Guardian Guide

A Look at Summer Nature Day Camp 2023

CAMP DATES & RATES
2023 Camp Season is June 26-September 1
◆ Full day Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm $450/week
◆ Half day Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm OR 12:00pm-3:00pm
  Pre-K & K Only $275/week
◆ Family Membership level or higher required.
◆ December 1st, 2022 registration opens for premium members
  (Sustaining, Patron, & Benefactor).
◆ January 1st, 2023 registration opens for Family Members & TNC for Two
◆ February 28th, 2023 Early Bird discount ends.
1. Camp Basics
What does a typical day at camp look like?

Summer at TNC is a time for campers to spend their days outdoors using our nature preserve as their classroom. Each week campers will:

♦ Explore on our hiking trails
♦ Learn about different nature related topics
♦ Meet our Animal Ambassadors up close and personal
♦ Create natural crafts
♦ Play games outside

Have an amazing summer!

“Camp is a great way for children to learn and explore in a non-classroom setting. They are so inquisitive about nature and want to spend all day out on the trails!”

-Jennifer LoDico, Camp Director

Sample Day Schedule on Weather:
8:45 am Camp drop-off
9:00 am Craft: Homemade Spectroscope
9:15 am Camp rules & name game
9:30 am Learn about weather!
9:45 am Experiment to see how heat rises & cold sinks
10:00 am Snack break (food brought from home)
10:30 am Go for hike
11:30 am Group game
12:00 pm Lunch (food brought from home)
12:30 pm Outdoor free play
1:00 pm Story: Read a story on hurricanes
1:15 pm Activity: Make a cloud in a jar.
1:45 pm Animal Ambassador meet & greet
2:00 pm Snack break
2:30 pm Outdoor free play
3:00 pm Pick-up

Staff
All camp staff members are professional educators certified in First Aid and CPR and required to pass a background check. Some are teachers, while some possess other advanced certifications. All TNC staff are vaccinated and receive pre-camp training that includes COVID-19 signs and symptoms, mandated reporting, and child development.

Meals
Campers who are registered for a full day of camp must bring their own lunch, one morning snack, and one afternoon snack. There is no refrigerator or microwave for use. TNC does not have a cafeteria or store. If your camper arrives without food, we will call home asking for something to be brought in to the visitor’s center as we do not stock food. Pre-K/K campers registered for a half day will need snacks and may choose to have lunch at camp. Lunchtime is always at 12:00pm every day. It is up to the individual if you would like to eat lunch with us or not.

Allergies and Dietary Concerns
TNC takes allergies very seriously and requires as much information from the guardian as possible. Depending on the severity of the allergy we may send an email to all guardians letting them know we have a “peanut-free” week at camp and ask all campers to pack “peanut-free” food items. If the camp provides pre-packaged snacks as a special treat we accommodate dietary restrictions such as kosher, gluten-free and vegetarian. Kosher needs are provided with Pareve and/or Fleishig options depending on your camper’s needs.

Bathroom Independent
Children are required to be 100% bathroom independent and dress themselves. For safety reasons, TNC staff do not go into the restrooms with campers or help them to dress afterward.

Special Needs
TNC strives to provide a positive experience for all campers and to allow children to explore the outdoors. Prior to registering please contact the Day Camp Director to discuss the needs of your child so we are prepared to provide the best experience for your child! We do allow teaching aides and shadows however, they must provide a copy of a background check done by the State of NJ.

Medication
TNC camp personnel are properly certified in First Aid and CPR. Tenafly Nature Center does not stock any medication. It is the policy of TNC and its personnel not to physically administer any medication to participants. Your camper must have the ability to self-administer all medications when necessary.

Medical Information Required
Each camper will need to complete a health profile via PROCARE. Their profile must be completed by one week prior to their first day of camp. This includes a copy of their Universal Health Form and Immunizations. Campers without this information will be turned away without a refund.
Rain
Campers must pack rain gear. In case of light rain, we will hike on! In the case of thunderstorms or strong winds, campers will be brought to our storm safe sites. TNC will only cancel camp in case of severe storm warnings.

Heat
Did you know TNC is higher in elevation and covered in trees which provides shade? We are typically 10 degrees cooler than lower elevations. On days where heat and humidity is a concern, we will monitor campers to ensure they are drinking plenty of water and not over exerting themselves. Camps may also take advantage of the cooler temperatures found within our wooden structures. We may offer a pre-packed cold treat, play water games, set up sprinklers and other water actives to cool down! Swimming is never allowed in Pfister’s pond.

