

# CAMP WONDER

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## Philosophy, Safety, and Stellar Staff

**F**un is in our nature – our programs are based on this simple slogan. We believe time spent in nature is time well spent. Research has proven that children benefit greatly and grow from valuable time in the out-of-doors, especially while experiencing new adventures and making new friends.

### Our Philosophy For ALL Programs is Based on Building a Greater Connection with Nature!

We partner with the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation ([spiritofalexandria.org](http://spiritofalexandria.org)) whose mission is to connect children with nature. Through this partnership, our Camp Wonder philosophy is based on a perfect combination of nature-based and wildlife programming, and age-appropriate adventures in the outdoors like swimming, kayaking, paddleboarding, ziplining, archery, and so much more. At Camp Wonder, nature's wonders are interwoven through all of our summer camp offerings.



**HEAL.** Our camps provide a restorative environment for children by replacing excessive screen time with the healing impact of nature.

**GROW.** Our camps foster new skills that build confidence and promote emotional growth while providing opportunities for kids to meet fellow campers outside their normal social circle.

**BE WILD.** Our camps provide campers an opportunity to JUST BE KIDS! We give kids a safe space to determine their own risk assessments, developing a critical skill for later in life.

### Health & Safety at Camp

At Camp Wonder, we are always thinking safety first. We have certified health officers available 24 hours a day to campers. These health officers operate under the watchful consultation of a local doctor and we are always reviewing our safety policies and procedures through this partnership.

### Outstanding Staff

Camp Wonder understands the importance of positive role models for today's youth. When people ask what makes Camp Wonder different from other camps, we say with pride that it's our people. Each summer, over 60 enthusiastic and caring staff come to the Nature Center 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 leaders are Red Cross First Aid and CPR certified, and all aquatic and adventure-based programs are operated by qualified, certified, and caring staff. In addition, our camp is licensed by the State of Michigan and accredited by the American Camp Association.



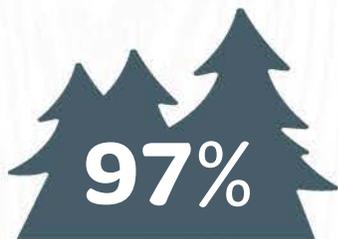
## A Message from the Director

# HELLO, CAMP FAMILIES!

Whether you're a new or returning family, we are honored to have your children join us this summer.

So often we hear testimonies from our camp families that camp was such a positive, life-changing experience for their child(ren), and we can't wait to see your camper not only grow their love and appreciation for nature, but also grow as an individual. Kids need camp now more than ever, so thank you for entrusting us in helping your child(ren) develop and make lasting memories!

After last summer, we conducted a survey with all our camp families, and here's what we found:



Would recommend our camps to a friend, relative, or colleague



Gave us 4-stars or above on a 1-5 scale



Said their child(ren) made new friends at camp



Said their child grew their nature-based knowledge after attending a camp program



Said their child(ren) felt included in the camp community



Said the camp staff were friendly, warm, and responsive

We are so proud of our program here at Camp Wonder, and are extremely grateful for the unwavering support we receive from our camp families and community. As you can see from the data, no matter what program your camper(s) attend, we will provide a safe, fun, and formative experience led by dedicated role models. Whether singing around a campfire, paddling on Pleasant Lake, zooming down the zipline, diving in the Gaga Ball pit, connecting with one of our Ambassador Animals, or simply laughing with friends old and new, campers can't help but sense a profound feeling of belonging. In a world that can sometimes feel scary, Camp Wonder provides a safe space for kids to grow and thrive while realizing their full potential and feeling valued and accepted – truly able to be their authentic selves.

I can't wait to welcome you and your family home to Camp Wonder. See you this summer!



**Maggie Mitchell**

Director of Camp & Nature Programs  
Howell Nature Center





# DAY CAMPS

## WHAT YOUR DAY CAMPER CAN EXPECT...



We start with a camp-wide Morning Meeting where everyone sings camp songs, gets silly, and starts the day off on the right foot!



