

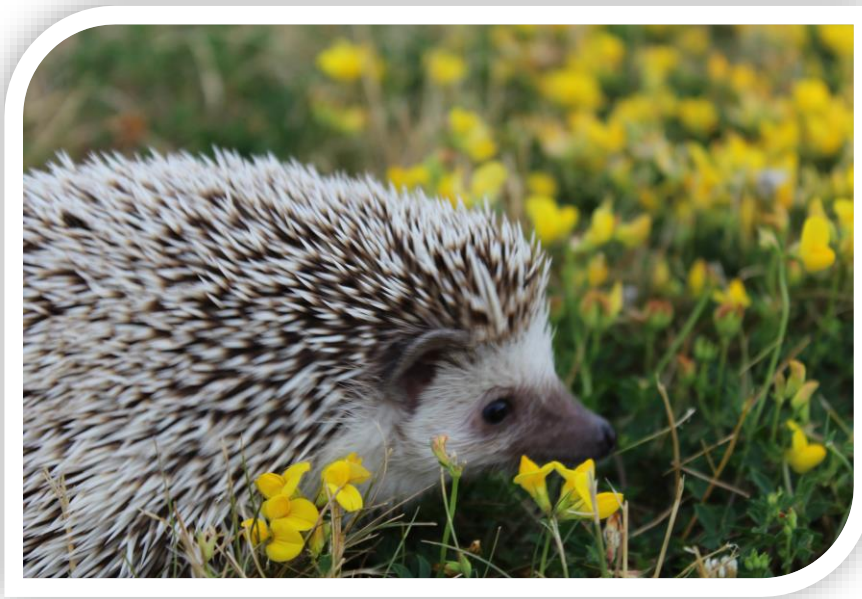
2021 Summer Camp Catalog

Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum
An opportunity to play, explore, & discover the great outdoors!



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Note from the Camp Director:

Thank you for your interest in our summer camps! We are thrilled to be able to provide such a unique and exciting opportunity for your children to learn about their relationship to the natural world while supporting their physical, social, and intellectual growth.

It is our goal to get your children outdoors to explore and enjoy what Tanglewood has to offer. With our 9+ miles of hiking trails, 300+ acres, live animals, nature museum, and the solar-powered lodge there is plenty to explore!

Sincerely,

Maggie Groce, Camp Director

Summer Camps at a Glance

All summer camps for 2021 will be in the Lodge.

Your child must have *completed* at least the earliest grade in the session to register – for example, your child must have finished Kindergarten to enroll in a K-2nd session.

Week:	Completed Grades:	Camp Theme:
June 28 th – July 1 st <i>No camp on Friday!</i>	K-2 nd grade 3 rd - 5 th grade	Fishing Eco Engineers
July 5 th – July 9 th	K-2 nd grade 3 rd - 5 th grade	Dino Dig Zookeepers
July 12 th – July 16 th	K-2 nd grade 3 rd - 5 th grade	Pokémon Pokémon
July 19 th – July 23 rd	K-2 nd grade 3 rd - 5 th grade	Scales & Slime Wilderness Survival
July 26 th – July 30 th	K K-2 nd grade 3 rd - 5 th grade	Critter Care Forest Forensics
<i>Aug 2nd – Aug 6th</i>		<i>No camp this week</i>
Aug 9 th – Aug 13 th	K-2 nd grade 3 rd - 5 th grade	Camp Yucky Wilderness Quest
Aug 16 th – Aug 20 th	K-2 nd grade 3 rd - 5 th grade	Pokémon Swamp Stomp
Aug 23 rd – Aug 27 th	K-5 th grade	Go Wild
Aug 30 th – Sept 2 nd <i>No camp on Friday!</i>	K-5 th grade	Forts 'n' Forests

Summer Camp Highlights:

Fishing and Eco Engineers- Week 1

June 28th – July 1st (no camp on Friday!)

- Basics of fishing, including casting, knot tying, safety and more
- Dig bait for different species of fish and make your very own pole
- Design and build as we look to nature for inspiration!
- Create and play with simple machines like seed bomb launchers
- This camp is ideal for beginning and expert fishers as well as those who like to create from the nature around them

Dino Dig and Zookeepers Week 2

July 5th – July 9th

- Explore the woods to find your very own fossils
- Get up close and personal with the dinosaur descendants that we have here at Tanglewood
- Hike through the woods to see wild animals in their natural habitat
- Discover the tricks of training animals with positive reinforcement – working with animals like mammals, birds, and more!
- This camp is ideal for any dinosaur, animal, or nature lover!

Pokémon Week 3

July 12th - July 16th

- Discover Pokémon that are based on real animals, many of which reside at the museum!
- Hike the trails and catch insects and frogs with your very own Pokéball
- Make up your own Pokémon and battle them against other trainers
- This camp is ideal for aspiring Pokemon trainers and professors!

