

# 2020 SUMMER DAY CAMP



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OUTDOORS



FOR CHILDREN  
AGES 4-12



JUNE 8-AUGUST 14  
REGISTER TODAY



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# HOW TO REGISTER

Follow step-by-step instructions below to sign up for summer camp. If you have questions, contact us at 616-735-6240 or [camp@blandfordnaturecenter.org](mailto:camp@blandfordnaturecenter.org).

- 1** Pick your camper's age group using chart at right.
- 2** Review this brochure and select which camp session(s) work best for your child's schedule. For your convenience, all camp programs are color-coded by age group.
- 3** Log onto our website at [blandfordnaturecenter.org/seasonal-camps](http://blandfordnaturecenter.org/seasonal-camps) to register and pay for your selected camp session(s). Click on the applicable age group to get to our online registration program. Find the session, click on the "Register" button and complete registration.
- 4** Watch your email for purchase confirmation.
- 5** One week prior to each session that you have registered for, you will receive a camp information email. The email will contain session information, camp preparation tips, and a map to Blandford Nature Center to best prepare your camper for their adventure!

AGE GROUP	AGES	CLASS TIME	COST/WEEKLY SESSION*
CAMP WARM UP**	4-12	8AM-9AM	\$30 members/ \$45 non-members/\$10 sibling
CAMP COOL DOWN**	6-12	4PM-5:15PM	\$30 members/ \$45 non-members/\$10 sibling
NATURE BUDS	4-5	9AM-12PM	\$75 members/ \$95 non-members
WILD SPROUTS	6-7	9AM-4PM	\$150 members/ \$190 non-members
WILD SPROUTS SPECIALTY CAMP	6-7	9AM-4PM	\$170 members/ \$215 non-members
TRAIL BLAZERS	8-9	9AM-4PM	\$150 members/ \$190 non-members
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OUTDOOR EXPLORERS	10-12	9AM-4PM	\$150 members/ \$190 non-members
OUTDOOR EXPLORES SPECIALTY CAMP	10-12	9AM-4PM	\$170 members/ \$215 non-members

## \* EACH SESSION IS PURCHASED AS A WEEKLY CAMP

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.

\*\*Members and non-members will receive a 15% discount when purchasing camp warm up & cool down within one transaction (including additional siblings).

Your child will be enrolled once we have received your completed online registration and payment (Step 3). Immediately after registering online, you should receive an email receipt that confirms your purchase. Retain that receipt for your files.

## CAN'T REGISTER ONLINE?

Paper registration forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Mary Jane Dockeray Visitor Center front desk.

## CAMPERSHIP

Need a scholarship? Due to the generosity of our donors, we're able to offer a limited number of scholarships to campers who might otherwise not have the means to go to camp. Apply for a "Campership" on our website and we will send you a confirmation before registering.

## 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.

# CAMP WARM UP & COOL DOWN

Advanced registration is required for both Warm Up and Cool Down, which can be purchased together or separately during camp sign-up. Members and non-members will receive a 15% discount when purchasing camp warm up & cool down within one transaction (including additional siblings).

## CAMP WARM UP AGES 4-12

### CAMP WARM UP

Campers can be dropped off one hour early to better accommodate working parents' schedules. Campers can gently ease into a day of camp with quiet activities, stories, and music. Camp Warm Up is available to all campers and will run from 8am - 9am.

## CAMP COOL DOWN AGES 6-12

### CAMP COOL DOWN

Your camper will have 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 hour of extra time! Camp Cool Down is for full day campers only and will run from 4pm-5:15pm.



# WEEK 1: JUNE 8-12



## NATURE BUDS AGES 4-5

### DINO STOMP

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## OUTDOOR EXPLORERS AGES 10-12

### CAMP CLASSIC

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## WILD SPROUTS AGES 6-7

### FORT BUILDING

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### MARSH MADNESS

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

### FARM FAIRY TALES

Lots of our favorite fairy tales include farm plants and animals! Find out what's landing on Chicken Little's head, discover what lies at the top of a beanstalk, and search for the goose that lays the golden egg! Imaginative play will take us to the farm and beyond in search of adventure.

### FOREST FORENSICS

Investigation is our middle name, and detection is how we play this game! The week will be full of Blandford mysteries and cases for our campers to crack. By the end of the week, we will have earned our badge in forest forensics, discovered a mysterious new species, and solved a few of the great mysteries of the Blandford woods.