Theme activities will happen for all camps throughout the week. On Friday afternoon, it all comes together with one All Camp Theme Event that will be the culminating experience topping off a great week!



The day gets going with morning activities, ranging from arts and crafts projects and sports to playing at the NatureScape and going down our zipline. Specialty campers will spend their mornings doing activities based on their camp's topic.

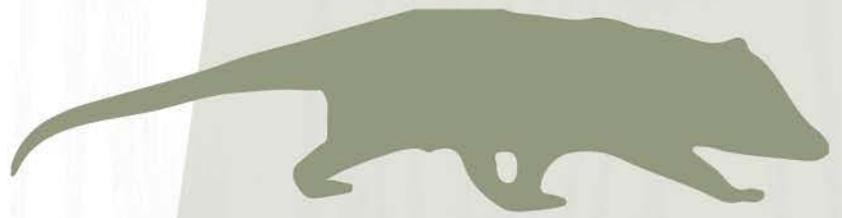


Supported by the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation, all day campers will experience nature-based programming within their daily schedule that will help them build a sense of stewardship and greater connection with our environment.



After lunch, the fun continues at our state-of-the-art waterfront, experiencing watercraft activities, fishing, free swim time, or traversing the Aquatic Inflatables Park in the warm summer sun!

# CLASSIC DAY CAMPS



## (2-DAY, 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. We offer three different attendance options – our **5-Day** which runs Monday-Friday, our **3-Day** which runs Wednesday-Friday, and our **2-Day** which runs Monday-Tuesday. We organize our Day Camp groups by the ages listed below (please note, these would be the grades your camper is **entering** in the Fall of 2023):

## 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 answer 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 exploring more challenging activities, and has no problem 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

Summer days are filled with camp favorites and "Camper's Choice" activities, putting 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 day 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.

## 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 an all-camp event full of adventure and fun!

## 2023 DATES & THEMES

- Week 1: June 5 – 9** Nature Safari
- Week 2: June 12 – 16** Hollywood Stars
- Week 3: June 19 – 23** Medieval Adventures
- Week 4: June 26 – June 30** Superheroes vs. Villains
- Week 5: July 5 – 7 (3-Day Only)** Star-Spangled Spirit
- Week 6: July 10 – 14** Survivor Challenge
- Week 7: July 17 – 21** Under the Sea
- Week 8: July 24 – 28** Space Shenanigans
- Week 9: July 31 – August 4** Pirates of Pleasant Lake
- Week 10: August 7 – 11** Dinosaurs Return
- Week 11: August 14 – 18** Summer Beach Party



## CLASSIC DAY CAMP OVERNIGHT OPTIONS

(\$40 Additional Fee)

### Pack Age Group and Up

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

- Week 2: Thursday, June 15 (1-night)**
- Week 7: Thursday, July 20 (1-night)**
- Week 9: Thursday, August 3 (1-night)**
- Week 10: Thursday, August 10 (1-night)**

# SPECIALTY DAY CAMPS

## (5-DAY OPTIONS)

*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.*

## GRADES 1-2 FISH, FROGS, AND FORTS

**Week 4: June 26 – 30, Week 9: July 31 – August 4**

“Nature Nuts” will explore a variety of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, bugs, birds, and plants. Kids will enjoy learning how to fish, investigating animal tracks, and building secret forts, all while searching for the largest bullfrog they can find on site!

## LIL' ZOOKEEPERS

**Week 6: July 10 – 14, Week 10: August 7 – 11**

Kids who love animals won't want to miss this program! Campers learn the basics of animal care and will enjoy spending time with our wildlife ambassadors through live presentations and unique wildlife education and enrichment activities.



## GRADES 3-4 JUNIOR RODS & REELS

**Week 1: June 5 – 9, Week 10: August 7 – 11**

Introduce your little guppy to the world of fishing in this beginner's camp. Campers will spend the week exploring the basics of fishing while learning about common Michigan lake fish.

## CRITTER KEEPERS

**Week 3: June 19 – 23**

Critter Keepers introduces your junior zookeeper to the interesting and unseen aspects of animal care. Campers work with zookeepers and explore many different types of wildlife as they learn about their health, behavior, nutrition, and welfare.



