full-Day Camps: 9:00am-4:00pm, snack included
Half-Day Camps: Morning 9:00am-12:00pm or Afternoon 1:00pm-4:00pm

June 23 - 27

Nature Buds Mornings on the Marsh for ages 4-6
Half-Day Camp: Mornings 9:00am-12:00pm
$70 member, $90 non-member
Who will we meet at the marsh? Campers will meet new friends and make a splash each morning as we visit the waters of Blandford equipped with curiosity, nets, buckets, magnifying tools, and even a real field microscope.

Nature Buds Take a Hike for ages 4-6
Half-Day Camp: Afternoons 1:00pm-4:00pm
$70 members, $90 non-members
Campers will grab a day-pack and hit the trails prepared for big adventures. You never know the critters we might see hiding under logs, skipping along the pond, or jumping through the trees.

Farm Camp Session I: Full Circle for ages 7-12
Full-Day Camp: 9:00am-4:00pm
$140 member, $180 non-member
Come experience life cycles on the farm—seed to plant, egg to animal, flower to honey. Learn the importance of growing and raising food and how much fun it can be! You'll be a food-web expert!

July 7 - 11

Nature Buds Make Nature Art for ages 4-6
Half-Day Camp: Mornings 9:00am-12:00pm
$70 member, $90 non-member
Creative campers will love painting with berries, creating nature collages, singing silly songs, making toad abodes by the creek, and more. Nature becomes the inspiration and the masterpiece during this artsy camp.

Nature Buds Go Buggy for ages 4-6
Half-Day Camp: Afternoons 1:00pm-4:00pm
$70 members, $90 non-members
Visit an ant hill, taste honey from a working honeybee hive, study a spider’s web, plant food for the butterflies, and more as campers investigate the life of bugs. Bug-themed games and crafts will inspire even the youngest entomologist.

Creative World for ages 7-9
Full-Day Camp: 9:00am-4:00pm
$140 member, $180 non-member
Let the beauty of Blandford inspire you as nature becomes both the object and the tool for making works of art. Campers will take adventure hikes and play games throughout the day that are sure to provoke the mind’s eye.

“I loved my camp, and I learned a lot about bugs.”
Camper
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July 7 - 11 continued

Water Wonders with Kayak Field Trip for ages 10-12
Full-Day Camp: 9:00am-4:00pm
$160 member, $205 non-member
Enjoy water in all forms as we explore the far corners of Blandford’s waterways. Campers will discover the amazing properties of water through experiments, a kayak trip, creek walks, and water crafts.

July 14 - 18

Farm Camp Session II: Building the Farm for ages 7-12
Full-Day Camp: 9:00am-4:00pm
$140 member, $180 non-member
The fun doesn’t stop at farm animals and delicious food this week. Campers will tap into their ingenuity as they design a portable chicken coop and make solar cooking ovens.

Natural Born Leaders Camp with Teambuilding Trip & Overnight for Ages 11-12
Full-Day Camp: 9:00am-4:00pm, ends at 12:00pm Friday
$160 member, $205 non-member
What does it take to be an outdoor leader? Participate in team-building games and activities that challenge you to do your best, all while exploring the natural world at BNC. Leadership skills will be tested during a team-building excursion and overnight camping experience Thursday night. Even if you weren’t born a leader, this week will help you build the skills you need.

July 21-25

Nature Buds Mornings on the Farm for ages 4-6
Half-Day Camp: Mornings 9:00am-12:00pm
$70 member, $90 non-member
Discover life on a farm as we plant seeds, taste a garden rainbow, visit the chickens, feed the goats, play games, create garden art, and more.

Nature Buds Find Feathered Friends for ages 4-6
Half-Day Camp: Afternoons 1:00pm-4:00pm
$70 member, $90 non-member
What makes a bird a bird? Campers will talk like a bird, eat like a bird, build like a bird, play like a bird, and even dress up like a bird to try to answer this question.

"I think my best decision this summer was Blandford Nature Center Day Camp, [my child] has loved it and had so much fun! Definite must for next year!"
Camp Parent
July 28 - August 1

**Wildlife Camp for ages 7-9**
Full-Day Camp: 9:00am-4:00pm  
$140 member, $180 non-member  
Campers get a behind the scenes look at BNC resident animals as they measure and weigh animals, prepare meals, and create enrichment treats. Campers will discover how to create healthy habitats for backyard creatures through fun games and critter themed crafts.