## TRAIL BLAZERS AGES 8-9

### HOORAY FOR HERPTILES

Campers will discover the slimy and scaly world of toads, turtles, salamanders, and snakes! Together we will explore Blandford's own frog ponds, muddy marshes, flourishing forests, and curvy creek to learn about the wild and resident reptiles and amphibians that call Blandford home.

### FARMYARD FRIENDS

Serious animal lovers and farm fans come together to care for the resident Blandford Farm animals! We'll spend time learning about the livestock, what they need to stay healthy, and what they provide for us. Campers will also pitch in to feed, exercise, and entertain the goats, sheep, and chickens.

### 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 own backyards, go on adventures to explore habitat diversity, and go behind the scenes in our wildlife care center to prepare food and enrichment items for Blandford's permanent residents.

### FARM OLYMPICS

Get ready to run, jump, toss and tumble through the week as we create and compete in the second annual Summer Camp Farm Olympics! Individuals and teams will create fun obstacle courses, events, and races to test themselves amongst the plants and animals on the farm. You need not be the fastest or most flexible, there will be fun events for everyone!

## NATURE BUDS AGES 4-5

### NATURE PLAY

Outdoors we find incredible playgrounds for animals and people alike! Just like creatures of the meadow and forest, we can use twigs, leaves, and pine needles to build toys and special places to play. We'll observe who shares this outdoor playground with us and pretend to be wild creatures out in the woods.

## OUTDOOR EXPLORERS AGES 10-12

### WILDLIFE CARETAKERS

Caring for Blandford's Wildlife Ambassadors isn't all turtle walks and bunny cuddles; you've got to have the grit for dirty jobs! Campers will have the special opportunity to help the wildlife staff with daily responsibilities as well as design projects to enrich the wildlife. If you loved Wildlife Helpers, take your skills to the next level!

## WILD SPROUTS SPECIALTY CAMP AGES 6-7

**WILD CULINARY ADVENTURES**  
Come along on an edible adventure -- harvesting garden veggies, discovering wild forest foods, and creating deliciously healthy snacks! We'll be introduced to cooking skills such as following a recipe, measuring ingredients, and kitchen safety as we explore the farm and forest in search of tasty plants!

# WEEK 2: JUNE 15-19

## TRAIL BLAZERS AGES 8-9

### MARSH MADNESS

Have you ever wondered who lives inside the murky waters of the marsh? We'll use special tools and our observational skills to explore Blandford's marsh and discover the many organisms who call it home.

### CYCLES OF THE FARM

Life on the farm awaits! We'll nurture a love of farming through hands-on fun in our gardens and animal barns. Roll up your sleeves and get ready to explore the path our food takes from seed to plate as well as assist in taking care of Blandford's resident farm animals.

### NATURE ART

From the biggest landscapes to the smallest insects, nature has always inspired artists. This week campers will draw inspiration from the nature around them and explore a variety of media, both natural and traditional, to create works of art fit for gallery walls. The week will conclude with an art show to share our creations with family and friends.

### GAME MAKERS

We're breaking out our big book of fun and games! Join us for a week of scavenger hunts, trail games, and team-building challenges as we find fun in unexpected places. Get creative while crafting pieces to classic games, and on our last day together we will test out new camp games created by you!

# WEEK 3: JUNE 22-26

## OUTDOOR EXPLORERS SPECIALTY CAMP AGES 10-12 FARM STAND

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

## NATURE BUDS AGES 4-5

### ADVENTURES AT POLLIWOG POND

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



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## WILD SPROUTS AGES 6-7

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### FARMYARD FRIENDS

Let's get to know the animals at Blandford Farm! We'll work to keep the Blandford livestock happy and healthy and learn how to feed, clean, and entertain goats, chickens, and sheep. Grow and harvest food for our animals and become a Blandford farmer for a week as we learn and play at the farm!

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### AQUA EXPLORERS

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## TRAIL BLAZERS AGES 8-9

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## NATURE BUDS AGES 4-5

### MORNINGS AT THE FARM

Farm life is the life for me! Our youngest farmers will help grow and harvest food in the Children's Garden, feed friendly chickens, and play goat games as we learn all about life on the Blandford Farm. As the sun helps our crops to grow, we'll learn about what plants and animals need to survive and even try our hands at using small farm tools.