## RAW ART WORLD – JUNIOR ARTISTS CAMP

**Week 4: June 26 – 30**

RAW Art World is bringing this immersive art and nature experience to your child. The infusion of art instruction and personal creativity will be filled with fun and stimulating art activities every day. Personal expression with hands-on experimentation will lead your child through a discovery of art and the natural world around them. Your child's week will consist of the creation of personal masterpieces as well as collaborative projects. Campers will be inspired and encouraged throughout this experience in the magic of art and the inspiration of nature. Explore, discover, and create at RAW Art Camp.

## JUNIOR BUSHCRAFTERS

**Week 8: July 24 – 28**

Campers will be introduced to the world of outdoor survival, learning basic bushcraft skills necessary to live off the land and survive in the wilderness. They'll be introduced to real bushcraft tools (always under adult supervision), and the importance of respecting and maintaining these tools. Children will leave feeling connected to the land and confident in their abilities!

## GRADES 5-6

### BUSHCRAFT SURVIVAL

Week 2: June 12 – 16

Give your adventurer a week of outdoor survival fun! Campers will learn bushcraft skills such as basic orienteering, building a shelter, tracking animals, and more!

### RAW ART WORLD – ARTISTS CAMP

Week 6: July 10 – 14

Specially designed for this age group, RAW Art World's Art Camp is back, ready to infuse art and nature's wonders together into a unique experience for your child. Your camper's week will build in daily anticipation as artists create beautiful pieces of art, both personally and in collaborative ways. Art lovers will not want to miss this specialized art instruction alongside RAW's talented artists.

### RODS & REELS

Week 7: July 17 – 21

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

### WILD ABOUT WILDLIFE

Week 11: August 14 – 18

Campers will go behind-the-scenes in our wildlife park where they will learn how to care for animals from real zookeepers! They will assist the wildlife care team with all aspects of animal husbandry, including cleaning, feeding, observing, and giving enrichment.



## GRADES 7-8

### X-TREME SURVIVORS

Week 2: August 12 – 16

Campers will enhance their survival skills with activities such as shelter building, cooking food on a fire, foraging for wild plants, and more!

### REEL PROS

Week 7: July 17 – 21

Let us teach your pro angler how to catch the BIG one! Campers will learn how to select, care for, and maintain equipment, as well as how to better understand fish behavior. Will they be able to outsmart "Big Charlie"?

### ZOOMASTERS

Week 9: July 31 – August 4

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.





# OVERNIGHT CAMPS

## WHAT YOUR OVERNIGHT CAMPER CAN EXPECT...



Campers wake up and head to our dining hall for breakfast with their cabin group. Overnight campers eat all their meals in our dining hall and eat with their cabin.



Afternoon activities include the campers choosing their own program and spending time at the waterfront for free swim, aquatoys, or kayaking!



Mornings start off with activities to get the campers moving and exploring our grounds, such as picking up litter in Trash Wars or finding the best rock on site to paint for Kindness Rocks.



Evenings at camp are filled with goofy, fun activities like campwide capture the flag, mock rock, and a closing campfire on Thursday night.



Campers continue their day going through classic camp activities like archery, ziplining, survival, and fishing.



Supported by the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation, all overnight campers will learn about environmental stewardship and enjoy connecting with the joys of spending valuable time in nature's splendor.



After lunch, campers take a rest period to get geared up and ready for their afternoon and evening full of fun!

