



Blue Hills 2012 Summer Camp

Adventures in Nature



Blue Hills Summer Camp

- Offers campers a unique location to discover nature through hands on exploration, creative play and active learning.
- Each session features an age-appropriate theme intended to deepen each child's knowledge and awareness of natural exploration throughout the summer and beyond camp.
- Our high staff to camper ratio and experienced, caring staff create a friendly and safe atmosphere on "The Hill."
- Located atop scenic Chickatawbut Hill, the second highest peak in the Blue Hills Reservation, the camp is operated by Mass Audubon's Blue Hills Trailside Museum in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.
- **Please be aware that our summer day camp program is not held at the Blue Hills Trailside Museum but at our Chickatawbut Hill location. During the months of June—August, please use the following contact information:**

Summer Day Camp Blue Hills Reservation
Chickatawbut Road
Milton, MA 02186
Tel: 617-696-0920
bluehillscamp@massaudubon.org
www.massaudubon.org/bluehills

Camp Day Outline

8:30-9:30am—Drop off and group games in the field
9:30am—Opening circle
10:00am—Snack time
10:30am—Group exploration and nature play
12:00pm—Lunch time
12:30pm—Group exploration, nature play and crafts
2:30pm—Closing circles
3:00-3:15pm—Pick up time

Camp Hours

Camp runs Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
With the exception of overnights, and After Care programs.

Camp Prices

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nonmember</u>
One-week session:	\$290	\$355
Two-week session:	\$580	\$645

After Care Program

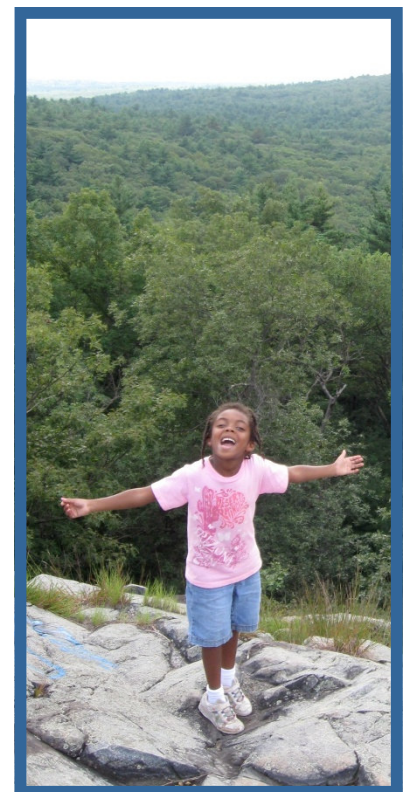
After Care runs from 3:00pm until 6:00pm each day.

After Care Prices

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nonmember</u>
One week session:	\$80	\$110
Two week session:	\$120	\$150

After Care Program

2:30pm quiet activities: games, crafts
3:30pm snack time
4:00pm quiet games, crafts and activities
5:00-6:00pm pick up time



Chickadees (C) Grade k-1



Child must be at least 5 as of 6/15/12
Camper to Counselor ratio 5:1

- Experience the wonders of nature through hands on exploration, games, stories, songs, crafts and short hikes.
- Chickadees participate in one week sessions with opportunities for large and small group interactions, guided discovery in the outdoors and imaginative play with friends.
- The Chickadees will learn to use magnifying glasses, insect nets and other exploration tools.



Hidden Homes

Search for signs of animals down on the ground to up in the trees, find where they build their homes, and build one of your own.

Color by Nature

How do animals use color to survive? Chickadees will create art projects based on these animals and plants.

What's the buzz?

The hills are alive with the sound of...animals! Listen for birds singing, crickets chirping and squirrels chattering. Find out why they make all that racket and make some of our own.

Step, slither or soar

Explore how other animals move from place to place whether with wings, paws, or no legs at all in search of food and shelter.

C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9
June 25-29	July 2-6	July 9-13	July 16-20	July 23-27	July 30- Aug 3	Aug 6-10	Aug 13-17	Aug 20-24
Hidden Homes	Color by Nature	What's the Buzz	Step, Slither or Soar	Hidden Homes	Color by Nature	What's the Buzz	Step, Slither or Soar	Hidden Homes

Naturalists (N) Grade 2-3



Child must be at least 7 as of 6/15/12
Camper to Counselor ratio 8:1

- Naturalists investigate the many habitats and animals that call the Blue Hills their home through active learning, creative play, science experiments, and longer hikes through the Blue Hills.
- Each day the Naturalists will focus on team work, critical thinking and building friendships.



