

Nature Adventures Summer Day Camp 2012
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Partnership Program

Open House

Sunday, May 6th
1-4pm
Free

Come check us out!

- Sample crafts & activities
- Ask camp staff questions
- Visit the camp sites

Our Open House is especially helpful for our youngest campers so that they are comfortable here before camp begins!

River Adventures

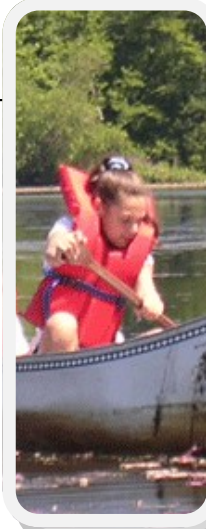
For campers entering Grades 6-8
Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm
(One-Week Sessions)

River Adventures is a unique blend of outdoor education involving activities in, near, and on the water. It features small groups, great leaders (including a certified lifeguard), and our engaging rivers! Participate in activities such as learning kayaking skills, water safety, navigation, and discovering the natural and cultural history of the area. Lifejackets will be provided.

River Adventures is co-sponsored by the North and South Rivers Watershed Association, South Shore Natural Science Center and the South Shore YMCA.

For more info visit:

www.ssymca.org/branch_mpdycamps.shtml



Nature Adventures Summer Day Camp

Age 3 through Grade 12
June 25 - August 17, 2012



The Children's Garden

Our campers thoroughly enjoy our new teaching garden! They delve into gardening through digging, planting, watering, harvesting, and even tasting. Children participate in the entire process of growing food!

The Creativity

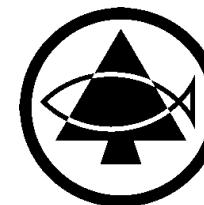
While our campers enjoy many traditional camp crafts, we are focused on eco-conscious crafts and nature twists to our creations, games, and activities.

The Wild Animals

All campers visit the EcoZone and learn about our captive wildlife up close through special presentations from our Naturalists. We also spend most of our time outside where we often spot our wild neighbors!

The Pond

From age 3 to Grade 10, our campers spend quality time at Jacobs Pond. Each group goes 'Ponding' to search for aquatic critters including insects, frogs, turtles, and fish. Older groups explore more of the pond from canoes.



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The Program

The mission of Nature Adventures Summer Day Camp is to blend summer camp fun and nature education. Each group's curriculum is designed under the supervision of the Camp Director to be age appropriate, educational, and fun! We focus on quality outdoor time and hands-on exploration. Our camp maintains a ratio of 1 staff to 5 campers under age seven and 1 staff to 8 campers age seven and above.

Keeping Cool

Our staff develop lesson plans that balance nature fun, high energy activities, and down time. On particularly hot days, groups visit air conditioned sections of the Science Center, spend extra time in shaded glens, and play water games such as 'skunk tag' or running through water sprinklers.



Our Counselors

Our summer camp staff is led (and managed) by the Camp Director. Other staff members include the Assistant Director & Activities Coordinator, Explorer & Expedition Lead Counselor, Senior Counselors, and Junior Counselors. Our Senior Counselors are professionals in the field and college students with relevant experience. Our Junior Counselors are high school students and college students with an interest in education and the natural sciences. All staff are certified in Red Cross First Aid & CPR and are CORI and SORI checked.

Policies

- Member discounts apply to current family memberships at time of registration and attendance.
- Reserved spaces will not be held for campers with un-paid balances, expired memberships, or overdue forms.
- Camp groups may be combined if minimum registration is not met.
- **Refund Policy:** Cancellations received in writing at least two weeks prior to a session will receive a refund for tuition paid minus \$75 deposit(s) per session. Registrants who do not give advance notice of cancellation within these guidelines will forfeit all monies paid. There are no rebates for incomplete attendance.

Camperships Available!

Contact the Camp Director at naturecamp@ssymca.org or 781-659-2559 x218 for information.

