

New Jersey Audubon: Plainsboro Preserve

Nature Camps

Welcome to New Jersey Audubon's Nature Camps. Our camps are designed to give children an exciting outdoor alternative for school and summer breaks. A portion of each program will be spent outdoors building a deeper connection to the natural world through fun and informative activities. We provide highly trained environmental educators for each of our programs and have excellent student to teacher ratios. Join us and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Each camp runs from 9:00AM - 4:00PM daily. Choose from ten different weekly themes. Summer Camp is broken into two age groups: Entering grades 1st to 3rd and grades 4th to 6th. Camps are developmentally appropriate with daily themes, games, and activities that ensure your camper is nurtured in a fun and safe environment. Visit our website for detailed information about our services and to download a registration packet. <http://www.njaudubon.org/SectionCenters/SectionPlainsboro/SummerCamp.aspx>

Listen to what folks are saying about Plainsboro Preserve's Summer Nature Camps:

"When we got Julia's state test scores back, we noticed that she scored very high in science, and particularly Earth Science. My husband and I both consider science our weakest area. When I made a comment about her score, she said, "I think it is because I went to nature camp every summer."

-Parent of camper

"One of the best summer programs in the area. The staff get to know the kids individually and connect with them. Great job! Our kids LOVE this program!"

-Parent of camper

"This is the first camp she RAVED about! She is already talking about signing up next year."

-Parent of camper

"The fact that I did not have to nag him to wake up and get dressed to go was the best sign that he really enjoyed the camp."

-Parent of camper

NJ Audubon is a privately supported, not-for-profit, statewide membership organization. Founded in 1897, and one of the oldest independent Audubon Societies, NJA has no formal connection with the National Audubon Society.

*Making New Jersey a better place for
people and wildlife since 1897.*



NJ Audubon is proud to be National Wildlife Federation's New Jersey affiliate.



PLAINSBORO PRESERVE



SUMMER NATURE CAMPS

Helping Connect your Child to Nature



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State of New Jersey
Summer Camp Certification #2194



SUMMER CAMP DETAILS

A Message from Sean Grace, Sanctuary Director:

We look forward to sharing the wonders of nature with your child this summer. NJ Audubon has a long history of connecting children of all ages with nature by exploring, discovering and enjoying our forests, fields, streams and ponds. Our staff is committed to guiding your child in outdoor adventures which foster a deeper connection with the natural world that are engaging, fun and informative. Our summer education team is highly trained and we provide additional educator interns to maintain optimal teacher-child ratios.

Ways to Register:

- Download a registration form from www.njaudubon.org/centers/plainsboro
- Register in person at the center.
- Call the center at **609.897.9400** and we will send you a registration form via email.
- If you have any questions: please call **609.897.9400** or email us at plainsboro@njaudubon.org

Camp Times and Fees

- **Nature Camp runs from 9am-4pm daily.**
- **Cost: \$275 week until April 15th, \$290 week after April 15th.**
- **Full week enrollment only.**

Membership in NJ Audubon: **NJ Audubon membership is required to sign up for summer camps.** Members strengthen the voice with which New Jersey Audubon speaks out for protection of NJ's wildlife and natural areas, and they provide inspiration and essential financial support for our sanctuaries and programs in conservation, education and research.

ENTERING GRADES 1 – 3

Cool Critters of Plainsboro Preserve

June 18 - June 22

Special Pricing For This Week Only! To accommodate for snow days, we are offering a day rate of \$60 per day or regular weekly rates apply.

Meet some of our live animals inside the Nature Center and then head out onto the Preserve to search for local wildlife. We will learn how to use field guides, collecting nets, and set up our trail camera in our quest to discover animal life around us. Campers will encounter insects, birds, and mammals during this week dedicated to the animal kingdom.



Best of the Best

June 25 - June 29

We offer daily themes that children have consistently rated the most fun during summer camps. Activities include a stomp through streams, insect safaris, and searching for forest critters under logs. These activities are the “Best of the Best”.

Spy Kids

July 2, 3, 5, and 6 (Closed July 4th)

Special Price \$230

Campers will develop a connection to the natural world by expanding their powers of observation. We will send secret messages, use binoculars to scan for hidden dangers, and go where no camper has gone before. Each day will bring a new outdoor adventure while connecting with nature.

Cold-blooded Creatures

July 9 - July 13

Join us and learn about creepy crawly cold-blooded creatures during this week of camp. Campers will have the opportunity to meet snakes, turtles, salamanders, frogs, and insects in their natural habitats. Encounters with live animals are accompanied by associated learning activities.