# CLASSIC OVERNIGHT CAMPS

*Overnight Camp offers the opportunity for children to unplug from technology, make lasting friendships, and connect with nature in a unique and transformative overnight experience!*

## EXPLORERS

Entering Grades 3 – 4

July 16 – 21, July 30 – August 4, August 6 – 11

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 16 – 21, July 30 – August 4, August 6 – 11

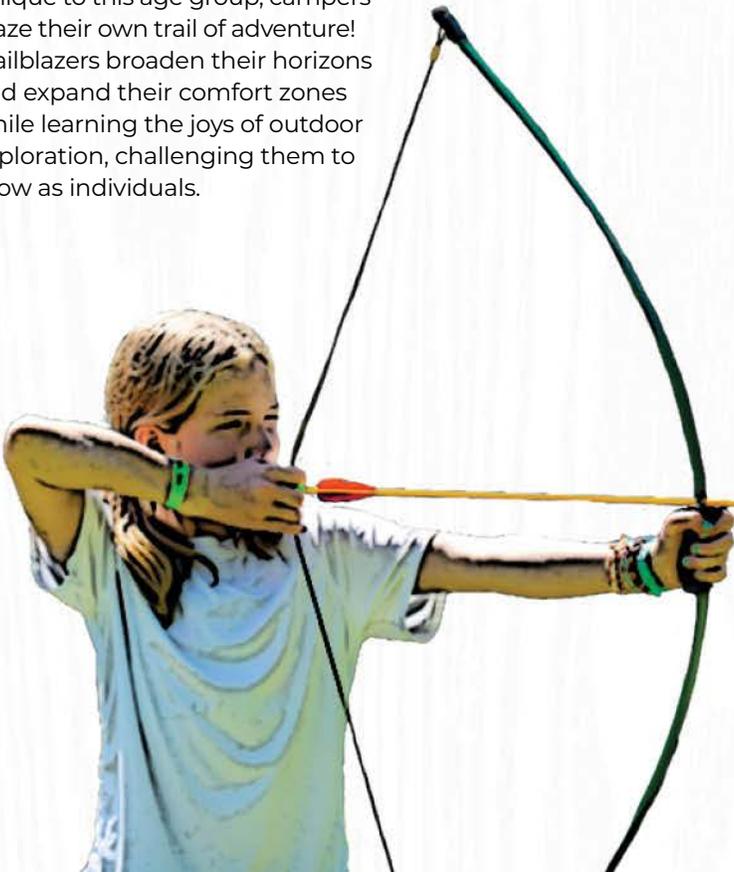
Adventurers choose much of their own camp experience while growing in a challenging and supportive atmosphere. Through inquiry-based programming and adventurous fun, campers develop skills, establish friendships, and build confidence.

## TRAILBLAZERS

Entering Grades 7 – 8

July 16 – 21, July 30 – August 4, August 6 – 11

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



# SPECIALTY OVERNIGHT CAMPS

*Our Specialty Overnight Camps are truly unique in that they offer a well-rounded, traditional summer camp experience mixed with specialized programming related to nature and animals.*

## JUNIOR ZOOKEEPERS

Entering Grades 5 – 6 • July 23 – 28

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 • July 23 – 28

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.



# TEEN OVERNIGHT 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.*

## COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

Entering Grades 9 – 12 • July 16 – 21, July 30 – August 4

Counselor In Training (CIT) is a perfect introduction to camp counseling. CITs enjoy classic camp activities, while learning valuable leadership skills. CITs start their week on a mini-excursion to the Rifle River where they will bond as a group, learn valuable leadership skills, and tube down the Rifle before coming back to camp. Upon their return, CITs are paired with counselors and learn first-hand how to be a good role model in an overnight camp setting.

## EXCURSIONS

### "BE WILD" PROJECT

Entering Grades 9 – 12 • June 25 – 30

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 9 – 12 • July 23 – 28

The Sleeping Bear Dunes provide the perfect backdrop for exploration and discovery in this week-long adventure. Campers will explore 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 and engage in classic recreation activities like kayaking, paddleboarding, biking, and hiking.



Supported by the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation, excursion campers will be inspired by daily adventures in some of Michigan's most pristine natural wonders, while building lasting friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.



## SOUTH MANITOU ISLAND

Entering Grades 9 – 12 • July 9 – 14

South Manitou Island and the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore provide the perfect backdrop for exploration and discovery in this six-day backpacking adventure. Campers will start their first night at a campground bonding with one another, packing their backpacks, and getting comfortable with their gear. The next day, campers will ride the Manitou Island Transit ferry to embark on their adventure. With a shipwreck, the "Valley of the Giants" grove of cedars, expansive dunes, and beachfront to explore. Whether your camper has been backpacking before or not, our Manitou Island excursion is inclusive of all abilities and expertise!

