



BLANDFORD | nature
center

Summer Camp 2013



Tapping Into Your Child's Wild Side!



At Blandford Nature Center we love nothing more than seeing a child's face light up after meeting a turtle or finding tracks in the mud! Exploring the world, connecting with friends, and getting dirty are what come natural to kids and we are here to make sure it stays that way.

Inside this booklet you will find a list of fun and engaging camp offerings. Young children ready for their first camp experience will love our Nature Buds half-day programs.

Campers ages 4 to 15 can choose from a wide variety of single day and full week camps with options for our adventure camps that include overnights and field trips.

Every camp is created to tap into the wonder and natural love children have for the outdoors. Engaging instructors guide your camper deeper into our wild world to build new skills, make new friends, and have lots of fun!

Single Day Camps For ages 7-12

Runs 9am-4pm, snack included

\$30 member, \$36 non-member

Our camp staff is excited to once again see familiar faces and meet new friends that are ready to start a wild adventure! Whether you are a new or familiar camper, this year has great options to choose from.



June 17-21

Monday: Nature Explorers

Summer is the time for wild adventures! Start your own by exploring the secret and special habitats of Blandford.

Tuesday: Creatures of the Marsh

Swimming just below the surface of the marsh is an alien world. Unlock its secrets with microscopes and nets.

Wednesday: Wildlife Helpers

Go behind the scenes at Blandford to help our wildlife biologists care for animals in need and find out the many ways you can help wildlife everyday.

Thursday: Wild Edibles

Learn safe ways to identify, prepare, and enjoy the foods of the forest. We will sample a few of the best.

Friday: Survival Skills

Get outdoor smart by mimicking animal survival tactics and practicing what to do in an emergency situation.

July 8-12

Monday: Tracking in the Wild

Our world is full of wildlife, but it takes skill to find them. Hone your ability to track and listen to the language of the forest.

Tuesday: Ancient Michigan

Were there dinosaurs or saber-tooths in Michigan? How did our ancestors hunt the woolly mammoth? Practice paleontology and archaeology to discover the real ancient Michigan.

Wednesday: Herbology & Potions

Build on your wizarding skills to find the plants of the forest that can be used for a special potion you can take home.

Thursday: The Summer Games

Join us outside and discover a world of new ways to play with your friends, from lacrosse and nature races to camouflage and kid creations.

Friday: Care of Magical Creatures

Owls, hippogriffs, and dragons have unique needs as well as amazing abilities. Meet our live animals while discovering what it takes to be a "magizoologist."

July 22-26

Monday: Down on the Farm

Are you a country kid at heart? Plant a seed, pick some veggies, and take care of the chickens. It all happens on the farm.

Tuesday: Frogs, Toads, Turtles & Snakes

What better time than summer to search in ponds and fields for an amazing variety of frogs, turtles, and other herptiles?

Wednesday: Science Stewards

Be a part of science in action! Research we do today will be shared with scientists around the country to help wildlife.

Thursday: Wet & Wild

As summer heats up, we cool down with creek fun and wild adventures in the shady woods.

Friday: Make it Wild

Create in nature with nature! Sculpt with mud and sticks, paint with berries. We are limited only by our imaginations.

Full Week Camps For ages 4-12

Full-day Camps run 9am-4pm, snack included

For Half-day Camps choose between Morning: 9am-12pm session, or Afternoon: 1pm-4pm session

June 17-21

Nature Buds: Mornings on the Marsh: For ages 4-6

Half-day Camp: Morning 9am-12pm

\$70 member, \$90 non-member

Wake up to the call of frogs and ducks enjoying life in the marsh. Explore this watery world with nets and lenses to find amazing creatures just under the surface.

Nature Buds Go Exploring: For ages 4-6

Half-day Camp: Afternoon 1pm-4pm

\$70 member, \$90 non-member

Discover the secret nooks, crannies, and rabbit holes that wait along the trails of Blandford. We will practice using scientists' favorite tools like binoculars, microscopes, and insect nets.