**Homestead Camp with Overnight for ages 10-12**
Full-Day Camp: 9:00am-4:00pm, ends at 12:00pm Friday  
$160 member, $205 non-member  
Learn what it takes to live like a pioneer by becoming one for the week. Campers will create a historic persona, dress in period clothing, and even become an apprentice of a master trade. This camp includes a pioneer themed overnight.

August 4 - 8

**Nature Buds Summer Safari for ages 4-6**
Half-Day Camp: Mornings 9:00am-12:00pm  
$70 member, $90 non-member  
Your young explorer is sure to get a good dose of vitamin N (nature) during this action packed camp as they hide like a deer, walk like a fox, hop like a frog, and more.

**Nature Buds Nature Play for ages 4-6**
Half-Day Camp: Afternoons 1:00pm-4:00pm  
$70 members, $90 non-members  
Campers will set the pace during this week of playful nature immersion as they build forts, splash in the creek, build mud houses, or daydream in a special hiding place.

**Farm Camp Session III - Delicious Harvest for ages 7-12**
Full-Day Camp: 9:00am-4:00pm  
$140 member, $180 non-member  
Experience life on a working farm during one of the busiest and most delicious times—the harvest! Enjoy the tastes, colors and textures of the season as we create new recipes, cook with a solar oven, and try out preservation techniques.

Registration begins March 1st for members and April 1st for non-members
How to register for Summer Day Camp
After choosing your favorite camps ...

Choose a method:
Online at www.blandfordnaturecenter.org, by mail, fax, or in person.

Complete forms for each camper you are registering. Camps are offered for children ages 4 to 12. Children must be able to use the toilet independently as our facility is not licensed for diaper changing. Use and copy the forms on the following pages, or download from the BNC camp webpage, under educational programs. Please print clearly and be sure to sign and date the necessary waiver section. Sign up for a family membership with registration and receive the member discount.

Submit registration with payment:
Online - www.blandfordnaturecenter.org/summercamp
Fax - 616-735-6255. Complete the credit information on the form.
Mail - Enclose check or credit card information and send to:
Blandford Nature Center
Camp Registration
1715 Hillburn Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
In person - Bring payment and registration to the Visitor Center Front Desk.

Confirmation:
Your child will be enrolled once we have received your registration forms and payment. If the camp you prefer has filled, you can choose to be added to the wait list. A confirmation packet will be sent one week from the time of registration, beginning April 1st. The packet will contain session confirmation, information on how to prepare for camp, and a map to Blandford Nature Center. Please call the Registrar, Katie, at 616-735-6240 x11 if you have questions regarding the processing of your registration.

Cancellation Policy:
Notice of cancellation must be received in writing at least ten days prior to the scheduled camp to receive a refund. You will be refunded the camp fee minus a $20 processing fee. No refunds will be issued with less than 10 business days notice. Blandford will only cancel a camp due to severe weather warnings and extremely high winds.

Thank you to our annual supporters:
BNC Summer Day Camp Registration and Medical Forms

Please use separate forms for each child. Please print clearly, sign and return the completed forms to:
Blandford Nature Center, Camp Registration, 1715 Hillburn Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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Health Information (check all that apply)

- Allergies: Foods  Hay Fever  Insects  Drugs  Animals  Other

- Existing Conditions: Asthma  Diabetes  Heart defect/disease  Hyperactivity/ADD  Bleeding/Clotting disorder

Convolusions – Date of last seizure

Other

Please explain any conditions marked above

List any specific medical, physical, emotional, or behavioral conditions that need to be considered

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Payment is due with registration

