

# 2022 Summer Camp Guide

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



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Note from the Camp Directors:

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,  
Ryan Donnelly, Camp Co-Director  
Maggie Groce, Camp Co-Director

## Summer Camps at a Glance

All summer camps for 2022 will be in the Lodge.

We will be following New York State Health Department Covid-19 guidelines that are in place at the time of summer camp.

Week:	Completed Grades:	Camp Theme:
June 27 <sup>th</sup> – June 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>No camp on Friday!</i>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Camp Yucky Forest Forensics
July 5 <sup>th</sup> – July 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>No camp on Monday!</i>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Dino Dig Pinecraft
July 11 <sup>th</sup> – July 15 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Bird Brains Reptile Round-up
July 18 <sup>th</sup> – July 22 <sup>rd</sup>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Frogs and Fishes Camp Fishing Camp
July 25 <sup>th</sup> – July 29 <sup>th</sup>	K K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Pokémon Pokémon
<i>Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – Aug 5<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>No camp this week</i>
Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> – Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Critter Care Animal Pawsibilities
Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> – Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Nature's Superpowers Eco Engineers
Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>	K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Go Wild
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup> – Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>No camp on Friday!</i>	K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Forts 'n' Forests

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-2<sup>nd</sup> session.

# Summer Camp Highlights:

## **Camp Yucky (K-2)**

**June 27<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> (no camp on Friday!)**

- Explore the muddy, slimy, oozy, and sometimes yucky side of science
- Dissect an owl pellet while learning about digestion
- Meet Tanglewood's collection of creepy crawlies
- Learn how to find animals based on animal tracks and scat
- This camp is ideal for kids who don't mind getting a little messy and are ready for hands-on nature adventures!

## **Forest Forensics (3-5)**

**June 27<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> (no camp on Friday!)**

- Play games in the woods that will fine tune your animal senses
- Explore the creek to find camouflaged creatures and hidden secrets of the soil
- Find fossils and rearrange owl pellet bones to piece together mysteries of the past.
- This camp is ideal for inquisitive minds that enjoy being outdoors

## **Dino Dig (K-2)**

**July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup> (no camp on Monday!)**

- Explore the woods to find your very own fossils
- Get up close and personal with the dinosaur descendants that we have here at Tanglewood
- Create and hatch your own dinosaur egg to take home
- This camp is ideal for any dinosaur, animal, or nature lover!

## **Pinecraft (3-5)**

**July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup> (no camp on Monday!)**

- Learn about outdoor skills inspired from the hit videogame Minecraft
- Get creative and build you own forts using resources around you
- Learn basic survival techniques like plant, animal and mineral ID
- Explore our woods with guided hikes and a campfire at the end of the week
- This camp is ideal for campers who want to put their videogame skills to the real world

### **Bird Brains (K-2)**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> - July 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Explore what makes birds the incredible creatures they are
- Help care for some of Tanglewood's feathered ambassadors
- Go bird watching from the treehouse and on the trails
- Meet our animals, like Hank the Hawk and Sophie the Owl up close
- This camp is ideal for any kids who wonder about birds and are interested in caring for them!

### **Reptile Round-Up (3-5)**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> - July 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Get up close and learn more about our reptilian animal ambassadors
- Flip over logs to find sneaky salamanders and get your feet wet catching frogs and toads in the ponds
- Perform wacky reptile experiments and then meet the animals that inspired them
- End the week with a reptile race!
- This camp is ideal for campers who love reptiles, amphibians, and don't mind getting a bit muddy and messy

### **Frogs and Fishes (K-2)**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> - July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Flip over logs to find sneaky salamanders and get your feet wet catching frogs and fish in the ponds
- Learn the basics of fishing like casting, knot tying, and baiting a hook
- Meet Tanglewood's amphibians and learn about their life cycles
- This camp is ideal for campers who love being in and learning about nature and don't mind getting a bit muddy and messy

### **Fishing (3-5)**

**July 18<sup>th</sup> - July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Basics of fishing, including casting, knot tying, safety and more
- Fish in different ponds all over Tanglewood and catch frogs
- Learn about and catch the numerous fish species that inhabit NY
- This camp is ideal for beginning and expert fishers who want to grow their skills

## **Pokemon (K-2) & (3-5)**

**July 25<sup>th</sup> - July 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Discover Pokémon that are based on real animals, many of which reside in 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!

