



MONTANA AUDUBON CENTER



Montana Audubon Adventure Camps 2018

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2018 SCHEDULE

Littles: Entering grades K-2. All camps are 1/2 day.

June 18-22	Feathered Friends (am)	Dino-tastic! A (pm)
June 25-29	Tales and Trails (am)	
July 9-13	Bogs, Frogs, & Pollywogs (am)	Transformers (pm)
July 16-20	Animal Parade (am)	
July 23-27	Bug Out! (am)	Little Explorers A (pm)
July 30-August 3	Dino-tastic! B (am)	Seeds to Sprouts (pm)
August 6-10	Tales and Trails B (am)	Water Wiggles (pm)
August 13-17	Little Explorers B (am)	

Middles: Entering grades 3-5.

June 11-15	Art Camp (am)	
June 18-22	Fishing & Fort Building A (d)	
June 25-29	Birds in Your Backyard (am)	Nature Day Spa (pm)
July 9-13	Art Camp (am)	Nature Girls 1 (d)
July 16-20	Outdoor Gourmet (am)	Forces of Nature (pm)
July 23-27	Mad Scientists (pm)	Fishing & Fort Building B (d)
July 30-August 3	All About the Challenge (am)	
August 6-10	Zoology (am)	Western Adventure (d)
August 13-17	Fishing & Fort Building C (d)	

Older Kids: Entering grades 6-9.

June 18-22	Art Camp (am)	
June 25-29	Wild Ventures* (d)	Nature Day Spa (pm)
July 16-20	Challenge Accepted (d)	
July 30-August 3	Nature Girls 2 (d)	
August 6-10	Zoology (pm)	

(am): 8:30-12:00

(pm): 12:30-4:00

(d): Full day 8:30-4:00

Cost: 1/2 day \$140

Full day \$260

Overnight +\$40

Camps with asterisk (*) vary in price. Check descriptions for more information. Scholarships available for up to 90% program fee, call Center to inquire.

Register at mtaudubon.org/center/



Get outside this summer at your Montana Audubon Center!

Montana Audubon Adventure Camps are a great summer outdoor experience, making full use of our 54-acre outdoor classroom, Norm Schoenthal Field Lab and adjacent access to the Yellowstone River trail system.

A few things to know about how we do summer camps:

- Low staff:camper ratio of 1:6. Max class size of 12.
- Diverse, educationally relevant, and age-appropriate programming.
- Professional staff of trained naturalists provide a safe, fun environment for all campers.
- Focus on learning and exploring our local, natural areas.
- All camps include a giving-back restoration component.
- Every Friday features camp-wide games, contests, and special activities.

Is your kid attending a separate morning and afternoon camp? We have designated “lunch buddies” to accompany them during the 1/2-hour break. (Add \$10/week)

Fledglings Summer Session!

Our popular Fledglings Nature Preschool is going year-round! Whether wanting to extend their preschool experiences or getting ready for Kindergarten this fall, Fledglings Summer Session is a great education foundation for lifelong learning. Our Early Childhood - trained staff and high-quality program emphasize social skills, risk management, learning that emerges from play, and 80% of time spent outside. Class size limited to 8 students. Sign up for individual weeks or all summer. 3 days/week (T-W-Th) from 8:30-12:00, \$70/week. Child does not need to be registered in school-year program. 10 weeks starting June 13.

LITTLES *(Entering grades K-2)*

Tales and Trails: Books are great places to find adventures, and Nature is, too! Each day will include a special storytime reading of a Nature book and a chance to make some outdoor adventures of your own!





Seeds to Sprouts: We'll dig in the soil, plant seeds, and discover plants from tiny sprouts to the tallest trees, including some that we can eat!

Bug Out: Creepies, crawlies, and little critters everywhere. Learn the lives of these mini-beasts close up and in person.



Bogs, Frogs, and Polliwogs:

There are some animals that are just as happy in slimy, wet, and muddy places as they are on dry ground. Get to know your friendly neighborhood amphibians!

Dino-Tastic: Dinosaurs! Learn the different types of dinosaurs, including ones that walked around your neighborhood in prehistoric times. Dig for bones, go on a dinosaur hunt, and get to know modern dinosaurs - birds!

Feathered Friends: Birds of a feather....flock together with us as we discover local birds: how to see them, hear them, and help them! You'll also make a bird feeder to take home for birds in your own neighborhood.

Water Wiggles: Splish and splash yourself into puddles, ponds, and streams all week with the Center staff. We'll even learn about (and catch!) some of the cool critters that call these places home.

Transformers: More than meets the eye! Water bugs turning into dragonflies, little fish turning into frogs...lots of animals change shapes. Learn all about why and find animals in all of their different forms.

Animal Parade: How many different animals call Billings home? Come learn with us! We'll look at tracks, help build animal homes, and even make masks and costumes for a Friday parade.

Little Explorer: The wild awaits! Put on your adventure hat and explore the "backcountry" forests and fields of Norm's Island. Who knows what we'll find!





