



Camp Wonder

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Heal. Grow. Be Wild!

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Where FUN is in our NATURE!

Nestled around Pleasant Lake, the Howell Nature Center (HNC) features 230 acres of woods and wetlands. This pristine setting creates a perfect backdrop for Camp Wonder, HNC's summer camp program. Uniquely positioned alongside Alexandria's NatureScape and our Wild Wonders Wildlife Park, kids grow daily from an array of fun and nature-based experiences.

Health & Safety First

Always thinking safety first, certified health officers are available 24 hours per day. Camp leaders are Red Cross First Aid and CPR certified and all aquatic and adventure-based programs are operated by qualified and certified staff.

Outstanding Staff

We understand the importance of role models for today's youth. Each summer we hire over 60 enthusiastic and caring staff to shape and impact campers' lives.

All staff members undergo background checks and a stringent training program. We stand dedicated to providing a safe and fun experience for your child.



Camp Wonder

at the Howell Nature Center

Camp Wonder offers unique Summer Day, Overnight and Excursion Camps designed intentionally to help children enjoy and connect with nature, while teaching many classic camp traditions, new skills and life lessons.

We offer three- and five-day Summer Day Camps and six-day Overnight and Excursion Camps.

Our intent is to provide your child(ren) with a fun, safe and enriching camp experience, while teaching them to be faithful caretakers of one another and the world around us.



THE GREAT EIGHT

OUR CORE VALUES

Nature

Building a lasting connection with the natural world.

Growth

Learning new skills, growing personally and achieving full potential.

Kindness

Fostering simple acts of kindness resulting in a ripple effect.

Respect

Teaching children to value themselves and others.

Friendship

Increasing a sense of belonging, confidence and self-worth.

Teamwork

Strengthening communication, collaboration and social skills.

Stewardship

Empowering kids to make the world greener and healthier.

Leadership

Emboldening kids to become leaders and make a difference!

Classic Day Camps

(3-DAY AND 5-DAY OPTIONS)

Day Camp represents a progressive format designed for children to grow through the ages in learning new skills, building lasting friendships and gaining confidence and self-esteem.

Pups

Entering Kindergarten

A perfect opportunity for the first-time camper experience, Pups explore and learn about nature in a nurturing environment. Our positive role models create a safe and fun experience that will enrich your child's summer.

Cubs

Entering Grades 1 – 2

Cubs answers a child's yearning for discovery and making new friends. Designed for small group participation, campers are geared up for new adventures, all while developing a love of nature and playing outside.

Pack

Entering Grades 3 – 4

Designed for an age group that loves exploration and getting messy, the Pack will gain an appreciation for the outdoors while jumping into exciting adventures and new skill development daily.

Crew

Entering Grades 5 – 6

Days filled with camp favorites and "Camper's Choice" activities put the Crew behind the wheel of their own experience. The Crew builds friendships, gains confidence and learns skills through an array of fun challenges.

Rangers

Entering Grades 7 – 8

Aimed for our oldest campers, Rangers expand their horizons while experiencing adventures with new and old friends. Rangers help design their camp experience for the week, choosing activities that ignite their passions.

REGISTER EARLY FOR THE BEST RATES.

See the pricing page at end of brochure for details.

2020 Dates & Themes

- 📍 **Week 1: June 8 – 12**
Secret Agent Kids
- 📍 **Week 2: June 15 – 19**
Nature Olympics
- 📍 **Week 3: June 22 – 26**
Junior Ninja Academy
- 📍 **Week 4: June 29 – July 3**
Where the Wild Things Are
- 📍 **Week 5: July 6 – 10**
Kid Superheroes Unite
- 📍 **Week 6: July 13 – 17**
Journey to Camp Atlantis
- 📍 **Week 7: July 20 – 24**
Knights & Dragons
- 📍 **Week 8: July 27 – 31**
Out of this World
- 📍 **Week 9: August 3 – 7**
Pirates of Pleasant Lake
- 📍 **Week 10: August 10 – 14**
Wet, Wacky & Wild
- 📍 **Week 11: August 17 – 18 (Mini Camp)**
End-of-Summer Celebration

Weekly Themes

Weekly themes tap into a child's imagination and appeal to their sense of adventure. Daily storylines are interwoven into the morning program and culminate into "Theme Thursdays" involving an all-camp event full of adventure and fun!