- Check enclosed # ___________
- Visa  Mastercard

Name on card: ____________________________

Credit Card #: ____________________________

Exp. Date: ___/___/___ Auth. Code: ____________

Program Fee Total: $ ____________

Family Membership ($50): $ ____________

Donation to Send a Child to Camp: $ ____________

Total Enclosed: $ ____________

General Release of Liability and Authorization for Treatment

This health information is correct to the best of my knowledge and the person herein described has permission to engage in all camp activities, except as noted. In consideration for being allowed to participate in the Blandford Nature Center's programs, I agree to assume the risk of such activities and programs further agree to hold harmless the Blandford Nature Center and its staff members conducting the activities from any and all claims, suits, losses, or related causes of action for damages including, but not limited to, such claims that may result from injury or death, accident or otherwise, during or arising from in any way the activities. I grant permission for my child to participate in all planned camp activities including out-of-camp trips by van or bus, understanding that competent leadership is provided. The Blandford Nature Center is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal articles. I also authorize the Blandford Nature Center and its assignees to use any photograph, picture, or likeness of me or my child for promotional purposes. In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp staff to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for my child as named above. I acknowledge that this General Release of Liability and Authorization for Treatment is legally binding on me personally and on my heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assignees.

Signature of Parent/Guardian ____________________________ Date ____________

Form Page 1
Child's Name:  
Date of Birth:  
Age:  
Grade (Fall):  
Address:  
City:  
State:  
Zip Code:  
Phone #:  
Email Address:  
Parent/Guardian Name:  
Cell Phone #:  
Authorized Driver?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  
Parent/Guardian Name:  
Cell Phone #:  
Authorized Driver?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  

Additional authorized drivers who may pick up your child.  
Name:  
Cell Phone #:  
Name:  
Cell Phone #:  

Emergency Contacts other than Parents/Guardians:  
Name:  
Cell Phone #:  
Authorized Driver?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  
Name:  
Cell Phone #:  
Authorized Driver?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  

Medical Information:  
Will your child bring medication to camp?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  → If yes: Form B is required (signature of parent and physician)  
Is there any reason your child’s activities should be limited?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  → If yes: Please explain:  _____________  

In the event that paramedics are called please list all medications currently taken by your child:  

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ALLERGY ALERT  
PLEASE NOTE: Blandford Nature Center is a natural environment with potential allergens such as trees, plants, dowers, bees, etc. In addition, **Blandford Nature Center is not a peanut-free environment.** While we do our best not to offer nuts, we cannot protect against exposure to these allergens. If your child is susceptible to allergic reactions please be sure that you have taken all necessary precautions, including completion of our Medication Authorization Forms and notifying our staff of your child’s allergies.  

Signature of Parent/Guardian:  
Date:  

Form Page 2
Child’s Name: ___________________________  Birthdate: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________  City: ___________________________  State: ___________________________  Zipcode: ___________________________

I hereby request that Blandford Nature Center employees, volunteers, and/or agents administer or supervise the administration of medication.

By signing below, I agree that I am primarily responsible for administering medication to my child. However, I authorize Blandford Nature Center, and its employees, volunteers, and/or agents, on my behalf and in my stead, to administer to my child or allow my child to self-administer while under the supervision of the employees, volunteers and/or agents of Blandford Nature Center, lawfully prescribed medication in the manner listed below. I acknowledge that it may be necessary for the administration of medications to my child to be performed by an individual other than trained medical personnel and I specifically consent to such practices. I further acknowledge and agree that when the lawfully prescribed medication is so administered, I waive any claims I might have against Blandford Nature Center, and its employees, volunteers, and/or agents, arising out of the administration of said medication. In addition, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Blandford Nature Center, and its employees, volunteers, and/or agents, either jointly or severally, from and against and all claims, damages, causes of action or injury incurred or resulting from the administration or self-administration of said medication, except a claim based on willful or wanton conduct.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PHYSICIAN (Please print legibly)

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Severe reaction that may occur to other children for whom medication is not prescribed should they receive a dose of the same:

Date of Prescription: ___________________________  Discontinuation Date: ___________________________

The child will self-administer medications with supervision or the medication may be administered by a staff member. The following describes the circumstances which indicate that medication should be administered:

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<td>Annual re-evaluation is required. Please indicate if it should be sooner:</td>
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Physician’s Signature/Licensed Prescriber’s Name: ___________________________

Date: ___________________________  Office Phone #: ___________________________

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE PHYSICIAN AND PARENT BEFORE ANY MEDICATION WILL BE ADMINISTERED OR PERMITTED ONSITE DURING BLANDFORD NATURE CENTER SUMMER DAY CAMP.