Gone Buggy

Search through grass, dig in the soil, roll logs and look under leaves for the many insects and other arthropods found all around us.

Secrets of the Wild

Use detective and observation skills to follow clues, answer riddles and uncover a critter caused mystery, while learning about animal adaptations and food webs.

Up up and away

Explore the world of animals and plants that depend on flight for their survival. Search for and learn about insects, birds, mammals and plants that use the wind for transportation.

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Explorers (E) Grades 4-5



Child must be at least 9 as of 6/15/12
 Camper to Counselor ratio 8:1

- Explorers head out on a new expedition every day investigating the many Blue Hills ecosystems, while delving deeper into their understanding of natural science.
- Explorers participate in team building activities, science experiments, and focus on building positive relationships with one another and the environment.
- Two week sessions feature and overnight on the second Thursday, when the campers enjoy a twilight hike, campfire, dormitory accommodation and breakfast. Two week sessions end at 9:00 am on Friday morning.

Stories in Stone

Build an exploding volcano, make a mini glacier and discover the unique geologic formations of the Blue Hills.
 (One week session)

Animal Architects

Spin webs, dig burrows and build nests to learn about the many ways animals build their homes. Investigate a different animal's habitat each day and practice construction skills. (Two week session)



Follow those Tracks

Discover your inner tracker; look for animal tracks and other signs to uncover the story left by these animals. Learn about food webs and predator prey relationships throughout this session.
 (Two week session)

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Adventurers (A) Grade 6-9



Child must be at least 11 as of 6/15/12
 Camper to Counselor ratio 8:1

- Leadership and adventure combine for a challenging and interactive camp experience.
- Adventurers will explore the complex habitats and histories of the Blue Hills, including hikes to Ponkapoag Bog and Houghton's pond, while learning important team building and outdoor skills.

Eco Warriors

Explore the many ways we can make power with the sun, wind and water. Build a solar oven, check out our own solar array and find other ways we can make camp more "green". **This session features an overnight on the second Thursday at Mass Audubon's Wildwood Camp in Rindge NH.** There will be normal pick up at 3:00pm that Friday. **Cost: \$600M, \$665NM**

Survival skills

Could you survive if you were dropped in the wilderness? Learn to build your own shelter, use a map and compass, and find out how other animals survive in the wild. This session features an overnight on the second Thursday, with pick up at 9:00am on Friday morning.
Cost: \$580M, \$645NM

A1	A2
July 30-Aug 10	Aug 13-24
Eco Warriors	Survival skills

Counselor in Training (CITs) Grade 10-12

- The CIT program provides an opportunity for teens and young adults to experience the inner workings of being a camp staff member and to receive leadership guidance and training while acting as volunteer assistants to Camp Counselors.
- This program is for youth ages 15-17 who are interested in developing leadership and teaching skills.
- CITs will have the opportunity to participate in workshops on leadership, child development, and behavior management, and then put that knowledge into practice in the planning and implementation of weekly activities such as crafts, nature projects, camp songs, and games.



Sessions:

- June 25-July 13
- July 16-Aug 3
- Aug 6-24

Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm

To become a CIT, request an application via phone or email. CIT application deadline is May 10th, 2012. You must be at least 15 years old to be considered for a CIT position and a three week commitment is required. The program registration and training fee is \$100. CIT's will be notified of acceptance on a rolling basis and training will begin in mid-June.

To request information, call 617-333-0690 x 226 or contact bluehillscamp@massaudubon.org

Camper Requirements

Due to the outdoor exploratory nature of our camp program, campers must be able to move about on uneven terrain. Campers are expected to participate meaningfully in age-appropriate activities, including nature study. All campers must follow stated behavior expectations and safety rules. If you have any questions regarding your child's ability to participate fully in our camp program, contact the camp director.



About the Staff

Blue Hills Summer Camp staff are chosen for their enthusiasm, knowledge and ability to work with youth in an outdoor setting. The staff work as a caring team to create an emotionally and physically safe atmosphere on "The Hill." Each staff member is interviewed and background checked before participating in an extensive training that includes First Aid and CPR.