## OUTDOOR EXPLORERS AGES 10-12

### FORT BUILDING

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### WILDLIFE HELPERS

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## WILD SPROUTS SPECIALTY CAMP AGES 6-7

### FARM TO TABLE

Have you ever wondered where the foods we eat come from before we buy them at the store? During this culinary adventure at the farm, campers will learn how fruits, veggies and herbs grow, and we'll harvest some of these foods and prepare them for eating. Get ready to roll up your sleeves to work in the garden and learn basic cooking skills. We will get a chance to taste the results of our hard work!

# WEEK 5: JULY 6-10

## TRAIL BLAZERS AGES 8-9

### ANIMAL INSTINCTS

Animal survival depends on strength, stealth, and speed! This week, we will build these skills for ourselves as we explore the many ecosystems of Blandford. Camouflage, animal yoga, fox walking, and turtle sprints will help us practice our animal instincts in the wild!

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### WHO'S WHOOO AT BLANDFORD?

Are you an animal expert? An explorer extraordinaire? Get to know who's whooo as we embark on an animal scavenger hunt! Campers will learn to identify different animal orders and classes, meet with Blandford's wildlife ambassadors, and work together on a search for species that will take us far and wide!

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# WEEK 4: TAKE A BREAK JUNE 29-JULY 3

# WEEK 6: JULY 13-17

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## OUTDOOR EXPLORERS SPECIALTY CAMP AGES 10-12

### 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 an adventure to a local natural area to test our knowledge and preparedness. See if you have what it takes to become one of the few, the wild: the wilderness leaders.

## WILD SPROUTS AGES 6-7

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### ECOSYSTEM EXPLORERS

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 and more as they spend the week learning about how different Michigan organisms fit into the food web.

### 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 discover what's at the top of the beanstalk. Fairy tales awaken the most wonderful parts of our imagination; combined with nature play, this makes for a week of never-ending stories and lasting memories.

## TRAIL BLAZERS AGES 8-9

### FARMERS IN TRAINING

What does it take to run a farm? Campers will turn into farmers this week as they feed and take care of animals, work in the field, and prepare produce for sale. The week will conclude with campers running a produce stand where friends and family can buy fruit and veggies at the Blandford Farm.

### WILDERNESS SCOUTS

It takes hard work and determination to become a true Wilderness Scout! Together we will practice survival techniques, bond through team-building challenges, and learn to respect nature and each other. The week will end with a long hike that will test our knowledge and preparedness. If we master these survival skills, we will be ready to take it to the next level and become Wilderness Leaders!

## TRAIL BLAZERS SPECIALTY CAMP AGES 8-9

### WILD CULINARY ADVENTURES

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## OUTDOOR EXPLORERS SPECIALTY CAMP AGES 10-12

### FRIDA KALE-HLO FARM ART

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

## NATURE BUDS AGES 4-5

### 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!

### CAMP CLASSIC

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### MICHIGAN LEGENDS

Buckle up for a wild ride through time! Campers will hop in a time machine to experience the daily lives of children 50, 150, and 500 years ago. We'll harness the power of our imaginations, great stories, and helpful historians to explore Michigan's past.