June 24-28

Marsh Madness: For ages 7-9

Full Day Camp: 9am-4pm

\$140 member, \$180 non-member

From plankton to frogs to muskrats, marshes are home to amazing wildlife! Have they recovered from last year's drought? We will use many tools to find out.

Anishinabek Camp with Thursday Overnight in Wigwam: For ages 10-12

Full Day Camp: 9am-4pm, ends at 12pm Friday

\$160 member, \$205 non-member

Travel back to a time when forests full of wildlife blanketed the land and the rivers ran clear and wild to the big lake. Practice tracking game, crafting with wild supplies, and living from the land.



July 8-12

Nature Buds Make Nature Art: For ages 4-6

Half-day Camp: Morning 9am-12pm

\$70 member, \$90 non-member

Songs, puppet shows, and crafty activities will spark your imagination as we explore the wonder of nature. This week will make your imagination run wild!

Nature Buds Go Buggy: For ages 4-6

Half-day Camp: Afternoon 1pm-4pm

\$70 member, \$90 non-member

They may be crawly, but after this week we won't call them creepy again! Find insect friends under logs and fluttering through the air to get a close-up look at bugs.



July 15-19

Nature Buds: Mornings on the Farm: For ages 4-6

Half-day Camp: Morning 9am-12pm

\$70 member, \$90 non-member

Start the morning with a fun story about gardens and barnyard animals. Meet Blandford's chickens and be a part of the magic that turns seeds into food and sunshine into flowers!



Full Week Camps For ages 4-12 (continued)

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July 15-19

Nature Buds Find Frogs, Turtles & Snakes: For ages 4-6

Half-day Camp: Afternoon 1pm-4pm

\$70 member, \$90 non-member

Nature Buds might not know what a herptile is, but they know how fun it is finding them in their secret homes and holes!

Creative World: For ages 7-9

Full-day Camp: 9am-4pm

\$140 members, \$180 non-members

Let the beauty of nature inspire you. Sometimes nature will be the object and sometimes it will be the tool for making works of art. Nature hikes and activities will get the creative juices flowing.

Wilderness Camp with Thursday Overnight: For ages 10-12

Full-day Camp: 9am-4pm, ends at 12pm Friday

\$160 member, \$205 non-member

Test your skills as a wilderness survivor! Outside you will learn to build a camp fire and cook on it, make a shelter to sleep in, and find your way with a compass and map. Then, at the end of the week, use what you've learned on a campout in the wilds of Blandford!



July 22-26

Natural Born Leaders With Team-Building Trip And Overnight Campout: For ages 11-12

(Camp Assistant Training*)

Full Day Camp: 9am-4pm, ends at 12pm Friday

\$160 member, \$205 non-member

What does it take to be an outdoor leader? Learn team-building games and activities that challenge you to do your best, all while exploring the natural world at BNC. Leadership skills will be tested during a team-building excursion and overnight camping experience Thursday night. Even if you weren't born a leader, this week will help you build the skills you need.



*Graduates receive preferential placement as Camp Assistants in 2014.

Camp Cooldown

After-camp care with flexible pick-up options

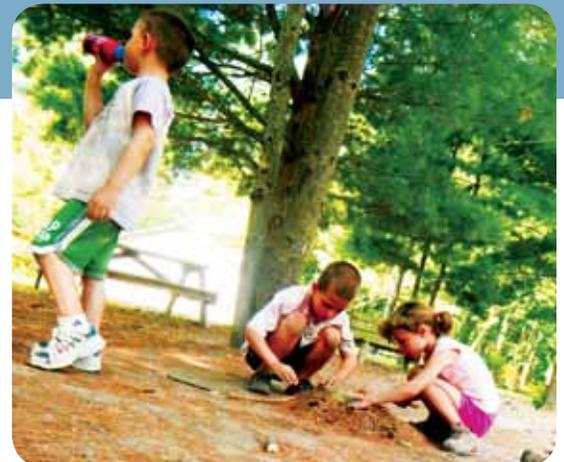
Parents may pick up their camper between 4pm and 5pm.

