

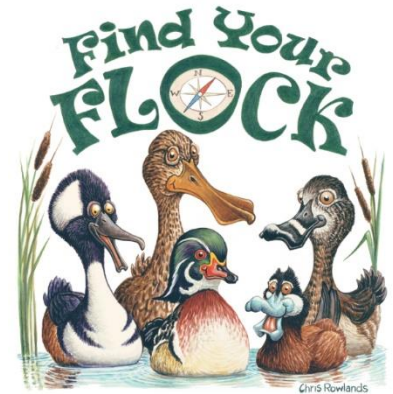


Find Your Flock at Summer Earth Adventures!

2024 Camp FAQs

Summer Earth Adventures is a day camp at Aullwood Audubon that offers exciting hands-on learning that allows children to explore the world of nature and sustainable farming. Through outdoor adventures, children develop awareness and care for the Earth.

Each week has a different theme. Activities are scaled based on student ages and abilities. Camp begins on June 10 and ends on August 9. There is no camp the week of July 1.



Camp hours are 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for most classes. Programs for 4-5 year olds are a half-day from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday – Wednesday. Extended Care early drop off at 8:00 a.m. and late pick up to 5:30 p.m. is available for full-day camps only for additional fees.

Camp Policies:

- Campers may not arrive more than 15 minutes before camp begins (early drop off excluded).
- Hand washing will be conducted throughout the day.
- Campers must be picked up promptly at the end of the day (late pickup excluded).
- Children must be signed in and out each day by a designated adult who must present a picture ID on the first day. On subsequent days, campers may be picked up using a password chosen on the first day. **Please do not share this password with campers.**
- Please apply sunscreen and bug spray to your camper before they are dropped off as our camp staff are not permitted to apply these products.
- Children in full day programs must bring a sack lunch, 2 snacks and 2 bottles of water. Children in half-day programs must bring a hearty snack and water. We encourage the use of reusable lunch bags, food containers and water bottles. **Please make sure your camper's name is marked on all items.**
- ***All children must be independent in the six activities of daily living: using the restroom, eating, bathing, dressing, transferring (i.e., walking), and continence. If your camper requires an accommodation to participate, please contact the Manager of Public Programs at education@aullwood.org before you register.***

Registration Information:

- All programs require pre-registration and full payment at time of registration.
- A limited number of scholarships are available. Please email the Manager of Public Programs at education@aullwood.org to ask for details and apply.
- Registration is online through Audubon's CampDoc system. You will be required to create an account, select your classes, complete medical information, liability forms and more online. We are unable to take off-line registrations.
- Please provide an email address that you check frequently to ensure the receipt of important camp correspondence and reminders for camp.
- Each camp registration includes one t-shirt and an age-appropriate book to take home.

Wait list and cancellation/transfer policies

- Campers who are wait-listed during registration will be contacted by email in the order their registrations were received. Please be sure to provide a preferred email address so you can be reached if an opening becomes available. If registration does not take place within 24 hours of email contact, the next camper on the waitlist will automatically be contacted. If the program opening is within 1 week of the program's start date, the 24-hour response policy will not apply.
- All requests for cancellation/transfers must be emailed to the Manager of Public Programs at education@aullwood.org and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made the week before the start date of a program.

What age should my camper be?

Campers are grouped by age with appropriate experiences for each level. Children must register for classes that correspond to their age as of June 1, 2024.

What is the minimum/maximum for each program?

Groups are limited to a maximum of 12-15 campers, age dependent. Minimum class size is 5 campers.



How much does camp cost?

All half-day and full-day programs include two staff, a volunteer assistant, craft and activity supplies and a surprise or two. Base program rates are \$130 for half-day programs and \$275 for all-day programs. Specialized programs with more supplies are \$300. Friends of Aullwood members receive a 25% discount on all programs with a special member coupon.

What is Extended Care?

Early drop off extended care is from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Late pick up is from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Extended care will be inside one of our classrooms, with two staff members in attendance. We will provide puzzles, coloring pages, and some basic board games. Campers are encouraged to bring non-electronic entertainment such as a book or game. Picking up after these hours will incur an additional fee.

- Early drop off 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. - \$20 per week with registration or \$5/day on site.
- Late pick up 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. - \$40 per week with registration or \$10/day on site.
- Early drop off and late pick up - \$50 per week with registration or \$12/day on site.

Where should I drop off my camper?

All programs meet at the Marie S. Aull Education Center, 1000 Aullwood Road, Dayton, 45414 unless “Meet at Farm” is in the program description. Farm programs meet at 9101 Frederick Pike, Dayton 45414.