# WEEK 7: JULY 20-24

## TRAIL BLAZERS AGES 8-9

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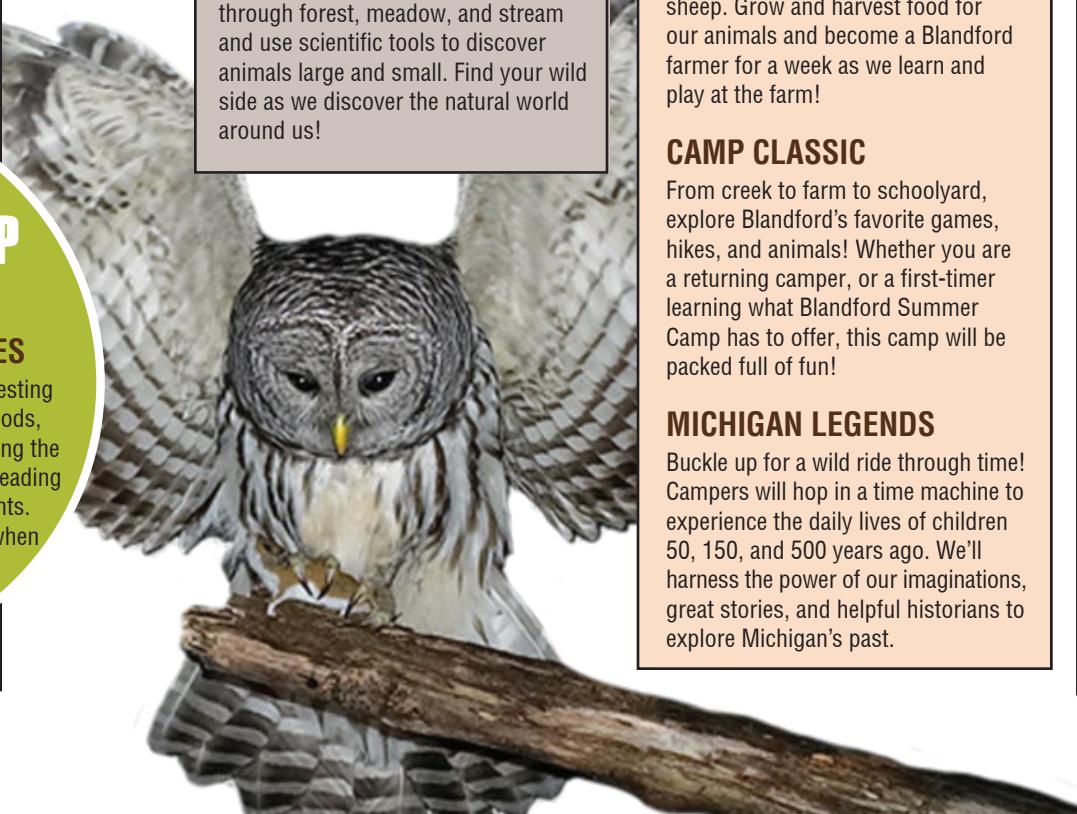
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# WEEK 8: JULY 27-31

## NATURE BUDS AGES 4-5

### DINO STOMP

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## OUTDOOR EXPLORERS SPECIALTY CAMP AGES 10-12

### 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.

## WILD SPROUTS AGES 6-7

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### FEATHERY FRIENDS

Binoculars up! We're going on a bird hike like no other, searching for songbirds, raptors, waterfowl and more! We'll help care for Blandford's resident birds of prey for a day, create egg-cellent art, and collect data for real ornithologists as we learn about this amazing class of animals.

### NATURE ART

Making art comes naturally! Budding artists will find materials as well as inspiration as we traverse forest, stream, and meadow. Using a variety of natural and traditional media, campers will create art fit for gallery walls and forest floors. Camper artworks will be on exhibit for family and friends during our Friday Art Show.

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## OUTDOOR EXPLORERS SPECIALTY CAMP AGES 10-12

### NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Do you have an eye for the unique beauty that abounds in nature? Do you want to try your hand at special techniques and tools to help you get a different perspective? From close-ups of forest structures to framing a landscape shot, we'll practice capturing the essence of the world around us through the camera's lens. We will even try making our own cameras this week!

## NATURE BUDS AGES 4-5

### NATURE ART

There are more colors in the meadow than in a box of crayons! Blandford's youngest artists will build sculptures, paint with plants, and search for new ways to make art outside. At the end of the week, we'll show off our creations in a gallery exhibition for friends and family. Let's get creative!

## WILD SPROUTS AGES 6-7

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### NATURE PLAY

Outdoors is the best place to play! Will you be the fastest frog in the pond, the silliest salamander under the log, or the most creative bug in the meadow? We'll play the animal way, creating new games, exploring different habitats, and having all kinds of fun in the sun!

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### ECO-ENGINEERS

Wild plants and animals do an incredible job of changing the world around them to fit their needs, but sometimes they can use a little help from hard workers and creative thinkers. After assessing the habitat needs on Blandford's property, campers will work together on a project that they think will help the long-term success of the native plants and animals living here.



# WEEK 9: AUGUST 3-7

# WEEK 10: AUGUST 10-14

# BE A SUMMER CAMP AIDE

## NATURE BUDS AGES 4-5

### INSECT INVESTIGATORS

Let's explore the smaller side of the animal kingdom! Our buggy adventures will have us netting butterflies in the meadow and finding beetles under logs. Live your best six-legged life as we learn what makes insects so special!

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### NOCTURNAL NATURE

Could you survive as a "night owl"? This week we will learn about Michigan animals that work through the night and how these creatures of the night thrive in the dark. Campers will have a chance to meet and study some of Blandford's residential nocturnal critters and observe their daytime sleeping quarters.

### DINO ADVENTURE

Roar into the past as we explore the world of dinosaurs! Build dinosaur egg nests to keep young dinos safe, discover how large these gigantic creatures grew, and learn how animals today compare to the great beasts of long ago.

