

MONTANA AUDUBON CENTER



Montana Audubon Adventure Camps 2016

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2016 SCHEDULE

Littles: Pre-K - 1st Grade

June 20-24	Tales and Trails (am)
June 27-July 1	Seeds to Sprouts (am)
July 5-8	Bogs, Frogs, and Polliwogs (am)
July 11-15	Little Critters (am) Dino-Tastic (pm)
July 18-22	Feathered Friends (am)
July 25-29	Water Wiggles (am)
August 1-5	Transformers (am)

Middles: Grades 2-5.

June 20-24	Birds in your Backyard (am)	Wild Child Camper Training (d)
June 27-July 1	Where the Wild Things Are (am)	
July 5-8	Wonder Why (am)	Fishing & Fort Building A (d)
July 11-15	Nature Notebook (am)	Nature Girls A (d)
July 18-22	Nature Gourmet (am)	Mad Scientist (pm)
July 25-29	Treasure Maps (am)	Nature Day Spa (pm)
August 1-5	Artist-in Residence (pm)	Junior Land Steward (am) Fishing & Fort Building B (d)
August 8-12	Day Camping (am)	Nature Girls B (d)

Older Kids: Grades 6-8, Full Day

June 27-July 1	Wild Ventures
June 11-15	Nature Girls A
July 18-22	Lost in the Woods
July 25-29	Destination Restoration
August 8-12	Nature Girls B

(am): 8:30-12:00 (pm): 1:00-4:30 (d): Full day 8:30-4:00

Cost: 1/2 day \$130, Full day \$250, Overnight +\$40

Some prices may vary. Check registration for more information.

Get outside this summer at your Montana Audubon Center!

Our Audubon Adventures Camps are a unique outdoor experience, taking advantage of our center facilities and extensive outdoor access along the Yellowstone and right next to the city of Billings.

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

- Low staff:camper ratio of 1:6
- Diverse and educationally relevant programming at age-appropriate levels, from pre-K to High School
- Professional staff of trained naturalists provide a safe, fun environment for all campers.
- Outdoor focus on learning and exploring our local, natural areas.
- Friends of Center receive a 10% discount on all camp fees (sign up as part of your camp registration!)
- Scholarships available for up to 95% of costs. Call for details.

LITTLES (Age 4 - 1st Grade)

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!

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. Spend some time and get to know your friendly neighborhood amphibians!



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!

Little Critters: The most important things in nature are often the smallest! We'll look high and low for grasshoppers, dragonflies, worms, tadpoles, and other tiny animals that are all around us.



Dino-Tastic: Dinosaurs! In Montana! Learn the different types of dinosaurs, including ones that walked around your neighborhood in prehistoric times. 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.

MIDDLES (2nd - 5th grade)

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.



Wild Child Camper Training: (Optional overnight) Have you ever spent a night outdoors, built a campfire, set up a tent, or gone fishing? Learn these basics and more during our special wild child camper training! We'll also talk about Leave No Trace principles and how to be safe and have fun. Camp ends at noon on Friday.

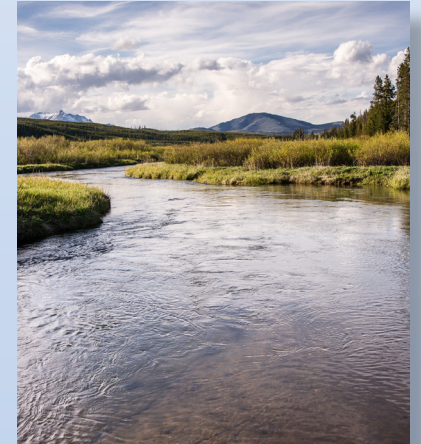
Wonder Why: Why do some animals sleep during the day? Where does the petrified wood come from? What do animal tracks look like? How do birds know where to find bugs to eat? Each day this week we will investigate the answers to a different nature question.

Fishing and Fort Building A: (Optional overnight) Two great ways to have fun in the outdoors! We'll create a variety of shelters in the surrounding forests, spend lots of time fishing, and learn how to build fires, tie knots, and paddle in a canoe. Camp ends at noon on Friday.

Nature Notebook: Want to have a record of what you see outside? Make your very own nature journal! Spend the week exploring nature and learning how to sketch, paint, and write descriptions of what you find, and how to connect those pages into a book you make yourself.

Nature Girls: (Optional overnight) One of our most popular camps is back! 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.

Where the Wild Things Are: Holes, burrows, caves, dens, rivers, logs, nests, trees, cavities, and even rocks! These are all places that animals call home. We'll explore, investigate, and discover all of these on a series of outdoor adventures.



Nature Chef: 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 making tasty treats from the edible plants found in our area.

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!



Treasure Maps: Did you know that animals use maps to get around? We'll spend this week exploring how and why animals move around and learn about using and making our own maps to find our way in the outdoors.

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 (tea) and relax with nature meditation.

Fishing and Fort Building B: (Optional overnight) Didn't get enough the first week? Busy doing other camps? Here's a second chance at our popular camp for all things outdoors.



Junior Land Steward: It takes a lot of work to keep the center grounds a healthy place for both kids and animals! Join us this week to learn about what we've done to turn this old gravel pit into a diverse habitat, and make your mark on the place by helping us out with some special projects.

Artist - in - Residence: Artists have always been inspired by nature, and it's easy to see why! From watercolor to oils to pencil sketches, join us for a week of creativity with nature as the subject. We'll work with local artists, build a portfolio, and have an official gallery showing for friends and family on Friday!

Day camping: Fire building, fishing, hiking, exploring, telling stories, cooking marshmallows...lots of the things we do while camping are just as fun during the day! If you're looking to get ready for camping or just want to have a great time outside, join us for this special week!

Destination Restoration:

Did you know that the Montana Audubon Center grounds were once just a pile of gravel? That all of the plants you see now were planned out and planted by hand? Learn about the positive impact people can have on a natural habitat and participate in the process in a stewardship project you help design!



OLDER KIDS (6th - 8th Grade)

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!

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Lost in the Woods: (Optional overnight) Spend a full week learning how to get lost (and found!) in the outdoors. We'll learn about maps, compasses, and GPS; how animals use camouflage when they want to hide, and how to "leave no trace" of where you have been. Camp ends at noon on Friday.

Junior Naturalists-in-Training:

Are you ready to make the transition from camper to counselor? Apply to be a part of our J-NIT crew! You'll take part in camp staff training, planning camp activities, and assisting younger campers through the summer. Training in CPR and First Aid included. Apply for two or more weeks. Separate registration. Call to inquire.

Naturalists in Training:

Get paid to play outside! Our Naturalists in Training program provides excellent experience for older High School students in education, interpretation, environmental science, ecology, and STEM-related fields. You'll be a full part of staff training and work for 4 or 8 weeks of our summer camps, helping campers and assisting staff with all programs. Separate registration. Call to inquire.



Montana Audubon Center

offers a variety of public and private programming, including birthday parties, scout programs, family programs, and special events. We are also always looking for stewardship volunteers during Restoration Saturdays and throughout the year!

More information at www.mtaudubon.org/center.

Get Outside, Montana! This popular family passport program is back in 2016! Kickoff on June 11th at the Montana Audubon Center. Registration and more information on the website.