



2025 Ballard Nature Center Summer Camps

Registration for the classes begins on April 26.

We have moved to an online registration system this year! To register, go to our website www.ballardnaturecenter.org and then go to our calendar of events to click on the classes that you want to register for. If you are wanting to register a child for multiple classes, you can add them to your cart and checkout after you have selected them all. You will have to register each child separately. Payment will be made at time of registering. You can also register in person, but not until after April 28. A printable form is on the summer camp page of our website.

Contact us for more info at 618-483-6856 or ballardnc@frontiernet.net

June Kids' Camps

June 3 – Busy Beavers

Kids ages 5-6

9-10:30am or 1-2:30pm, \$10

Learn all about beavers & their relatives

June 5 or 6 – Fossil Hunters

Kids ages 9-11

9-11am, \$12

Bringing the past to the present as we look at prehistoric animals & do fun activities

June 11 or 12 – Sticks & Mud

Kids ages 6-9

9-11am, \$12

Lots of fun in nature playing games and crafting using sticks & mud/clay

June 16 or 17 – Aqua Olympics

Kids ages 7-9

1-2:30pm, \$12

We'll play fun water games & cool down with popsicles

Bring a towel

June 18 – Wood Craft

Kids ages 8-12

10am-1pm, \$15

Make a craft featuring a fox, owl, & raccoon and learn about these animals

Bring a picnic lunch

June 19 – Tapping Woodpeckers

Kids ages 5-6, \$10

9-10:30am or 1-2:30pm

Learn just how amazing woodpeckers are

June 24 or 25 or 26- Pond Dragons

Kids ages 7-10, \$15

9-11:30am

We'll explore the pond, including dipping with nets, and learn about dragonflies. Recommended to bring a pair of rubber boots or shoes that can get wet/muddy.

July Kids' Camps

July 1 – Fluttering Butterflies

Kids ages 5-6, \$10

9-10:30am or 1-2:30pm

Search for & learn about these beauties

July 2 – Fantastic Foxes

Kids ages 6-8

9-11am or 1-3pm, \$12

About foxes near and far

July 8 – Junior Explorers

Kids ages 10-13

9-11am, \$12

Learn about orienteering & maps, then navigate through Ballard Nature Center

July 9 or 10 – Bugs & Blooms

Kids ages 7-10

10am-1pm, \$15

All about life in the prairie, with a focus on the insects we catch

Bring a picnic lunch

July 16 or 17 or 18 – Night Life

Kids ages 7-10

9-11:30am, \$15

Constellations and Nocturnal Animals come to life in our darkened classroom

July 23 or 24 – Fun in the Sun

Kids ages 7-11

9-11am, \$15

We'll craft & hang out in nature - includes ice cream & yard games

July 29 – Paint Class

Kids ages 8-12

10-11:30am or 1-2:30pm, \$18

Or

July 30 10-11:30am

July 31 – Slithering Snakes

Kids ages 6-8

9-11am or 1-3pm, \$12

Snakes aren't so scary, come see why

August Kids' Camps

Aug 5 – Forest Friends

Kids ages 5-6, \$10

9-10:30am or 1-2:30pm

All about forests and the animals that call them home

Aug 6 – Nature Sense

Kids ages 7-9

9-11am or 1-3pm, \$12

Learn about sights, sounds, & smells in nature



Camps are filled with hands-on activities & lessons both indoors & outdoors.

Wear clothes & shoes that can get dirty, etc. Please no flip-flops, we take trail walks and play running games sometimes.

Children must be walked in and walked out of the visitor center for drop off and pick up.

Class size is limited in order to provide quality programs.

No refunds or credits on fees.

*Kids need to be the age for the class within 8 weeks of the class date.

*We do not accept group registrations in these camps. If you have a daycare or other group, we can offer a separate program. Call or email for information on this option.