Classic Day Camp Overnight Options

(\$40 Additional Fee)

Day Campers interested in trying an Overnight Camp experience can choose from four dates this summer.

- 📍 **Week 2: Thursday, June 18 (1-night)**
- 📍 **Week 4: Thursday, July 2 (1-night)**
- 📍 **Week 6: Thursday, July 16 (1-night)**
- 📍 **Week 9: Thursday, August 6 (1-night)**



Specialty Day Camps

(5-DAY OPTIONS ONLY)

Specialty Day Camps offer a perfect mix of specialized programming for half of each camp day and classic camp fun for the other half. Specialty Day Camps differ from our Classic Day Camps in that each session is offered only as a full-week option. Specialty Camps are uniquely catered to specific ages and interests.

Lil' Zookeepers

Entering Grades 1 – 2

June 29 – July 3

Kids who love animals will not want to miss this program! Campers experience basics of animal care, while learning about our wildlife ambassadors through live presentations and unique wildlife education and enrichment activities.

Fish, Frogs and Forts

Entering Grades 1 – 2

August 3 – 7

"Nature Nuts" explore a variety of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, bugs, birds and plants. Kids enjoy being inquisitive as they learn how to fish, investigate animal tracks and build secret forts, while searching for the largest bullfrog on site!

WILD About Wildlife

Entering Grades 3 – 5

June 22 – 26 & July 27 – 31

Wild About Wildlife introduces your junior zookeeper to wildlife and the interesting aspects of animal care. Campers work with zookeepers while exploring all types of wildlife as they enjoy learning about their health, behavior, nutrition and welfare.

Adventures in Imagination

Entering Grades 3 – 5

July 13 – 17

Adventures in Imagination immerses your child in a fictional book series through creative programming. Back by popular demand, Harry Potter and the world of Hogwarts will be featured where your children's storybook characters and adventures come to life!

Rods & Reels

Entering Grades 4 – 6

June 15 – 19 & July 20 – 24

Young anglers venture out on a daily quest to catch "Big Charlie!" Campers learn fundamental fishing skills, such as baiting, casting, tracking, and catch and release, all while enjoying the serenity of beautiful Pleasant Lake.



Aquamania

Entering Grades 4 – 6

July 6 – 10 & August 10 – 14

Aquamaniacs will love daily water-based activities including swimming, snorkeling for treasure, playing on the aqua toys, fishing, kayaking and paddle boarding, and culminating with a "splash" in our first annual Aqua Olympics!

Leaders in Training

Entering Grades 9 – 10

July 6 – 10

Leaders in Training (LIT) blends camp favorites with team challenges designed to develop compassionate, confident leaders. LITs work side-by-side with counselors planning and leading Thursday's theme event. A perfect step in becoming a Counselor in Training.

Zoomasters

Entering Grades 6 – 8

July 20 – 24

Budding zookeepers will participate in advanced workshops and experiences, working side-by-side with our Wildlife Park experts and veterinarian interns. Children will help care for and enrich our wildlife ambassadors.

Counselors in Training

Entering Grades 11 – 12

July 27 – 31

This program is a great way to introduce you to everything that goes into being a camp counselor. CITs will participate in classic camp activities, while spending time developing leadership skills needed to become an amazing counselor.



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Spirit Of Alexandria (SOA) Overnight Camps

In partnership with the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation, the Howell Nature Center's Camp Wonder offers the opportunity for children to unplug from technology and connect with nature!

Explorers

Entering Grades 3 – 4

July 5 – 10, July 19 – 24, August 2 – 7, August 9 – 14

Campers explore nature's wonder through a combination of exciting experiential-based activities, along with fun and traditional camp favorites. Campers develop lasting friendships, a sense of belonging and a connection to nature.

Adventurers

Entering Grades 5 – 6

July 5 – 10, July 19 – 24, August 2 – 7, August 9 – 14

Adventurers choose much of their own camp experience, while growing in a challenging and supportive atmosphere. Through inquiry-based programming and adventurous fun, campers develop skills, establish friendships and build confidence.

'Trailblazers

Entering Grades 7 – 8

July 5 – 10, July 19 – 24, August 2 – 7, August 9 – 14

Unique to this age group, campers blaze their own trail of adventure! Trailblazers broaden their horizons and expand comfort zones, while learning the joy of exploration in the out-of-doors challenging them to grow as individuals.