Any regular camper picked up after 4:15 will be charged for Camp Cooldown.

Cost is \$15 per day and \$5 for every 5 minutes after 5pm.

Camp Cooldown allows your child to explore the quiet afternoon world of Blandford Nature Center. Stories, crafts, and mini-hikes extend the camp experience while offering parents more flexibility.

Camp Cooldown will be available every day of camp. Please specify which days your child will attend Camp Cooldown by circling days on the registration form.



Junior Youth Farm Team For ages 7-10

Five Week Session, Afternoons, 1pm-3pm
\$160 Member \$200 Non-Member

June 12 - July 12

Wednesdays and Thursdays, no meeting on July 4.

Take your love of food, animals, and the farm deeper through a season of growing. Agriculture leads the way as nature reveals itself through garden and soil experiments, compost feud, insect and plant relationships, team building activities, garden art, companion planting, garden games, chicken and goat chores, and so much more!



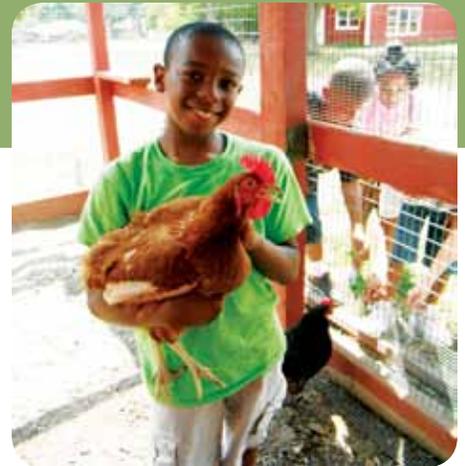
Youth Farm Team For ages 11-15

Five Week Session, Mornings, 9am-12pm
\$250 Member \$300 Non-Member

June 12 - July 12

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, no meeting on July 4.

Participants will discern the ins-and-outs of sustainable agriculture and also receive an introduction to what it means to be a local "green" business. We will discover a lot about the world we live in as we investigate germinating seeds, sustainable pest management, soil science, companion planting, decomposition, pollination, backyard beekeeping and so much more! Participants will work to make real change in their community and develop leadership skills at the Fulton Street Farmer's Market on Fridays.



Farm Summer Camp For ages 7-12

One Week Sessions Run 9am-4pm, Snack Included
\$125 Member \$150 Non-Member

Session I: June 11-14

Tuesday-Friday For ages 7-10

Plant seeds in the greenhouse, tend the children's garden, meet the chickens and goats and play games in the pasture. Learn the miraculous science of farming, and how delicious food comes from the dirt!

Session II: July 23-26

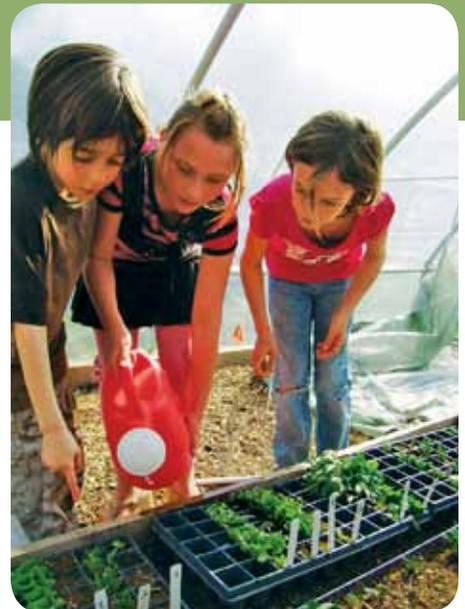
Tuesday-Friday For ages 9-12

Come experience full life cycles on the farm—soil to plant, egg to animal, food to human, flower to honey. Learn the importance of growing food and how much fun it can be! You'll be a food web expert!

