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2026 Habitat Hikers at Summer Earth Adventures!

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 8 and ends on August 7. There is no camp the week of June 29-July 3.

Camp hours are 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Extended Care early drop off beginning at 8:00 a.m. and late pick up until 5:30 p.m. is available 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 must bring a sack lunch, 2 snacks, and a water bottle. 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 Summer Camp Director at christina.simmons@audubon.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 Summer Camp Director at christina.simmons@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 prior to attending camp. 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 hiking staff.

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 made via CampDoc and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made one 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 the start date of their camp session.

What is the minimum/maximum for each program?

Groups are limited to a maximum of 10 campers. Minimum class size is 5 campers. If your session has insufficient registration, we will contact you with options, potentially including switching to a different group in the same week, transferring to a different week, or a refund.



How much does camp cost?

All full-day programs include two staff, craft and activity supplies, and a surprise or two. Base program rates \$300 for all-day programs. Specialized programs with more supplies are \$325. Aullwood Audubon members receive a 10% 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. - \$40 per week with registration or \$8/day on site.
- Late pick up 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. - \$45 per week with registration or \$9/day on site.
- Early drop off and late pick up - \$80 per week with registration or \$16/day on site.

Where should I drop off my camper?

All programs meet at the Marie S. Aull Education Center at 1000 Aullwood Road, 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 or 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 for the afternoon. Camp makes for hungry campers! Please avoid sending drinks with caffeine and/or sugar. Aullwood has filling stations 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

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Campers explore the natural world outdoors and should be able to move themselves along gravel, wood, grass, and dirt trails, up and down hills, across boardwalks, and over flat and uneven ground with minimal assistance. Please be aware that our camp is highly stimulating. Each camper should be capable of staying with their assigned group with minimal reinforcement. Due to the large size of our property and variety of water habitats, we cannot accommodate campers with a tendency to run away. 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 Summer Camp Director before registering for any programs. You can reach our staff at christina.simmons@audubon.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, or 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 is **required** to be read and signed before campers arrive on the first day of camp.