Summer Camp Packing List
Dress Code
1. Campers should wear clothes they don’t mind getting dirty. Shorts and t-shirts. Light colored, lightweight clothes are suggested for protection from insects and poison ivy.

2. Campers should wear comfortable shoes. It is important to have sturdy footwear for hiking. Sneakers are recommended. DO NOT wear flip-flops, open sandals, or shoes with slippery bottoms. We recommend packing a spare pair of shoes in case they get wet.

3. On extremely hot summer days, campers may be involved with water games and activities-never swimming. On these days they are welcome to bring in water shorts/ shirts. NO bathing suits.

Backpack Clearly Labeled with Last Name
1. A water bottle (at least 1 liter capacity) filled each morning. We refill throughout the camp day. Please no soda or disposable drink containers.

2. Two healthy snacks (one for the morning, one for the afternoon). Please no nuts/ peanuts for the health and safety of all.

3. A lunch for full day campers inside a bag, lunch box or container that is clearly labeled with last name. Please use reusable/ refillable containers with minimal packaging to reduce waste. Waste will be sent home in the box or bag it came in.

4. A FULL set of extra clothes. Accidents happen! We need our campers to be comfortable at camp and supplying them with a full set of undergarments, shorts, shirt, socks, and shoes will allow them to change quickly and minimize embarrassment. TNC staff will call guardians to drop off clothes at visitor center if they are not provided. This set of clothes can be kept in a bag labeled with last name to be left at their campsite for the duration of their camp week. Please also pack a bag for wet/dirty clothing.

5. Rain gear. We are a nature camp and will explore the trails rain or shine, muddy or dry. Please be sure your camper has a rain jacket or poncho, and a second pair of shoes for getting wet including rubber boots, sneakers, or closed-toed water sandals. NO umbrellas. Rain gear can also be left in a bag labeled with last name at their campsite for the duration of their camp week. Please also pack a bag for wet/dirty rain gear.

6. Recommended items:
   - A hat
   - Hand sanitizer
   - Tissues
   - Outdoor toys such as chalk, jump rope, bracelet kits, books etc.
Do **NOT** send the following items:

1. Aerosol containers of insect repellant. We recommend pre-treating clothing at home.
2. Weapon-like items
3. Juice boxes
4. Personal items that could be lost.
5. Soccer ball, basketball, football, baseball, etc. They will soar into poison ivy and TNC staff will not go and retrieve it.

**Behavior Guidelines**

The Tenafly Nature Center’s first priority is the safety of our campers. Here at Tenafly Nature Center we strive to make camp a healthy and safe community, one in which campers can have fun, connect with others and with the Earth. Therefore, we expect all campers will:

1. Stay with their group
2. Participate in camp activities
3. Interact with other campers and staff members in respectful ways
4. Be supportive of other campers’ needs and efforts
5. Always act in ways that are safe for themselves and others
6. Treat other campers’ (and the camp’s) property and belongings with respect and consideration
7. Never threaten, imply a threat or “get in the face” of another camper
8. Not engage in put-downs of any type or make “fun” of another camper
9. Not purposefully and with ill intent exclude another camper
10. Never intentionally physically harm another camper or staff (i.e. No hitting, kicking, pushing, biting, etc.)
11. The Tenafly Nature Center embraces diversity and values the integrity of our community. Individual differences of religion, culture, socioeconomic status, national origin, race, ethnicity, biological sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, physical appearance, and ability are acknowledged and respected. Campers strive to behave in a sensitive, open, and respectful manner and will not deliberately exclude another individual for these reasons.

**The consequences of not following the camp’s code of conduct are:**

1. **First time** - meeting at camp with the camp staff and guardian to discuss the incident.
2. **Second time** - the camper will miss one day of camp in order to better understand that there are better behavior choices to be made relative to the incident.
3. **Third time** - a decision-making meeting with parents in order to look at the real possibility that perhaps Tenafly Nature Center Day Camp is not a good match for the camper and his/her needs.

Our goal is to help each camper have a successful and positive camp experience. Of course, each incident will be looked at individually and in terms of degree of seriousness. Please go over the behavior policy and expectations with your camper(s), including the consequences for not following them. Clarity and consistency, at camp and at home, are the keys for making our camp a healthy, nurturing environment for children. The staff reserves the right to cancel registration without refund during camp week for unacceptable behavior.