## MIGHTY MACKINAW

Entering Grades 9 – 12

August 13 – 18

Campers head to the Mackinac Straits to hike, swim, 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 explore Mackinac Island, gather with friends around the campfire, and create memories to last a lifetime.



# YEAR-ROUND OUTDOOR TEEN ADVENTURE CLUB

Grades 6 – 12

Outdoor Teen Adventure Club is a low-cost, youth-led club for 6th-12th graders. We spend our Saturdays hiking, tackling high adventure, playing games, and more. In a safe space supported by our facilitators, teens have opportunities to try new experiences, develop positive relationships with peers, and connect with nature. Through the youth-led structure, teens are also given opportunities to develop a variety of skills including leadership, communication, and teamwork.

## Weekly Agendas

In our weekly Saturday sessions, teens have the opportunity to truly embrace the ideals of Heal, Grow, and Be Wild. Rather than putting together a set agenda for teens to follow each week, the program leaders guide teens through a collaborative planning process. We start each season with a party and end each season with a banquet. What happens in between is up to the teens!

In the past, our Saturdays have been filled with adventures like performing an egg drop off our 60-foot climbing tower, traversing through our high ropes course or down our ziplines, practicing bushcraft skills by roasting bagels over survival fires, and battling it out in an intense match of Kayak Dodgeball.

Through this less structured format, teens have the opportunity to embrace their wild side and practice positive risk-taking. At the same time, program leaders help create a safe community that allows all voices to be heard and for each teen to let their favorite self shine through. This environment fosters growth by encouraging teens to take ownership of their experiences. This unique space allows our young people to heal through supportive social connections and being in nature.



## 2023 Dates

### SPRING

Saturday, 1 – 5 PM

- March 18
- March 25
- April 1
- April 8
- April 15
- April 22
- April 29
- May 6
- May 13
- May 20

### FALL

Saturday, 1 – 5 PM

- September 9
- September 16
- September 23
- September 30
- October 7
- October 14
- October 21
- October 28
- November 4
- November 11

### OVERNIGHTS

Saturday, 1 PM –  
Sunday 12 PM

- April 15 – 16
- May 6 – 7
- September 9 – 10
- October 7 – 8

### RETREATS

Friday, 6 PM –  
Sunday, 12 PM

- **Winter Retreat**  
February 17 – 19
- **Huron River Clean-Up**  
May 26 – 28





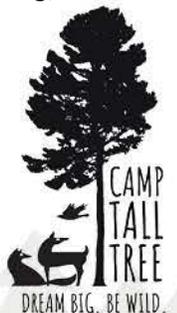
## DREAM BIG. STAND TALL. BRANCH OUT. TAKE ROOT.

### MAIN CAMP

July 9 – 14

Designed for campers with Autism ages 7 – 17 years old, Camp Tall Tree offers a six-day camp session with programs that have been designed to meet a wide range of emotional, behavioral, and cognitive needs because we believe that summer camp is a valuable experience for everyone. We appreciate the diversity of background, ability, health needs, and home lives of our campers and our staff strive every day to make camp a safe environment in which our campers can laugh, learn, and play. We believe that all kids stand taller when they build lasting friendships and feel like they belong to a community that sees them as more than the challenges they face.

During Camp Tall Tree, we offer a traditional summer camp experience. Campers go swimming, boating, shoot archery, and try out the ropes course. We toast s'mores, sing camp songs, make crafts, and enjoy camp food. We understand that each camper needs unique support in order to access our program, so we offer extensive staff training, flexible programming, and a 24-hour medical team. Our program is designed to offer many choices throughout the day, and we provide enough structure so kids feel safe and secure.



Supported by the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation, campers participating in Camp Tall Tree will thrive in new and inquisitive ways as they are able to connect with nature's wonders and benefit from the healing aspects of valuable time spent outdoors.