Session III: August 6-9

Tuesday-Friday For ages 9-12

Experience life on a working farm during one of the busiest and most delicious times- the Harvest! Explore the colors, tastes, textures and sounds as your senses come alive in the bounty of August. Meet the plants and animals and learn all about the tasty rewards of farming!



How to Register for Summer Camp

After Choosing Your Favorite Camps...

Choose a method:

Online at www.blandfordnaturecenter.org, by mail, fax, or in person.

Complete a form for each camper you are registering. Camps are offered to children ages 4 to 15. *Children must be able to use the toilet independently as our facility is not licensed for diaper changing.* Use and copy the form on the following page or download from the BNC website camp page, under educational programs. **Please print clearly and be sure to sign and date the necessary waiver section.** Sign up for a family membership with registration and receive the member camp price.

Submit registration with payment:

Online - www.blandfordnaturecenter.org/summercamp
Fax – **616.735.6255**. Complete the credit information section on the form.

Mail – Enclose check or credit information and send to:

**Blandford Nature Center
Camp Registration
1715 Hillburn Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504**

In person – Bring payment and registration to the Interpretive Center Front Desk.

Confirmation:

Your child will be enrolled once we have received your registration form and payment. If the camp you prefer has filled, we will contact you to discuss other options. A confirmation letter will be sent one week from time of registration, beginning April 15. The packet will contain session confirmation, information on how to prepare for camp, and a map to Blandford Nature Center. Please call the Registrar, Katie, at **616.735.6240 x 11** if you have questions regarding the processing of your registration.

Cancellation Policy:

Notice must be received at least ten business days before the scheduled camp to receive a refund. No refunds will be issued after that time.



2013 BNC Summer Camp Registration Form

Please use a separate form for each child. Please print clearly, sign and return the completed form to:

Blandford Nature Center, Camp Registration, 1715 Hillburn Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Camper First name	Last name	Birth Date	Gender
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Returning Camper?	How did you hear about BNC's Day Camp?	Email for Confirmation and E-newsletter	

Parent/Guardian First Name	Last Name		
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone	Mobile Phone	

Emergency Contact First Name	Last Name	Relationship
Home Phone	Work Phone	Mobile Phone

Health Information (check all that apply)

Allergies: Foods Hay Fever Insect(s) Drugs Animals Other _____

Existing Conditions: Asthma Diabetes Heart defect/disease Hyperactivity/ADD Bleeding/Clotting disorder
Convulsions-Date of last seizure _____ Other _____

Please explain any conditions marked above

List any specific medical, physical, emotional or behavioral conditions that need to be considered _____

Camp Name	Camp Dates	Fee	Camp Cooldown Cost: circle days attending x \$15	Camp Subtotal = Fee + Camp Cooldown
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Payment is due with registration: <input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard Name on card: _____ Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___ Auth. Code: _____		Program Fee Total \$ _____ Family Membership (\$50) \$ _____ Donation to Camp Scholarship fund \$ _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____		

General Release of Liability and Authorization for Treatment

This health information is correct to the best of my knowledge and the person herein described has permission to engage in all camp activities, except as noted. In consideration for being allowed to participate in the Blandford Nature Center's Programs, I agree to assume the risk of such activities and programs and further agree to hold harmless the Blandford Nature Center and its staff members conducting the activities from any and all claims, suits, losses, or related causes of action for damages including, but not limited to, such claims that may result from injury or death, accident or otherwise, during or arising in any way from the activities. I grant permission for me or my child to participate in all planned camp activities including out-of-camp trips by van or bus, understanding that competent leadership is provided. The Blandford Nature Center is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal articles. I also authorize the Blandford Nature Center and its assignees to use any photograph, picture, or likeness of me or my child for promotional purposes. In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp staff to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for my child as named above. I acknowledge that this General Release of Liability and Authorization for Treatment of the Blandford Nature Center is legally binding on me personally and on my heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assignees.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian	Date
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A close-up photograph of a young boy with freckles, smiling and holding a green plant stem. The background is a blurred natural setting.

Registration begins
March 1st for members
and April 15th for
non-members!