**2. Health & Safety Concerns**

TNC will follow all CDC guidelines, NJDOH requirements, and ACA recommendations. We will update our policies as more information comes out from these sources. Camp staff will be trained on the basic principles of emergency first aid, blood borne pathogens, infection control, hand washing practices, personal protective equipment (PPE) and COVID-19 signs and symptoms. They will be able to instruct campers on safe practices while attending camp. At this time, we will not be requiring face masks. If anyone prefers to wear a mask that will be fine! We also keep disposable masks on hand in case we need them.
Hand Washing
Campers will be brought to their camp groups designated restroom to wash their hands with soap and water before each of the 3 meals and throughout the day as needed. TNC staff keep hand sanitizer in their first aid kits to be used throughout the day. If any camper does not wish to use hand sanitizer and would prefer to wash at the bathrooms with soap and water, we will bring them as often as they wish.

Outdoor Camp
Summer Nature Day Camp has nature in the name for a reason! We spend our days outdoors exploring the trails and learning about nature. We will only go inside under extreme circumstances. Please have your camper dressed for all weather conditions while here!

Absence or Late to Camp
If your child is going to be absent or arriving after 9:30 am for ANY reason, please contact the Nature Center office at (201) 568-6093.

You may leave a message if your call is outside office hours -please try to call before 8:30 am each day your child will be a sent. Refunds will not be given for absence and we do not prorate.

Signs to Note If a Child is Too Ill to Attend Camp
Children will not be admitted to camp if they have a fever of 100.4°F or above or the following symptoms:

- Chills or fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- A rash
- Red draining eyes
- Thick yellow or green nasal discharge

If the sickness is a COVID-19 related symptom, fever of 100.4 F or excessive coughing or difficulty breathing, child must be fever-free for 3 days without fever reducing medicines, and stay home for 7 days since symptom start. If the child has a negative COVID-19 test then they may return after 72 hours of being symptom free. Parents will be notified to observe your child and to let us know if they display any symptoms.

If a non-COVID-19 illness, please stay at home until 24 hours AFTER these symptoms are resolved or a note from your doctor is sent to camp stating that the child may attend. If your child is diagnosed with an infection, it is very important to keep him/her out of camp for at least 24-48 hours AFTER starting antibiotics to prevent the spread of infection.

Communicable Diseases
A camper who shows symptoms of any of the following communicable diseases will not be allowed at camp without a note from a doctor or specialist:
1. Chicken pox
2. German measles (rubella)
3. Measles (rubella)
4. Mumps
5. Streptococcal infections (including scarlet fever, sore throat, and erysipelas)
6. Whooping cough (pertussis)
7. Fifth disease (erythema infectiosum)
8. Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
9. Impetigo (staphylococcus infection)
10. Meningitis - meningococcal
11. Hepatitis infectious
12. Head lice (pediculosis)

A camper who is found to have live head lice will not be permitted to attend camp until there are no active lice in the camper's hair, proof of treatment has been provided to the camp director, and until all live and/or dead head lice are removed from the camper's hair.

The presence of nits (the eggs of lice) without active head lice will not prohibit a child from attending camp provided proof of treatment has been provided to the camp director and there is no evidence of active head lice in the camper’s hair.

3. Policies & Procedures

Scholarships
Tenafly Nature Center does not want to turn any child away from making a connection with nature and strives to give all children this opportunity regardless of their ethnic, social or economic backgrounds. Full or partial scholarships are made possible each year through grants and the generous donations of our supporters. For more information and to apply for a scholarship please head to our website: TenaflyNC.org/ Camp-Scholarships

Tipping
We encourage families to tip their camper’s counselors to the best of their ability. Our staff members are adult professionals who work hard all summer to ensure your camper is safe, learning, and has an amazing camp experience. We recommend tipping $10-$15 per week of enrollment. Although this is a guide, please feel free to increase the amounts if your child has had an exceptional experience!
Refund Policy

TNC will be sharing the financial risk during this unprecedented time. If there is a confirmed COVID-19 exposure and the Health Department closes camp TNC will determine refunds on a case-by-case basis, depending on the severity of the closure.

- TNC membership is non-refundable.
- If a child or household member is COVID-19 positive, that child will not be able to return to camp until cleared by their doctor. A refund will be determined given how many days the child will need to miss camp. If a full week of camp (5 days) is needed then a full refund will be offered minus the $50 cancellation fee.
- If you choose to withdraw your child 3 weeks prior to the start date of your camp tuition payment is nonrefundable. If cancelling with more than 6 weeks notice to the start date of your camp session, you will receive a full refund minus the $50 cancellation fee. If you are cancelling more than 3 weeks but less than 6 weeks notice you will receive 50% back your camp tuition.