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**Our Camp Aide program is an opportunity for teens ages 13-18 to volunteer for 1-4 weeks during the summer.**

- Share your love of the environment with campers ages 4-12!
- Learn exciting leadership skills!
- Earn community service hours - up to 35 a week!

Whether you're a new camp aide or a seasoned veteran, one of the first steps in becoming a 2020 Camp Aide is completing an online form at: [blandfordnaturecenter.org/experiences/seasonal-camps/become-a-camp-aide](http://blandfordnaturecenter.org/experiences/seasonal-camps/become-a-camp-aide)

**CAMP AIDE FORMS ARE REQUESTED BY FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020.**

Everyone submitting by May 1, 2020, will receive information and camp assignments on May 11, 2020. Applications received after May 1 will be considered on a rolling basis.

More information on the application process - including our helpful FAQs - can be found on the "Become a Camp Aide" website address above.



# BECOME A MEMBER



## GET DISCOUNTED CAMP RATES, EARLY REGISTRATION & MORE!

Nature newbie or natural know-it-all, at Blandford, you belong! Blandford Nature Center has been a resource to West Michigan for more than 50 years. As a charitable non-profit organization, we want to reinvigorate your relationship with the natural world and with Blandford. Join us in our mission to engage and empower our community through enriching experiences in nature and sign-up for a membership when you register for camps! Just add it to your cart at checkout and you're all set. For more membership information, visit [blandfordnaturecenter.org/membership](http://blandfordnaturecenter.org/membership).

Basic membership benefits included in all options:

- FREE year-round admission to Blandford Nature Center
- Reciprocal admission at participating ANCA nature centers
- Subscription to Blandford's bi-yearly newsletter
- Subscription to Blandford's monthly e-newsletter
- Discounted pricing for community programs & events
- Discounted pricing on Wildlife Care Experiences
- Early & discounted registration for Farm CSA program
- FREE snowshoe rental (subject to availability)
- 10% discount on Gift Shop purchases

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP | \$70

- Admission for 2 cardholders and dependents under 18 living in the same household
- Early and discounted registration for Summer Camp Programs

### GRANDPARENT MEMBERSHIP | \$70

- Admission for 2 cardholders and their grandchildren when accompanied by cardholder
- Early and discounted registration for Summer Camp Programs

### FRIEND MEMBERSHIP | \$100

- Admission for 2 cardholders and up to 4 guests when accompanied by cardholder
- Early and discounted registration for Summer Camp Programs

### PHOTOGRAPHY MEMBERSHIP | \$100

- Admission for 1 cardholder and up to 8 guests when accompanied by cardholder
- Early and discounted registration for Summer Camp Programs



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OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH ENRICHING  
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# ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a relationship between community members who prefer locally-grown food and the farmers that grow it. CSA members support and invest in the farm by purchasing a "share" of the harvest that they can pick up weekly. For more details and registration, visit [blandfordnaturecenter.org/farm](http://blandfordnaturecenter.org/farm) or contact our Farm Manager at [liz@blandfordnaturecenter.org](mailto:liz@blandfordnaturecenter.org) or 616-735-6240 ext. 123.

### SUMMER SHARES

Indulge in 20 weeks of fresh, naturally-grown seasonal veggies from June 9th to October 20th!

Full Share: \$520/members,  
\$550/non-members

Half Share: \$310/members,  
\$325/non-members

Summer shares can be picked up Tuesdays at the Farm from 4pm-6:30pm and Fridays & Saturdays at the Fulton Street Farmers Market from 8am-1pm.

### WINTER SHARES

Enjoy 8 weeks of healthy, local seasonal veggies from November 6th to December 25th!

Full Share: \$200/person

Pick up dates/times will be determined by a winter share member survey.

### HERB SHARES

Enjoy 10 weeks of fresh herbs! Each week, share members will get their choice of four herb bunches. Options will range from tried and true kitchen staples like basil and parsley to herbs for the culinary adventurous, such as shiso and Mexican mint marigold. As flowers come into season, a weekly bouquet will also be included

Full Share: \$100/person

Herb shares can be picked up Tuesdays at the Farm from 4:00-6:30 pm.

**BLANDFORD MEMBERS  
CAN PURCHASE  
SHARES BEGINNING  
JANUARY 2, 2020.  
NON-MEMBERS CAN START  
PURCHASING SHARES  
ON CSA DAY,  
FEBRUARY 28, 2020.**





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