## **Critter Care (K-2)**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Learn how we care for over 40 different types of animals at Tanglewood
- Discover the tricks of training animals with positive reinforcement – working with animals like mammals, birds, and more!
- Personally meet each major animal group and care for our critters from tooth to toe!
- This camp is ideal for kids who love animals, want to learn how Tanglewood cares for the animals that call us home, and don't mind getting a little messy.

## **Animal Pawsibilities (3-5)**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Discover what amazing opportunities there are to work with animals!
- Care for some of animals that call Tanglewood home
- Uncover the basics of animal training when working with animals like birds and mammals
- Put your skills to the test with practice “X-rays” and pet exams
- This camp is ideal for kids who want to work with animals when they grow up and are ready for hands-on animal fun!

## **Nature's Superpowers (K-2)**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> – August 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Explore how animal adaptations are nature's true superpowers
- Learn about animals that inspired super heroes like Batman and the Wasp
- Test your super powers during an obstacle course and other challenges
- Meet super animals like Sophie the Owl and General the Bearded Dragon
- This camp is ideal for any super hero in training ready to have some hands-on nature fun!

### **Eco Engineers (3-5)**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> – August 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Design and build as we look to nature for inspiration
- Create and play with simple machines like seed bomb launchers
- Learn how nature is used in past and new technology
- This camp is ideal for those who like to create from the nature around them

### **Go Wild! (K-5)**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>- August 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Go home laughing and grass-stained after a day of playing games
- Sculpt mud pies and make fossil prints
- 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 (K-5)**

**August 29<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup> (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 (Mondays- safety review and icebreakers, then fun!)**

**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**

## 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 Co-Directors

Ryan Donnelly ([marketing.tanglewood@gmail.com](mailto:marketing.tanglewood@gmail.com))

Maggie Groce ([volunteer.tanglewood@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.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 13th to the Camp Co-Director, Maggie Groce ([volunteer.tanglewood@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.tanglewood@gmail.com)).

# Registration and Cancellation Policies

## Pricing and Hours:

- Regular Day 10am-3pm - \$190
- Extended Day 9am-4pm - \$240
- Extended Day 8am-5pm - \$290
- 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](http://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](http://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 2022, 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. We will follow this policy for Covid illnesses.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Can I drop my child off in the parking lot?**

No. For the safety of all campers, we will be doing a drive up drop-off and pick-up in the lower parking lot by the lodge. Parents and campers will remain in their cars until they are approached by camp staff for daily check-in/ checkout.

## **How is Tanglewood keeping campers safe during the Covid-19 Pandemic?**

We will be following New York State Health Department Covid-19 guidelines that are in place at the time of summer camp.

## **What is Tanglewood's discipline policy?**

We have a three strike policy. Strike one will be a time out with 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. There is also a no-tolerance policy for bullying and behavior such as punching, hitting, or kicking.

## **What if my child takes medications?**

Please contact the Camp Co-Directors 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 about safety?**

All permanent staff at Tanglewood are certified in Wilderness First Aid and CPR, and seasonal staff are encouraged to become certified as well. This means all staff is equipped to handle safety issues on the trails. However, nature is unpredictable and accidents happen: bee stings, falls off steps, tripping on the trails and other minor injuries can happen. We do ask that campers be active participants in their own safety by asking for clarification if they don't understand, not wondering off, and responding quickly to instructions. If you feel that your child cannot handle these situations, please think twice before sending them to a nature-focused camp.

## **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. Please understand that our camps are very active with multiple transitions and sensory changes throughout the day. 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 Co-Directors 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.