Junior Zookeepers

Entering Grades 5 – 6

July 12 – 17

Junior Zookeepers will teach your wildlife lover about what it takes to care for animals, including observing animal behavior, exhibit design, zookeeper games, diet preparation, feeding and much more.

Naturalist In 'Training

Entering Grades 7 – 8

August 9 – 14

For nature-lovers who want an in-depth nature experience, we collaborate with our naturalists to provide great outdoor, hands-on FUN! Unique programs include stargazing, owl feeding and calling, a service project in the Wildlife Park, zoo enrichment and much more.

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Spirit of Alexandria Foundation

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Spirit of Alexandria Foundation (SOA) was created in honor of the legacy of Alexandria Bennett, a little girl who was passionate about exploring the mysteries of the natural world and selflessly sharing those wonders with others.

Through her inspiration, the SOA Foundation was formed with the simple goal of connecting thousands of children to nature.

The SOA Foundation offers Sponsorships on a first come basis. Campers must submit a short essay describing why they are interested in attending camp. SOA Sponsorship Applications can be accessed online during the camp registration process.



Find camp registration at www.howellnaturecenter.org



Howell Nature Center Teen Overnight Camps

In addition to SOA sponsored camps, Camp Wonder at the Howell Nature Center offers additional specialized overnight and excursion camp experiences for teenage campers, both onsite and off. Whether heading out on an excursion or learning the skills to become a counselor, teens will get in-depth experiences, have a BLAST with their peers, and grow as leaders.

Please Note: The SOA Sponsorship Program does not apply for the Voyagers, Counselor In Training and Excursion Camp programs.

Voyagers

Entering Grades 9 – 10

July 12 – 17

Campers shape much of their own camp experience as they form lasting bonds with new and old friends. Voyagers can choose from all HNC has to offer, while building self-confidence and memories along the way.

Counselor In Training

Entering Grades 11 – 12

July 12 – 24 (TWO WEEKS)

Counselor In Training (CIT) is a perfect introduction to camp counseling. CITs enjoy classic activities, while learning valuable skills. CITs are then paired with counselors and learn how to be a role model in an overnight camp setting.



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Howell Nature Center Overnight Excursion Camps



Mighty Mackinaw

Entering Grades 9 – 10

June 21 – 26

Campers head to the Mackinac Straits to hike, swim, bike and explore the region's state parks and beaches. The adventure begins with a rafting trip down the Sturgeon River and stargazing at the International Dark Sky Park. Campers bike around Mackinac Island, gather with friends around the campfire and create memories to last a lifetime.

"Be Wild" Project

Entering Grades 9 – 12

July 12 – 17

Days are spent being "WILD" experiencing incredible behind-the-scenes tours of nature centers and zoos that excel in conservation education and animal care. Evenings are spent enjoying nature and evening campfires at beautiful campsites around Michigan. Campers explore the challenges involved with captive animal care and apply their learnings by returning to Howell Nature Center at the end of the week and working with our dedicated staff to create their own contribution to HNC's conservation and education mission.



Dune Discovery

Entering Grades 11 – 12

July 26 – 31

The Sleeping Bear Dunes provide the perfect backdrop for exploration and discovery in this week-long adventure. Campers will paddle, bike and hike in this one-of-a-kind landscape, while climbing up (or rolling down) the tallest sand dunes in the Great Lakes. Campers will have a chance to cook their own food, do a short backpacking overnight and engage in classic recreation activities like kayaking, paddle boarding, biking and hiking.



Spring Break Day Camp

Entering Grades K – 8

March 30 – April 3

Campers will gear up early for the summer during this exciting week of outdoor FUN and imaginative adventures. After a long winter season, campers will be eager to join us for a unique Pokémon-themed week designed special with an adventurous Thursday Theme Day, along with a “Camper’s Choice” format where campers can tailor their week to their interests. Whether it’s archery, Ga Ga Ball, arts-n-crafts, crazy games, zip line, wildlife programs, or many more exciting activities, this is a week not to be missed!



Camp Frosty Day Camp

Entering Grades K – 8

December 21 – 23, 28 – 30

Campers will enjoy the “magic” of summer day camp over winter break! Camp Frosty Day Camp will get kids outside to enjoy winter activities such as cross-country skiing, broomball, snow games and sledding (weather permitting). Following the “Camper’s Choice” format, campers enjoy customizing much of their winter day camp experience, while also enjoying a special theme activity each day.