Registration Information

- Registrations are accepted by mail or in person *only*, beginning January 15, 2012.
- Confirmations will be sent to you via the email address you provide
- Registration is not complete unless accompanied by the full tuition amount or a deposit of \$50 per session.
- For identity safety assurances, fax and email submissions are not accepted.
- ***Make checks payable to Blue Hills Trailside Museum***

A separate and fully completed registration form must be submitted for each camper. Please indicate sessions by the session code.

All health forms and the balance of your fees are due on or before June 1, 2012. Those registering after June 1st must pay in full and complete all forms at the time of registration. Campers are not permitted to attend camp unless all camp specific paperwork is complete and payments have been received in full one week prior to your child's session.

Cancellation Policy

A \$50 deposit is required per child, per session, which is included in the registration fee. Cancellations or changes made more than 4 weeks prior to the start of a session will be refunded minus the \$50 processing fee. Cancellations made less than four weeks prior to the session start date are non-refundable.

To become a Mass Audubon member, download additional registration forms or to find more information please visit the Trailside Museum during our hours of operation: Thursday-Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. or go to www.massaudubon.org

Directions:

Take 93 to exit 5B, (Route 28 North, Milton). At the first traffic light take a right onto Chickatawbut Road. Follow road for 1/4 mile then turn right onto the access road. Phone: 617-696-0920. *(Open during camp or by appointment only.)*



Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, we care for 34,000 acres of conservation land, provide educational programs for 225,000 children and adults annually, and advocate for sound environmental policies at local, state, and federal levels. Mass Audubon's mission and actions have expanded since our beginning in 1896 when our founders set out to stop the slaughter of birds for use on women's fashions. Today we are the largest conservation organization in New England. Our statewide network of wildlife sanctuaries, in 90 Massachusetts communities, welcomes visitors of all ages and serves as the base for our work. To support these important efforts, call 800-AUDUBON (283-8266) or visit www.massaudubon.org.

dcr The Blue Hills Reservation is the largest open space within 35 miles of Boston, encompassing over 7000 acres. The Department of Conservation and Recreation manages this property for the public to enjoy hiking, biking, horseback riding, boating and more. For more information, please contact the DCR at 617-698-1802.



We are proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association. Developed exclusively for the camp industry, this nationally recognized program focuses on program quality, health and safety, management and operations.

Mass Audubon also has a Resident Camp option.

**There's more to explore at Mass Audubon's overnight and trip camp!
www.wildwoodcamp.org**

This camp complies with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Regulations and is annually licensed by the Milton Board of Health.



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Ph: 617-333-0690 x 226 bluehillscamp@massaudubon.org

Fill out one form per child and return in person or by US Mail only. Make checks payable to Blue Hills Trailside Museum

Guardian/Parent Name _____

Camper's name _____

Day phone _____

Address (If different from parent)

Evening phone _____

Cell phone _____

City _____

E-mail _____

State _____ Zip _____

Address _____

Sex M F Date of birth _____

City _____

Grade entering in 2012 _____

State _____ Zip _____

First time at Blue Hills summer camp? Y N

Mass Audubon member # _____
(Required for member rate)

I am not a member but would like to join Mass Audubon, enclosed is a separate check for \$65

Name of Session (please check the sessions you are interested in)

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8 C9

N1 N2 N3 N4 N5 N6 N7 N8 N9

E1 E2* E3* E4* E5*

A1* A2*

* indicates two week session

After Care (please check the sessions you are interested in)

One week session

Two week session for E2, E3, E4, E5 and A1, A2 ONLY

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Enclosed is my full payment for camp or \$50 deposit \$ _____

Enclosed is my full payment for extended day \$ _____

Enclosed is a donation for the scholarship fund \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Form of payment:

Cash Check # _____

Visa/Mastercard _____

Account #

Exp. Date

Signature _____

Help a child discover nature—donate to Trailside's camp scholarship fund today. Thank you!

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I understand and accept the refund policy.

Signature _____

Date _____



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"The kids love the camp, it's such a great mix of learning and caring about nature along with exercise, activities and fun"
-2011 Parent

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"I really liked that they hiked almost every day and saw some really interesting birds"
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