To Register

- **Members only early registration:** January 23rd to March 15th.
Open registration: March 15th.
- Please fill out the attached registration form. Extra forms are available online.
- Non-refundable deposits of \$75 are required per child, per session with registration.
- Payment is due in full by May 1st.
- Current health forms and immunization records are required by state law to attend camp and are due by May 1st.
- Confirmation packets will be sent out within 2 weeks of receiving registration forms and payment.

Please e-mail or call the camp office with any questions or concerns.
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Nature Adventures Summer Day Camp complies with MGL 105 CMR430.000, Sanitation and Safety Standards for Recreational Camps for Children, and is licensed by the Norwell Board of Health.

Camp Groups

Ages 3-5



Our youngest campers use all of their senses to explore the wonders of the natural world through stories, crafts, games, songs, and nature walks.

Tadpoles ~ Age 3
(must be toilet trained)
Tuesday & Thursday
2 week sessions
9am-12noon

Chipmunks ~ Age 4 and 5
(must be toilet trained)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
2 week sessions
Choose AM (9am-12noon) or PM (1pm-3:30pm)

Entering Grades K-2

Campers learn about the world around them by hiking in the woods, exploring the fields, and searching for critters in the pond. Activities include games, crafts, stories, and daily hands-on natural science learning.

Raccoons ~ Entering Kindergarten
Monday-Friday
Choose 1 or 2 week sessions
Mornings 9am-12noon



Bluejays ~ Entering Grades 1-2
Monday-Friday
Choose 1 or 2 week sessions
Choose AM 9am-12noon or All Day 9am-3:30pm

Entering Grades 3-6

Bobcats ~ Entering Grades 3 and 4

Bears ~ Entering Grades 4-6

ONE WEEK-Choose AM (9am-12noon) or All Day (9am-3:30pm).
In our one-week programs, campers explore the natural world in more depth through fun science games, activities, crafts, canoeing, hikes and a local field trip.

TWO WEEK-All day (9am-3:30pm* + 1 Overnight)
Campers in these sessions will enjoy longer days allowing extra canoeing time, extended hikes, a local day trip and nature based science activities. Two week sessions include an on-site overnight on the second Thursday into Friday morning, ending at 9am. Overnights involve dinner, a night hike, campfire, and sleeping in Vine Hall with 'the bear.'

**Sign up to stay for a "Friday Chill Day" for the Friday following the overnight. After the overnight, these tired campers spend the day relaxing in Vine Hall with movies, a pizza lunch, and activities.*



LUNCH BUNCH- Add to any 1/2 day program 12noon-1pm
Campers bring their own peanut-free lunch, eat, and then play with other campers. Sign ups and payment are due at least one week in advance.

Entering Grades 6-12

Explorers ~ Entering Grades 6-8
Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm
+ 1 Overnight on the Boston Harbor Islands

Each session includes hiking, canoeing, team-building, a field trip and an overnight camping trip on the Boston Harbor Islands. Most equipment is provided, except personal gear (sleeping bags, backpacks, etc.).

Expedition ~ Entering Grades 8-10
Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm
+ 2 Overnights on Cape Cod

Each week begins with two days of nature studies, canoeing, and team-building at SSNSC followed by a three day camping adventure on Cape Cod! While on the Cape we'll bike to tidal pools, saltwater marshes, and beaches for swimming and exploring. Most equipment is provided except personal gear (sleeping bag, backpack, bicycle, etc).

New! **Voyagers ~ Entering Grades 10-12 ~ Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm + 3 Overnights on Cape Cod**

We will spend the first day at camp participating in team building activities and learning camping skills followed by four adventure-filled days camping on Cape Cod. During our camping trip, we will hike on conservation land, swim at local beaches and explore the coast on our bikes along the Cape Cod Rail Trail. Most equipment is provided except personal gear (sleeping bag, backpack, bicycle, etc).