Memberships

We welcome you to become a member of the Howell Nature Center. Through our unique setting where people, nature and wildlife flourish together, our members enjoy the 230 rich acres of rolling hills, hiking trails and lush gardens. Members love our family focused “Aquamania” days on Pleasant Lake, as well as the Wild Wonders Wildlife Park, Alexandria’s NatureScape and Glacier Valley Zip Tour experiences.

An Annual Membership offers year-round admission to the Howell Nature Center, special membership pricing and gift shop discounts, as well as FREE admittance to over 180 nature centers in the U.S. and Canada. Furthermore, HNC members are always offered the lowest camp fee regardless of the time of year.

For more information on membership opportunities, visit us at howellnaturecenter.org or give our Welcome Center a call at (517) 546-0249.



Camp Pricing

Day Camp Options

(All options require a \$50 non-refundable deposit per week at time of registration)

	Register by March 15	Register by May 15	Register on or after May 16
5-Day: Monday through Friday (Entering Grades K – 8)	\$200	\$215	\$230
5-Day: Monday through Friday (2nd Sibling)	\$170	\$185	\$200
3-Day: Tuesday through Thursday (Entering Grades K – 8)	\$140	\$155	\$170
3-Day: Tuesday through Thursday (2nd Sibling)	\$120	\$135	\$150
5-Day Specialty Day Camps (Entering Grades 1 – 12)	\$215	\$230	\$245
5-Day Specialty Day Camps (2nd Sibling)	\$185	\$200	\$215
2-Day Mini-Day Camp (Entering Grades K – 8) (Week 11 Only)	\$90	\$105	\$120
2-Day Mini-Day Camp (2nd Sibling) (Week 11 Only)	\$70	\$85	\$100

Overnight and Excursion Camp Options

(All options require a \$100 non-refundable deposit per week at time of registration)

	Register by March 15	Register by May 15	Register on or after May 16
6-Day: SOA Explorers/Adventurers/Trailblazers (Entering Grades 3 – 8)	\$450	\$500	\$550
6-Day: SOA Explorers/Adventurers/Trailblazers (2nd Sibling)	\$400	\$450	\$500
6-Day: SOA Junior Zookeepers (Entering Grades 5 – 6)	\$450	\$500	\$550
6-Day: SOA Junior Zookeepers (2nd Sibling)	\$400	\$450	\$500
6-Day: SOA Naturalist In Training (Entering Grades 7 – 8)	\$450	\$500	\$550
6-Day: SOA Naturalist In Training (2nd Sibling)	\$400	\$450	\$500
6-Day: Voyagers (Entering 9 Grades 9 – 10)	\$450	\$500	\$550
6-Day: Voyagers (2nd Sibling)	\$400	\$450	\$500
6-Day: Excursion Camps (Entering Grades 9 – 10; 11 – 12)	\$650	\$700	\$750
6-Day: Excursion Camps (2nd Sibling)	\$600	\$650	\$700
2-Wk: Counselor In Training (Entering grades 11 – 12)	\$650	\$700	\$750

Spring Break Day Camp and Camp Frosty Day Camp

(Campers can register daily or for the entire program)

	Per Day	Entire Session
5-Day Spring Break Day Camp	\$42	\$200
6-Day Camp Frosty Day Camp	\$42	\$240

Through our partnership with the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation, Camp Sponsorships for camps labeled 'SOA' are available. Applications can be found at howellnaturecenter.org/soa-overnight-camps/

Day Camp Check-In/Check-Out

Before Care (\$6/Day) 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Check-In 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Check-Out 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
After Care (\$6/Day) 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Overnight Camp Check-In/Check-Out

Check-In Sun 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Closing Ceremony Fri 2:30 p.m.

For day and overnight camps not sponsored by SOA, financial assistance is available through our Campership Program based solely on financial need. Auto-payment plans are available. For campership applications or to register, go to howellnaturecenter.org. Or, for questions, call our main office at (517) 546-0249.



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SUMMER CAMP PREVIEWS

April 26 & May 17 | 2 – 5 p.m.

Camp Wonder at the Howell Nature Center invites new and returning summer campers to preview our 2020 Summer Camp Programs. Bring your friends and family for an afternoon “camp sampler” of exciting summer programs and activities. Meet the staff, tour the facility and have all your questions about our summer programs answered!

Advanced registration required. Sign up online to hold your spot at www.howellnaturecenter.org