These policies are necessary to cover the costs we incur when we commit to you to have camp available this summer. TNC is a non-profit independent nature preserve and we need financial policies that provide some budget stability to keep us running.

Pick-up 3:00pm-3:30pm

Individuals authorized for pick-up MUST bring a valid ID. To provide a safe and secure environment for all campers, authorized individuals must be listed on campers’ health forms upon registration. If authorized contacts change, the primary contact must email a written confirmation to camp@TenaflyNC.org. The email must contain the first and last name of the authorized individual. TNC will not release a camper who is not listed on the authorized paperwork. If we do not have the necessary written permission, the primary contact will be notified and they will need to take the necessary steps to ensure their child’s safety.

Pick-up will also be done in the cul-de-sac. Cars will line up on Hudson Avenue and patiently wait for their turn to speak with TNC staff and sign off for pick-up. We will bring the camper with their belongings to their car. Parents, guardians, and visitors will not be allowed into the camp sites.

Pre-K/K AM Half Day pick-up is 12:00pm-12:30pm.
Please park in our parking lot and head over to our visitor center.

If you need to drop-off or pick-up outside of regular times, please contact TNC staff at 201-568-6093.

After Care

We will be running after care in our visitor center from 3:30pm 5:00pm. You must be able to send an authorized contact to pick-up your child ON TIME each day. Staff leave promptly at 5:00pm.

Daily After Care $30
Weekly After Care $100

Registration must be made in advanced. Staff will not be scheduled to stay if there are no registrants.

Drop-off and Pickup

Drop-Off 8:45am-9:15am

Campers will be dropped off in our cul-de-sac each morning. Cars will line up single file along Hudson Avenue leading up to the cul-de-sac. We ask that you wait patiently until you can pull up to the check-in cones. Guardians should not leave their cars. Parents, guardians, and visitors will not be allowed into the camp sites.

Pre-K/K PM Half Day drop-off is 12:00pm-12:30pm.
Please park in our parking lot and bring the camper to our visitor center.
CIT High School Volunteers
We run a volunteer program for responsible high school students to assist with summer camp. They attend a two day training course and are under the guidance of the camp staff to lead & develop camp activities. Two CITs may accompany each camp week. They are never left alone with campers.

8th Grade Jr. CIT Program
8th grade students can register for our Jr. CIT program! Part camper & part helper, Jr. CITs will be put with our youngest campers and assist the counselors. They will gain confidence, learn the ins and outs of working with children, and enjoy all of the same camp fun by hiking, making crafts, and meeting our animal ambassadors. We will accept two Jr. CITs for each week of Pre-K & K camp priced at $375/ week.

Counselor Chats
If families wish to chat with their campers’ counselor we are happy to arrange a meeting! Arrangements can be made for a phone call, email, or an in person meeting.

Birthdays
TNC staff are more than happy to celebrate your camper’s birthday at camp! Please alert the camp director ahead of time of the big day and let us know if you wish to provide pre-package allergy friendly treats (ex: fruit popsicles). We will provide the fun.

Ticks, Mosquitoes & Sunburn
Because all of the activities at the Tenafly Nature Center are outdoors, we are sensitive to and are aware of tick, sun and mosquito concerns. We address these issues in a proactive, clear and efficient way through education (of staff, campers and parents) and implementation of risk management procedures.

We ask that parents apply a liberal amount of sun-block to their camper’s before camp each day and to make sure your camper is dressed for sun protection (i.e. hat with brim). The staff here is more than happy to remind campers to reapply sunscreen throughout the day. Please let the staff know if your child is especially sensitive to the sun. We do not apply insect repellent here at the Tenafly Nature Center and instead ask that you spray your camper’s clothing with an appropriate spray before leaving for camp in the morning. Guardians may want check with your doctor before doing this.

At camp we educate everyone about ticks, minimize off-trail hiking, establish a tick check system for campers and staff, and follow other tick-related safety procedures and practices. Guardians are advised to help their camper check clothes and all body areas after each camp day-the evening bath or shower is a good time for this!

4. Registration
Camp groups are based on the grade your camper is entering September 2023. We can move a child down a grade level but will not move children up. Pre-K & Kindergarten is a minimum age 4 years old.