What will my camper be doing all day?

Your camper will be spending the majority of their time outside, with some indoor activities. We will use indoor space during extreme weather such as thunderstorms or excessive heat. Every day, all campers will begin camp by coming together to sing a song, play a quick game, and set the expectations for the day. There is plenty of time for outdoor exploration, hands-on discoveries, arts, crafts, and other activities. Of course there will be a lunch break, followed by free play, then it's back to focusing on the goals for the day, a Book Nook quiet time, more adventures and activities, and finally a camp-wide wrap up at the end of the day.

What should my camper wear and bring?

Campers should dress in comfortable clothes and shoes that can get wet/muddy. Wear shoes that can be worn all day. No flip flops or slide-in sandals. Bring a backpack, lunch, snacks, and a refillable water bottle. Bring a rain poncho or rain jacket if rain is in the forecast.

Lunch should be food that can be eaten along the trails and be able to fit into your camper's backpack for the day. We also suggest two snacks such as a Power Bar or fresh fruit, one to eat before lunch and one in the afternoon. Camp makes for hungry campers! We suggest two water bottles, one of which is frozen to use as an icepack so your camper has more cold water when the ice melts. Please avoid sending drinks with caffeine and/or sugar. Aullwood has fountains where water bottles can be refilled. No refrigeration or cooking appliances are available.

Please make sure all items, including backpacks, lunches, and water bottles, are labelled with your camper's name.

Inclement Weather

Classes will be held rain or shine, so please dress campers accordingly. In case of thunderstorms or excessive heat, activities will be moved indoors.

Behavior/Accommodation

All children must be independent in the six activities of daily living: using the restroom, eating, bathing, dressing, transferring (i.e., walking), and continence. If your camper requires an accommodation to participate, please contact the Manager of Public Programs at education@aullwood.org before you register.

Campers explore the natural world outdoors and should be able to move themselves along gravel, wood, grassy, and dirt trails, up and down hills, across boardwalks, and over flat and uneven ground with minimal assistance. Each camper should be capable of staying with their assigned group with minimal reinforcement. Campers interact with peers in collaborative games and activities. To ensure safety for both campers and staff, each camper should be capable of maintaining appropriate self-control in social situations.

We are happy to make reasonable accommodations for children with individual needs, depending on their requirements and staff availability. Parents and guardians with questions regarding the ability of camp staff to meet a child's needs should contact the Manager of Public programs before registering for a program. You can reach our staff at education@aullwood.org.

Non-discrimination Policy

Aullwood Audubon does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, income, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital or family status.

Code of Conduct

Summer Earth Adventure's Code of Conduct outlines expected conduct for campers, as well as our policy for handling behavioral issues that may arise. The Code of Conduct is included in the online registration process on CampDoc and **must** be read and signed before campers arrive on the first day of camp.



Summer Camp Schedule at a Glance

Week 1 – June 10 – 14: Junior Entomologists



Buzz, Flutter, Glow – ages 5-6 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Member)

Why do mosquitoes buzz in people's ears? How can butterflies flutter thousands of miles? What makes fireflies glow? Grab a net and bug box for interactive insect explorations.

Buggin' Out – ages 7-8 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Member)

Did you know houseflies can taste with their feet, some wasps hibernate while hanging by their teeth, and crickets have ears on their front legs? Those are just a few of the fun facts campers will learn while exploring different habitats and observing insects and other cool critters.

Spiders, Scorpions, Dragonflies, Oh My! – ages 9-12 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Member)

These critters are the predators of insects on the ground and in the sky. Learn how 8 legs and two main body parts keeps spiders and scorpions out of the insect category. Discover how the voracious appetite of the dragonfly qualifies it has a highly effective predator in mosquito control. But wait... Oh my, who preys on spiders, scorpions, and dragonflies? Find out while exploring the fascinating world of entomology.

Backyard Bug Band with Chris Rowlands – ages 8-12 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$300 (Non-Member)

If you like bugs and all the noises these invertebrates make then you'll love becoming a member of the Backyard Bug Band. Join Chris Rowlands as he teaches you about bugs in your backyard. Campers will learn everything from exoskeletons and spiracles to why insect blood is yellow-green. You'll also investigate the most musical insects such as cicadas, grasshoppers, crickets, and katydids. After studying these musical insects, you'll get to create your own take home musical instrument and collaborate with the other band members to write your own songs! If that's not cool enough, as an official member of the Backyard Bug Band, you'll have the opportunity to record your latest invertebrate single and perform it for everyone at Summer Earth Adventures. Fee reflects additional supplies.