MIDDLES *(Entering grades 3-5)*

Birds in Your Backyard: You've seen them around: crows, finches, pigeons, ducks, and geese! Learn more about Billings' bird species: how to identify them, what makes them special, and how to invite them to your own backyard.

Fishing and Fort Building:

(Optional overnight) Two great ways to have fun in the outdoors! We'll create a variety of shelters in the surrounding forests, learn how to build fires, tie knots and canoe. Try your luck at fly-fishing and construct your own fishing pole. Camp ends at noon on Friday.

Outdoor Gourmet:

No need to be hungry if you know where to look in the woods! If you love to eat (and who doesn't?), join us for an adventurous week of outdoor cooking skills, including a few ways to eat what you find in the wild.



NEW Zoology: Who doesn't love animals? Spend a week as a zoologist in training. Learn more about, and see all kinds of critters, from insects to tigers. Identify tracks, scat, and skulls to become a pro!

Offered in partnership with:



Nature Girls:

(Optional overnight) Nature adventures are not just for boys. Join us for a special week of making campfires, identifying animal tracks, and meeting some grown-up nature girls! Camp end at noon on Friday.

NEW Western Adventures:

(Optional overnight) (Combined ages) It's the wild west y'all! Take a week to live and explore like Lewis and Clark. Taste food, play games, and visit places all from the early 1880's! Adventure and go back in time this week of western adventures. Camp end at noon on Friday.





Mad Scientist: How do we know what we know about the natural world? Science! Don a lab coat and goggles to experiment with liquids, solids, and gasses; study how objects move; discover the chemistry of nature and the physics of play. Make flubber, goop, glop, and your own rocket!



Nature Day Spa: (Combined ages) Bring out your natural beauty! Make your own scented soaps, scrubs, masks, and even insect repellent with plants we find in nature. We'll have tea time every day with mint and rosehips and relax with nature meditation.

NEW with Guest Instructor Art Camp: Get creative with nature art! Professional artist and educator Lindi O'Brien will help you connect with nature and engage your creativity. Experiment with a variety of media-watercolor, clay, pastels, and more! Let nature inspire you. Perfect your skills and add to your portfolio. An official gallery, showcasing your work, will be held the Friday of camp!

NEW Forces of Nature: Earth, wind, fire, and water. How do these forces work to make the world we live in? Become a master of fire, wind, water, and earth to find out! Conduct experiments and use each one during camp.



NEW All About the Challenge: Can you survive this camp?! Be challenged with obstacles, puzzles, games, and more. Work with other campers to beat each challenge and unlock harder ones. Can you say challenge accepted?





OLDER KIDS *(Entering grades 6-9)*

NEW Zoology: Become a zoologist this week! Meet others who work with animals. Learn more about how to identify animals and their signs. Even learn how to handle them in their natural environment. Maybe even look how they function from the inside out!



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Wild Ventures: Montana is known for a great place to have adventures! Discover why during our special camp for older kids. Week includes whitewater rafting, horseback riding, zip-lining, canoeing, hiking in the Beartooths, and rock climbing. YOLO! \$430

NEW Challenge Accepted! : (Optional overnight) Are you ready for this?! Challenge yourself this week at camp with low ropes courses, obstacles, games, and survival skills. Complete challenge week and live to tell the tale! Camp ends at noon on Friday.



Nature Girls 2: (Optional overnight) An older-girls only version of this popular camp. Nature adventures are not just for boys. Join us for a special week of getting girls outside: learning survival skills, making campfires, identifying animal tracks, and meeting some grown-up nature girls! Camp ends at noon on Friday.

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Audubon Center Youth Volunteers

Are you ready to help younger kids have a great summer experience? Apply to be an Audubon Center Summer Intern. A great chance to build your skills and be a part of our staff! Available for kids 14-18, call for application or more information.

Summer Programs at the Montana Audubon Center

Check out the program schedule and info on our website,
www.mtaudubon.org/center

Nature Nuts: Ages 1-4 and an accompanying adult. \$6/pair or **FREE** for members. Every Tuesday year-round, 10-11am.

Weekend Wonders Family Programs: Naturalist-led programs for all ages, different theme each 3rd Sunday of the Month. 3-4:30pm. \$5/person or **FREE** for members.

Open House: Visit the building, chat with a naturalist, check out a nature knapsack or other equipment for exploring the grounds, or rent a canoe to paddle the ponds. Canoes \$10/hr or **FREE** for members, no charge for other activities. Every Wednesday 4-8pm, Saturdays 9-2, Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Saturday Bird Strolls: Great for beginning birders, binoculars and guidebooks provided. \$10/person, \$5/students and kids, **FREE** for members. 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 7-8:30am.

Coffee Walk with a Naturalist: A cup of bird-friendly coffee and a nature ramble to observe and learn, different theme each month. 1st Saturdays, 9-10:30am. \$10/person, \$5/student, **FREE** for members.

WE ALSO OFFER:

Birthday Parties
Facility Rentals
Private Tours and Programs
Year-round Programming

Trails and Shepard Nature Playspace open sunup to sundown every day

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