NO CAMP JULY 16 - JULY 20

Wild Wisdom

July 23 - July 27

We will discover legends, stories, and myths from various cultures as we explore topics and natural themes. Stories are a jumping-off point for exploration. Activities and crafts will reinforce campers’ newly found knowledge.

Sensational Senses

July 30 - August 3

Every day will bring a new adventure while using our five senses. Test your taste buds during nature snack time. Listen and learn from the sounds of the forest. Campers will explore the wild world around them by looking, listening, touching, and tasting. We will try to stump our senses with fun games and activities!

Nature Ninjas

August 6 - August 10

A Nature Ninja can move through the forest with the stealth of a fox, the speed of a deer, and the cunning of a cat. A Nature Ninja knows the language of the birds and learns from their animal helpers. Come and join us for a week of fun filled activities and discover the world of the Nature Ninja.

Wonderful Wildlife

August 13 - August 17

Wild animals have always captured our imagination. During this action-packed week we will catch a few critters of our own in our quest to learn about local wildlife. Which animal is the fastest, biggest, or strongest? Learn all about the coolest animals in the animal kingdom.

Earth Keepers

August 20 - August 24

Native Americans understand the importance of plants and animals and how we relate to nature. We will taste some foods Native Americans grow in their gardens and learn about their animal friends. Through stories and explorations we will discover how we are connected with nature.

Wild Discoveries

August 27 - August 31

Discover nature in the strangest places! Look under logs, splash in a stream, and search through fields during this week of nature investigation. Campers will see the natural world from different perspectives as they scan the tree tops and examine the stones beneath their feet.

ENTERING GRADES 4 – 6

Nature Camp Sampler

June 18 - June 22

Special Pricing For This Week Only! To accommodate for snow days, we are offering a day rate of \$60 per day or regular weekly rates apply.

We will enjoy favorite activities from past summer camps, including games, hikes, survival skills, and tracking. Campers will search for animals on the preserve and make new friends along the way. This is a great introduction to our nature camps.

Animal Adventurers

June 25 - June 29

Campers will learn about reptiles, amphibians, birds, mammals, and insects in one animal-packed week of camp. We will investigate different live animals in our nature center before exploring wild habitats on the nature preserve. Look at nesting birds, discover the world of insects, and photograph wild animals with our trail camera.

Woodland Games

July 2, 3, 5, and 6 (Closed July 4th)

Special Price \$230

Scavenger hunts, Frisbee golf, Stream Catcher, Capture the Flag, and Animal Charades are just some of the planned activities during this fun-filled week. Campers will have an opportunity to learn by playing outdoor games!

Survival I

July 9 - July 13

Learn survival skills by putting them into practice. This week will introduce basic survival skills through hands-on experiences. Campers will build shelters, learn basic way-finding skills, gather food and water, and cook on a fire during this week of adventure. This is our core survival course.

NO CAMP JULY 16 - JULY 20

Preserve Explorers

July 23 - July 27

This week offers campers an opportunity to explore the less visited areas of Plainsboro Preserve. With over 600 acres to investigate, campers will enjoy hiking to the beaver lodge and Maggie’s Point, search for woodland animals, and get to know a few plants and trees.

Search and Rescue

July 30 - August 3

Learn essential skills that will help you survive if you were to become lost in the woods. Search and rescue techniques will be introduced as campers attempt to find and then “rescue” a lost hiker. Campers will participate in a variety of fun activities that will teach way-finding, search methods, and core survival techniques.

Survival II

August 6 - August 10

Campers will learn to track wild animals and the secrets of becoming invisible in the woods. We will learn about traditional Native American tools including bows, arrows, and stone tools. We will revisit essential skills from Survival I such as fire and water but may utilize different techniques. Survival I is not a prerequisite.

N.S.I. (Nature Scene Investigators)

August 13 - August 17

Who left that track in the mud? Who made that nest? Who lives in that burrow? Campers will investigate clues in nature during this week of exploration and sleuthing. Come be a Nature Scene Investigator!



Predator and Prey

August 20 - August 24

This week campers will learn about the relationship between predator and prey! Explore animal survival strategies like sneaking, stalking, and camouflage while searching for predators and their prey throughout the preserve. We will meet and care for some of the animals that live inside the Nature Center during this week of camp.

Native American Life Skills

August 27 - August 31

Native Americans didn’t survive...they thrived. Native Americans were part of the environment and knew nature’s secrets. Who left that track? What tree makes the best bows? Where can I find food or water? This course combines the skills of a naturalist with the knowledge of a Native American.