To Register
December 1st, 2022 Registration opens for Sustaining, Patron, & Benefactor Members
January 1st, 2023 Registration opens for Family Members & TNC for Two
February 28th, 2023 Last day to register for Early Bird pricing. Payment must be complete by February 28th to receive discount. Unpaid registrations will be deleted.

1. Register online at TenaflyNC.org/Camp-Registration and submit full payment. Separate registrations are required for each camper. Use the grade your child is entering next September to determine appropriate group. Current Family Membership or higher is required for all participants in our camp program.

2. After completing your child’s registration, you will receive an e-mail with confirmation.

3. In your email confirmation there is a link to PROCARE. Please log into this online health system and complete the information required.
This profile is where you will tell us about your camper, fill out health information, emergency contacts, other important safety data, and submit the following required files:

- The Universal Health Record from your child’s health care provider
- A copy of your insurance card
- A copy of any information regarding your child's activity restrictions/special needs

Complete the form submission through PROCARE 7 days prior to the start of the camp session. New Jersey state law requires campers to submit a current health record each year. Failure to submit all forms to TNC 7 days prior to the start of the camp session will result in forfeiture of your registration fee.

### Waitlist
If a session is marked as (Full), add your child to the waitlist option on the registration page. If a space becomes available we will contact you via email with a deadline of when to complete payment. We go in timeline order of families on the list so add your name quickly!

Please be prepared to include the following information:

- Your name
- Your phone number
- Your email address
- Your child’s name
- Your child's grade & birthdate

### Payment Plan
If you are registering for more than 4 weeks of summer camp payment plans can be arranged with the Camp Director to hold your campers spot.

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Camp Themes

Pre-K & K Chipmunks

Our Wild Woods
June 26-30
Trees are everywhere but what do we really know about them? Campers will study the different parts of a tree and learn about how animals (and people) can not live without them.

Explore Galore!
July 3-7
Is your child an adventure seeker? Out of the box thinker? If so, sign your child up for Explore Galore where we will begin examining the mysteries of life. Why do animals camouflage? How do nocturnal animals see in the dark? Explorers will head out into the forest to find answers to these perplexing questions!

Make a Splash!
July 10-14
The ocean is a wondrous place filled with many mysterious sea creatures! Dive in to a week full of ocean life. Campers will put on their swim goggles and learn about mammals, fish, and plants that spend their lives underwater.

I'm Buggin' Out
July 17-21
Did you know frogs once had tails and butterflies used to be caterpillars? We all change, but some of us change more than others. How do these animals change? Come investigate the life cycles of animals and plants of Tenafly Nature Center!

Little Einsteins
July 24-28
You can never ask too many questions! Little Einsteins will look at the world with an open mind. Campers will spend time asking questions about how things work and why, making observations, and gathering information.

Captain Planet
July 31-August 4
All animals need food, water, shelter and space to live and grow. But what if those essentials were taken away? Campers will learn what living things need to survive and what will happen if humans take away all their resources. We will become Earth’s hero and learn how to save our planet from harm!

Wilderness Explorers
August 7-11
Does your child roam around, and around, and around? Let them roam along our trails this week at camp! As we wander the trails, campers will have a chance to see wildlife and learn outdoor survival skills such as building a shelter, and using a compass so you can be sure they always come home to you no matter where they go.

Having a Blast with Chloroplasts!
August 14-18
Plants are often overlooked. But did you know they provide food for many living creatures big and small? Campers will learn how plants get their food, how they grow, and even how they smell! You may even get a future gardener in the making.

Digging for Dinosaurs
August 21-25
Dinosaurs used to roam the Earth right where we are! All campers will now be paleontologists and discover dinosaur evidence from the past and present.

Scales and Tales
August 28-September 1
Which amazing critters have scales and tails? Campers will check out animals of the past and present with tales of the lives of these radical reptilians. Each day will focus on a different group of scaled species and the lives they lead.

1st-2nd Deer

Animal Superheros
June 26-30
Animals may not wear capes, but they can be superheroes, too! Some animals can perform amazing feats; other animals make our lives easier every day. Every night, your campers will be able to share with you crazy animal facts about how they protect themselves, eat, see, and hear differently and the role animals play in making life more comfortable.
Out of this World  
July 3-7  
Blast off to a week far, far away! All week long young astronauts will learn about the planets, the moon, and the stars. We will explore how their patterns of motion can be predicted and observed. Campers will learn how we can survive on Earth and not other planets. We will explore the trails and maybe find aliens living among us!