## SIBLINGS

July 9 – 14

Siblings of people with special needs have an exceptional perspective on life. They often have big hearts and open minds, but sometimes can be confused about where they fit in. They might feel somewhat isolated, because they have such a unique family situation. At Camp Tall Tree, all of that is different! We are positioned perfectly to support siblings, because we understand a lot about special needs.

We offer all of our campers a tight-knit community and lasting friendships. Most campers feel a deep connection and sense of belonging that they look for all year long. We feel that siblings benefit from getting to know other siblings, taking in some information, being able to ask questions, and sharing their experience.



## EXPLORERS

August 13 – 18

This is a vocational and skill-building program for campers age 18 – 26 who struggle with self-organization, team communication, self-advocacy, and other adult skills. This program is designed to teach real-life skills in the fun and interesting environment of summer camp. Campers will enjoy all the fun of camp and walk away with a set of experiences geared toward their adult life and responsibilities.

We work in small groups, with low ratios, so that campers get a lot of personal attention. All of the programs at Camp Tall Tree are super fun – and our skill-building session retains the best parts of summer camp: good friends, lots of laughs, and a feeling of belonging.

Young adults who apply for this session can expect a structured program that includes some of the typical fun of camp (ropes course, swimming, campfires, etc.) and also includes specific skill-building curriculum. The counselor-camper ratio will be 1:2 for this session. Our Explorers should be entirely independent with personal care, and not aggressive towards others. We have 24-hour medical support and are less than one hour from University of Michigan Hospital.



# CAMP PRICING



Day Camp Pricing	Nov 25 – Jan 31	Feb 1 – May 1	After May 1
5-Day: Monday – Friday (Entering Grades K – 8)	\$250	\$275	\$300
3-Day: Wednesday – Friday (Entering Grades K – 8)	\$165	\$185	\$205
2-Day: Monday – Tuesday (Entering Grades K – 8)	\$120	\$135	\$150
5-Day Specialty Day Camps (Entering Grades 1 – 12)	\$265	\$290	\$315

Overnight & Excursion Camp Pricing	Nov 25 – Jan 31	Feb 1 – May 1	After May 1
6-Day: Explorers/Adventurers/Trailblazers (Entering Grades 3 – 8)	\$600	\$675	\$750
6-Day: Junior Zookeepers (Entering Grades 5 – 6)	\$600	\$675	\$750
6-Day: Naturalist in Training (Entering Grades 7 – 8)	\$600	\$675	\$750
6-Day: Excursion Camps (Entering Grades 9 – 10; 11 – 12)	\$850	\$925	\$1,000
6-Day: Counselor in Training (Entering Grades 11 – 12)	\$725	\$800	\$875

Camp Tall Tree	Entire Session
6-Day: Camp Tall Tree (Ages 7 – 17)	\$1,250
6-Day: Siblings Camp (Ages 7 – 13)	\$650
6-Day: Explorers Camp (Ages 18 – 26)	\$1,500

School Break Camps	Per Day	Entire Session
1-Day: Jr. Zookeepers Day Camp	\$65	N/A
5-Day: Spring Break Day Camp	\$45	\$200
10-Day: Camp Frosty Day Camp	\$45	\$400

## The Spirit of Alexandria Foundation Offers Camp Scholarships!

The Spirit of Alexandria Foundation (SOA) was created in honor 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 Alexandria's inspiration, the SOA Foundation was formed with the simple goal of connecting thousands of children to nature. Awarding camp scholarships is one way they fulfill this powerful mission.

In addition to co-developing and sponsoring our nature-based program, the SOA Foundation is offering scholarships again this summer for families who qualify, on a **first-come basis**. Campers must submit a short essay describing why they are interested in attending camp to be considered. SOA Scholarship Applications are online and can be completed as part of the registration process.



## Ways to Save

**\$50 Sibling Discount:** When two or more siblings are registered for the same week, every registration past the first will get \$50 off. The more siblings and weeks you register for, the more you save! You must register all siblings at the same time to receive the discount.