Week 2 - June 17 – 21: Nature Art



Camouflage Critters – ages 4-5 • 9:30 am – 12:00 pm • Monday-Wednesday • \$130 (Non-Member)

Find inspiration in nature and make some unique art with a variety of natural objects. Learn how birds and other animals use camouflage to survive in their habitats and then camouflage yourself!

Camouflage Critters – ages 6-7 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Find inspiration in nature and make some unique art with a variety of natural objects. Learn how birds and other animals use camouflage to survive in their habitats and then camouflage yourself!

Camouflaged Things with Wings – ages 8-9 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Learn how birds and other animals and even whimsical Faeries with wings use camouflage to survive in their habitats. Hike the trails at Aullwood to collect natural materials to combine with recycled items to create your own take-home Faerie House.

Paint with a Naturalist with Chris Rowlands – ages 8-12 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$300 (Non-Members)

Assist Chris Rowlands in creating stunning bird art on Aullwood's restroom doors. Observe birds in prairie, woodland, and wetland; learn field marks that help with bird identification and surprising bird facts. Fee reflects additional supplies.



Week 3 – June 24 – 28 – What's in the Woods

Hop, Slither, Crawl – ages 5-6 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Can you hop like a frog? Slither like a snake or crawl like a turtle? As Junior Herpetologists, campers will explore the fascinating world of amphibians and reptiles and hang out in the woods. Through up close encounters, campers will learn about the ecology and conservation of amphibians and reptiles.

Scutes, Scales, and Slimy Tails – ages 6-7 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Have you ever touched a turtle or a snake? Have you been hunting for salamanders or tried to net a frog? Well, you will have that opportunity at this camp! As Junior Herpetologists, campers will explore the fascinating world of amphibians and reptiles that hang out in the woods. Through up close encounters, campers will learn about the ecology and conservation of amphibians and reptiles.

Fur, Tracks, and Scat – ages 7-8 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Can you follow the clues to determine what is in the woods? Lace up those hiking boots and grab your hand lens and field notebook as we get up close and personal with animal skulls pelts, and more! Identify different animal tracks and scat (yes, that's the scientific word for poop) and learn interesting facts about Ohio animals.

Survive to Thrive with Sam Romeo – ages 9-12 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$300 (Non-Members)

What's in the woods? Could you survive a week in the woods? Test yourself against nature! Learn how to build a fire, construct various outdoor shelters, cook over a wood fire, and navigate the woods with and without a compass, all while reading the novel *A Week In The Woods* by Andrew Clements. Fee reflects additional supplies.

No camp the week of July



Week 4 – July 8 – 12: Nature Rocks

Marvelous Mud – ages 4-5 • 9:30 am – 12:00 pm • Monday – Wednesday • \$130 (Non-Members)



Build the most fantastical creations out of mud, sticks, stones, and plants. Each day we will explore, learn, and create. Warning: campers guaranteed to get muddy!

Rock and Rollers – ages 6-7 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Learn all about rocks and how they are formed. You'll get to erupt a volcano, identify Ohio's fossils, make your own crystal, smash a geode, paint rocks, create music with rocks, and more!

Rockhounds – ages 8-9 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

You too can be a Rockhound: an amateur collector of rocks, fossils, or minerals. Learn all about rocks and how they are formed. You'll get to erupt a volcano, identify Ohio's fossils, make your own crystal, smash a geode, paint rocks, create music with rocks, and perhaps even eat some rocks?

Junior Geologists – ages 9-12 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

As a scientist who studies the earth, you'll learn about the crust, mantle, core, and so much more! Join us as we explore volcanoes, Ohio fossils, crystal making, smashing geodes, rock collecting, and even edible rocks.

Week 5 – July 15 – 19: Junior Ornithologists

Bird Nerd – ages 4-5 • 9:30 am – 12:00 pm • Monday – Wednesday • \$130 (Non-Members)

They have beautiful feathers, really cool nests, colorful eggs – birds are the best! Grab your binoculars for fun filled explorations into the world of birds.

Bird Nerd – ages 6-7 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

As a Bird Nerd you're part of an exclusive club – welcome! After you leave this camp you'll be talking bird slang like wing bands, bushwhacking, and butter butts! You'll observe and learn to identify the usual suspects hanging around Aullwood. Learn about mobbing, chasing, and streaking. Don't worry, all the birds keep their feathers on. Open an owl pellet to check out cool bones – you can even take them home!

Talon Power with Sam Romeo – ages 8-12 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

When the tip of a talon is sharper than a dagger- that's Talon Power! Spend some time this week getting up close and personal with a variety of raptors. Learn how these apex predators use keen eyesight, strong feet, and a hooked beak to capture their prey.