Scales & Slime and Wilderness Survival Week 4

July 19th – July 23rd

- Flip over logs to find sneaky salamanders and get your feet wet catching frogs and fish in the ponds
- Learn to read a map and use a compass to find your way home
- Build and insulate an individual shelter with no tools
- End the week with a reptile race!
- This camp is ideal for campers who love being in and learning about nature and don't mind getting a bit muddy and messy

Critter Care and Forest Forensics Week 5

July 26th - July 30th

- Play games in the woods using your senses
- Find fossils and rearrange owl pellet bones to piece together mysteries of the past
- Explore the creek to find camouflaged creatures and hidden secrets in the soil
- Hike through the woods to see wild animals in their natural habitat
- This camp is ideal for kids who love animals, are inquisitive about nature and enjoy being out in nature.

Camp Yucky and Wilderness Quest Week 7

August 9th – August 13th

- Explore the muddy, slimy, oozy, and sometimes yucky side of science
- Hunt for treasure and map your way across 300 acres, marking special items you discover
- Create dishes and elixirs out of natural ingredients
- Learn about creepy crawly insects and what lives in the muck at the bottom of the pond
- This camp is ideal for kids who don't mind getting a little messy and are ready for hands-on nature adventures!

Pokemon K-2 and Swamp Stomp 3-5 Week 8

August 16th – August 20th

- Dissect an owl pellet and take a raptor hike
 - Meet our animals, like Hank the Hawk and Sophie the Owl up close
 - Explore ponds and pools and see who or what might be hiding just under the surface – salamanders, frogs, and more!
 - Make your own water filter while learning how the earth purifies water
 - This camp is ideal for kids who love animals, want to understand them better, and doesn't mind getting a bit messy!
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Go Wild! Week 9

August 23rd - August 27th

- Go home laughing and grass-stained after a day of playing games
- Sculpt mud pies and make fossil prints, and play park rangers
- Create works of art with natural items found in the woods
- This camp is ideal for kids who enjoy being outdoors and don't mind getting a bit messy

Forts and Forests Week 10

August 30th – September 2nd (no camp on Friday!)

- A week full of fun in the woods!
- Go on a wilderness adventure and build a fort in the woods
- Play in the woods and explore who or what might be living there
- This camp is ideal for kids who love being outdoors and don't mind getting a bit messy!



Daily Schedule

Arrival and dismissal times

Arrival time for regular camp day is 10:00 am. Pick-up is at 3:00 pm. Campers must be signed in upon arrival and signed out by an approved adult with photo I.D. at dismissal. If you require an earlier arrival or later pick-up time, extended days (8:00am-10:00am morning care or 3:00PM-5:00PM) are available for an additional fee. *Extended day is relaxed child care and socialization – not the action-packed educational adventure of the regular camp day!*

10:00-10:15 Check-in

10:15-11:30 Morning activity

11:30-12:00 Lunch

12:00-12:30 Free play, games and outside play

12:30-1:45 Afternoon activity

1:45-2:00 Snack

2:00-2:45 Craft

2:45-3:00 Clean-up and recap of the day

Weekly events: Mondays – safety review, ice-breakers, and fun!

Each week the camp will hit the trails for a half day or whole day hike!

Make sure your camper has a BIG water bottle!

What to Bring

Campers should bring a lunch, reusable LARGE water bottle, sunscreen, a hat, bug spray, and a smile! *(No phones, electronics, or personal toys/games)*

Camp Attire

Campers should dress for the weather, rain or shine, and wear comfortable close-toed shoes. Keep in mind that we will be exploring the woods, meadows, and ponds – clothes will get wet or dirty! Bringing rubber boots, water shoes, or an extra pair of socks and sneakers is a good idea.



Staff and Counselors

All staff, volunteers, and counselors undergo a state-mandated background check and training.

Camp Director

Maggie Groce (educator.tanglewood@gmail.com)

Counselors

Your children's safety is our top priority at Tanglewood Nature Center. Each camp has at least one counselor for every 12 students as mandated by the NYS Health Department. All regular Tanglewood staff are certified in Wilderness First Aid and CPR and a staff member will travel with campers on remote hikes. We require that each counselor receives proper training in all safety protocols and emergency procedures. To ensure that all campers and CITs understand our camp rules and regulations, each Monday we spend 15-20 minutes introducing ourselves, doing a practice fire drill, and going over the buddy system.

Counselors in Training (CITs)

Youth volunteers ages 15+ that will assist camp counselors.

Counselors-in-Training for Ages 15+

Becoming a Counselor in Training is a great way to gain leadership experience while working in nature!

Counselors-in-Training (CITs) are youth leaders aged 15+ who assist the camp counselors in providing a safe and fun camp experience at Tanglewood. They will help lead environmental education activities, games, crafts, songs, stories, hikes, and more. Our CITs will also assist with camp preparation, check-in and check-out, and will serve as a positive role model for children in camp. This is an educational position that will involve being placed with two counselors each session for mentoring. Each CIT commits to a minimum of three weeks over the summer.