Under the Sea  
July 10-14  
The ocean is a wondrous place filled with many mysterious sea creatures! Dive in to a week full of ocean life. Campers will put on their swim goggles and learn about mammals, fish, and plants that spend their lives underwater.

Magical Metamorphosis  
July 17-21  
Let’s learn all about this strange change! Insects, amphibians, and even sea creatures undergo this amazing process. Campers will investigate the changes animals can go through as they develop. They’ll also discover other types of change in our forest through nature hikes and live animal encounters.

Mad Scientists  
July 24-28  
Mwahahahaha! Come experiment with us. Young scientists will conduct experiments and see what unfolds. Using their inquisitive skills they will test their theories and find out the difference between light and sound. Which objects can be seen if light is available and which give off their own light? Why do nocturnal eyes gleam in the dark? Let’s find out.

1st-4th Snapping Turtles  
Conservation Nation  
July 31-August 4  
Oh no! The Earth is in trouble! Using artifacts and live animals, campers will investigate the classifications of at-risk species and develop an appreciation for the diversity of organisms around us. Time will be spent learning about current issues scientists and citizens are working to solve. Campers will also determine ways to play their part to protect the planet!

Hunger Games  
August 7-11  
What was it like to live without modern technology? Could you survive in the woods using just your skills and what you can carry? Would you know what to do if you got lost in the woods? Campers this week will learn how read trails, construct a survival shelter, identify edibles, and more!

STEM Up to the Plate  
August 14-18  
Campers will begin to use Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to solve challenges. Opening up their minds to the factual world, campers will ask questions, make observations, and gather information to look problems from all angles.

Colors of the Wind  
August 21-25  
Nature creates a beautiful landscape filled with vivid greens, brilliant blues, and the warm shades of autumn. Feathers and flowers may seem showy, but they carry important messages. Color can mean the difference between life and death! Campers will decipher the meaning of color, explore its role in nature, and search for examples on the trails.

Dirt Alert  
August 28-September 1  
Time to get messy! This week is all about digging in the dirt. Campers will explore what is going on beneath our feet searching for small critters and learning about a microscopic environment.

3rd-5th Coyotes  
Nature Ninjas  
June 26-30  
Can you walk through the woods without being detected? Did you make a sound? Stand out among the trees? Learn from the masters and discover how animals use their ninja skills to escape from predators and catch their prey.

Galaxy Quest  
July 3-7  
3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF! Rocket into outer space and discover what’s really out there. Campers will turn into astronauts this week and learn about our planets. Why can’t we live on Jupiter? Is there really life on Mars?
Monsters of the Deep Blue Sea  July 10-14
Did you know the majority of our planet is covered by water? It’s why our planet appears blue from space! The ocean is home to many creatures that we can not even see and many that we know nothing about! Come learn about which large sea creatures are lurking in the vast ocean.

Transformers in the Wild  July 17-21
Transformers live among us, and they’re smaller than you think! Learn about which animals can change their bodies into something else completely and why they do so. Through hikes and visits with live animals, campers will discover the many changes nature goes through.

Blinded Me with Science!  July 24-28
Science! Put on your lab coats, grab your safety goggles and get to work! Scientists will create hypotheses and put them to the test. Research and conduct experiments to learn about the natural world and take these hypotheses out onto the trails. Communicating with fellow scientists and sharing ideas is the key to finding solutions!

5th-7th Hawks Wildlife Warriors  July 31-August 4
“We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.” - Aldo Leopold. Investigate the role humanity plays in the planet’s ecosystems and how we can be better citizens of our planetary community through our actions.

Survivor  August 7-11
Could you survive in the wilderness? Ever wonder how people survived without electronics? Learn to build fires, use a compass, build a shelter, and withstand the elements. Teens will develop an inner strength and confidence in their abilities in the natural world.

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STEM Wars  August 14-18
Come to the STEM side. Teens will explore the advantages of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math skills. They may discover their passion for Science while hitting the trails at camp. Scientists will work together testing their hypothesis and learn about natural selection, adaptation and genetic mutations.

Undercover Biologists  August 21-25
It’s all around us every time we turn on the TV: climate change, drought, wild fire, starving polar bears, water shortage. Why is this happening and how can we stop it? Students will collectively explore some of the most important issues perplexing scientists, governments and communities. We’ll figure out how we can cope with these issues and lessen their impact.

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