**Early Registration Discount:** Register early for the best rates! Prices increase on February 1 and then again on May 1. The sooner you register, the more you save!

**Payment Plans:** After registering, you can pay your camp fees in full or split up the fees into smaller payments. These are set up through our online registration system with a credit or debit card. Camp fees are divided into equal payments and then automatically processed on the following dates, starting with the soonest date after registration.

- Dec. 05, 2022
- Dec. 19, 2022
- Jan. 02, 2023
- Jan. 16, 2023
- Jan. 30, 2023
- Feb. 13, 2023
- Feb. 27, 2023
- Mar. 13, 2023
- Mar. 27, 2023
- Apr. 10, 2023
- Apr. 24, 2023
- May 8, 2023
- May 22, 2023

## Registration Process

- Visit us at [howellnaturecenter.org](http://howellnaturecenter.org) and look for the **"REGISTER TODAY"** button. You will need to make an account through our system to be able to register.
- Then, add each child you are looking to register to your account. Remember to use the grade they will be going into next fall.
- Once you add all your potential campers, you will be able to see what camps are available for their grade level and what weeks still have openings.
- Add the weeks to your cart and move to the paperwork step.
- All paperwork must be completed to finish registration. A spot will not be on hold if you stop midway through registration.
- Once the deposit is made and payment is set-up, registration is done and you are all set!

Please note: There is a \$10 application fee per child.



## Deposits

Day Camps have a \$50 deposit per week, per child. Overnight Camps, CIT, and Excursions have a \$100 deposit per week, per child. Deposits must be made to complete registration. If you are unable to pay, please e-mail us at [summercamps@howellnaturecenter.org](mailto:summercamps@howellnaturecenter.org) to make arrangements. All deposits are non-refundable.

## What to Expect

Following registration, you will receive a detailed confirmation e-mail including a parent information packet, check-in/check-out information, packing lists, and more! Please make sure to regularly check the e-mail you registered with for any updates. If you don't receive a confirmation e-mail, please check your spam folder.

## Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cancellations must be submitted via e-mail to [summercamps@howellnaturecenter.org](mailto:summercamps@howellnaturecenter.org). Requests made at least two weeks before a camp session's start date will get a refund of all fees, minus the deposit. Cancellations made within two weeks of a camp session's start date forfeit all fees. Day Camp operates rain or shine and we will offer activities as the weather allows. Refunds are not offered for bad weather. No shows are not be permitted to switch days and are considered day-of cancellations.

**Registration questions? E-mail us at:**  
[summercamps@howellnaturecenter.org](mailto:summercamps@howellnaturecenter.org)



## Day Camp Check-In/Check-Out

<b>Before Care</b> (\$10/Day)	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
<b>Check-In</b>	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
<b>Check-Out</b>	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>After Care</b> (\$10/Day)	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### April 23, May 21, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Camp Wonder at the Howell Nature Center invites new and returning summer campers to preview our 2023 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](http://www.howellnaturecenter.org)

## Overnight Camp Check-In/Check-Out

<b>Check-In</b>	Sun	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
<b>Closing Ceremony</b>	Fri	2:30 p.m.
		(Check-Out to Follow)

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# SCHOOL BREAK CAMPS

## JR. ZOOKEEPER'S DAY CAMP

**Grades 3 – 4 • January 16 (MLK Day), February 20 (President's Day)**

Our Jr. Zookeepers program introduces children to wildlife and the interesting aspects of animal care. Your child will work with our Wild Wonders Park staff while exploring different types of wildlife as they enjoy learning about their health, behavior, nutrition, and welfare.

## SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

**Grades K – 8 • March 27 – 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 week designed with fun activities like archery, GaGa Ball, arts and crafts, crazy games, zipline, wildlife programs, and many more, this is a week not to be missed!

## CAMP FROSTY DAY CAMP

**Grades K – 8 • December 19 – 22, December 26 – 29.**

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 snowshoeing, snow games, sledding (weather permitting), with a mix of our traditional activities like archery, shelter building, wildlife programming, and more!