CIT applications can be found on our website and are due by May 15th to the Camp Director, Maggie Groce (educator.tanglewood@gmail.com)

Registration and Cancellation Policies

Pricing and Hours:

- Regular Day 10am-3pm - \$185
- Extended Day 9am-4pm - \$235
- Extended Day 8am-5pm - \$285
- More options available online

Registration:

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. You must be a member of Tanglewood to register a child for camp – **membership fees are not included in the camp registration price**. Registrations can be done *online only* at www.tanglewoodnaturecenter.com. For more information, contact Deanna at (607) 732-6060 ext.100.

Applications:

Applications for camp registration will only be accepted for review upon completion of all application components. Applications that are not complete will not be considered for registration and will not secure placement for camp(s) in any capacity. Upon receiving all components (**camp registration forms, immunization records, and payment**) applications will be considered complete, and enrollment will be secured.

Immunization Records:

Immunization records must be sent in every year, as required by the Health Department. Due to the increasing numbers of people infected with dangerous communicable diseases in the US, we are **only allowing Medical Exemptions for vaccinations**. Please see our website or contact Deanna at 607-732-6060 for the Medical Exemption Form. Thank you for helping us keep the camp children and staff healthy.

Membership:

Membership is crucial to Tanglewood Nature Center's existence. Your support enables Tanglewood to maintain the high standards in nature education we have established over the years, and helps us continue to grow and improve. Our animals, our preservation of 300 acres of field and forest, and our educational outreach is only possible with your help. With help from your membership, we reached 30,000 children in 2019! Being a member, you also receive benefits listed on our website at: www.tanglewoodnaturecenter.com/membershipbenefits Thank you.

Scholarships:

As always, our goal is to make our unique and fun programs available to all. We have a camp assistance fund created by generous donors. In 2021, we will have limited scholarship opportunities, available on a first-come first-served basis. To learn more about the scholarships for financially eligible families, or to contribute to the scholarship fund, please visit our website or contact Deanna.

Waiting Lists:

If you would like to put your child on a waiting list, please register on our website. Campers registered for the waiting list will be contacted in the order their registration was received. If a response is not received by 12 pm the following day, the next camper on the list will be contacted.

Cancellations:

All cancellations and transfers are subject to a \$25 administrative fee per request. Cancellations made with *more than 2 weeks' notice* will receive a refund less a \$25 administrative fee per request. Cancellations made with *less than 2 weeks' notice* may receive a refund less a \$25 administrative fee, but only if another camper fills the available space. No refunds will be issued if a replacement is not found by 12 pm Wednesday prior to the start of camp.

Camp Transfers and Refunds:

Transfers from one camp into another are considered a cancellation and are subject to a \$25 administrative fee. It is the registrant's responsibility to re-register the camper online. Refunds are only for camp fees. Membership fees are non-refundable.

Illness:

If a camper misses over half a week of camp due to illness, 50% of the camp fee will be refunded. If a camper is unable to attend the entire week, a full refund will be provided. Tanglewood must be notified within 24 hours of illness and a dated doctor's note must be provided within one week for refund.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I drop my child off in the parking lot?

No. For your child's safety, each day they need to be walked to the check in table and signed in. The same is required for pick up - you must sign the child out at the check in table and leave from there. Campers may be checked out only to approved adults with photo ID's.

What is Tanglewood's discipline policy?

We have a three strike policy. Strike one will be a warning given by the Camp Director or one of the counselors when a camp rule is broken. Strike two is a time out and a conversation with the Camp Director. Strike three will result in a time out and a conversation with our Executive Director, and parents will be called and asked to pick up their child. Usually, after a time out, children can get back on track and enjoy the day.

What if my child takes medications?

Please contact the Camp Director so that we can create a health plan for your child. We cannot administer any medications directly. Children must be able to self-administer their medications, and all medication usage will be supervised.

What if my child has special needs?

Our primary goals are safety and a positive camp experience for all. We're a little different than school – we don't have one-on-one staff, we embrace spontaneity instead of following a strict schedule, and we emphasize teamwork and like to encourage kids to care for their belongings and be self-sufficient. There are times where kids play in mild physical discomfort (like mud, soggy socks from the pond, getting sweaty). If you have questions about whether this camp environment is a good match for your child, please contact the Camp Director so that we can plan ahead for your child so they are supported and safe at camp.

What is Tanglewood's weather policy?

Camps will not be cancelled due to inclement weather. Campers should come prepared to be outside, so bring rain gear on wet days and jackets on cool days! Refunds for activity cancellations that are weather-related cannot be provided. On extremely hot days we may have to take breaks inside for air-conditioned nature games. We have indoor games and crafts in case of thunder and lightning.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!