Rendering Raptors with Chris Rowlands – ages 8-12 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$300 (Non-Members)

Assist artist Chris Rowlands in rendering stunning artwork of local raptors (kestrel, owl, and red-tailed hawk) on Aullwood's restroom doors. Spend some time this week getting up close and personal with Aullwood's raptors. Learn how these apex predators use keen eyesight, strong feet, and a hooked beak to capture their prey. Fee reflects additional supplies.



Week 6 – July 22-26: Farmer for a Week

Farm Friends – ages 5-6 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Did you know that some chickens can lay blue eggs and pigs can't sweat? That's just a few of the fun facts you'll learn as a farmer for a week. Meet cows, chickens, cats, horses, and more farmyard friends. Put on your work boots and explore!

Marvelous Moo – ages 6-7 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Did you know cows can't bite a person because they don't have any upper front teeth? They may "gum" you, but they can't bite you. Cows also have a four-chambered stomach that lets them regurgitate their food. How cool is that? Those are just a few marvelous cow facts you'll learn during your time on the farm.

Fresh Eggs and Ham! – ages 8-9 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Did you know that some chickens can lay blue eggs and pigs can't sweat? That's just a few of the fun facts you'll learn as a farmer for a week. Learn what it takes to get fresh eggs and ham. Sample some scrambled eggs from different species to investigate the different tastes. You'll also get to assist with a variety of farm chores like collecting eggs and mucking a stall.

Farming is for Ewe? – ages 9-12 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Did you know sheep and goats have rectangular pupils and cows digest their food by repeatedly regurgitating and rechewing? That's just a few of the fun facts you'll learn when you are a farmer for a week. Discover what it takes to be a farmer through hands-on experiences with Aullwood's animal ambassadors. You'll get to assist with a variety of farm chores like collecting eggs or mucking a stall. You'll also explore the farm's pastures and waterways to learn how sustainable agriculture can support grassland birds.

Week 7 – July 29 – August 2: S.C.I.: Can You Identify?

I Spy... A Butterfly – ages 4-5 • 9:30 am – 12:00 pm • Monday – Wednesday • \$130 (Non-Members)

Can a bug blow bubbles? Why do moths have feathery antennae? Can you eat a caterpillar? Grab a net and bug box for some interactive insect explorations.



Sticks, Stones, and Really Cool Bones – ages 6-7 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Have you ever learned to “key” a tree? As a member of the Aullwood S.C.I. (Summer Camp Investigations) team you will be learning how to use a dichotomous key to identify trees that you walk by in the woods. You’ll also be tasked with identifying Ohio fossils and rocks. Did you know one way to tell the difference between a fossil and a rock is to lick it? How do S.C.I. team members tell the difference between a bird bone and a mammal bone? With hands-on activities like dissecting owl pellets, of course!

Sticks, Stones, and Really Cool Bones – ages 7-8 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

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Week 8 – August 5 – 9: Do You Know About H₂O?

Water Magic – ages 6-7 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Nothing beats a summer day when you get run, jump, and splash in water. So grab your water gear and come explore the magic of water! Play water games, use nets to catch aquatic insects, perform water experiments, learn about the water cycle, explore Aullwood's different water habitats and best of all... Get WET! Wear clothes that can get wet, muddy, or soapy as you increase what you know about H₂O.

Bubble Science – ages 7-8 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Did you know that some wildlife use bubbles to help them survive? Grab your water gear and take to the trails and dip into watery habitats in search for these creatures. Learn about the water cycle and make your own cloud. We will even try to stand in a life- size bubble! Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet, muddy, or soapy as you increase what you know about H₂O.



Junior Ichthyologists – ages 8-9 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Gills, scales, and caudal fins – there's nothing icky about fish! Grab your net and water gear so you can explore Aullwood's watery habitats. Learn about the water cycle, make your own cloud, participate in river seining and macroinvertebrate (critters that indicate water quality) identification. Experience the traditional Japanese art of Gyotaku, or fish painting. Wear clothes that can get wet, muddy, or soapy as you increase what you know about H₂O.

Stream Keepers – ages 9-12 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • \$275 (Non-Members)

Grab your net and water gear so you can explore Aullwood. Dip your net into a variety of watery habitats looking for cool creatures. Learn about the water cycle and the importance of keeping our water clean. Participate in river seining and macroinvertebrate (critters that indicate water quality) identification. Experience the traditional Japanese art of Gyotaku, or fish painting. Wear clothes that can get wet, muddy, or soapy as you increase what you know about H₂O.



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