

CINCYNATURECAMP2023

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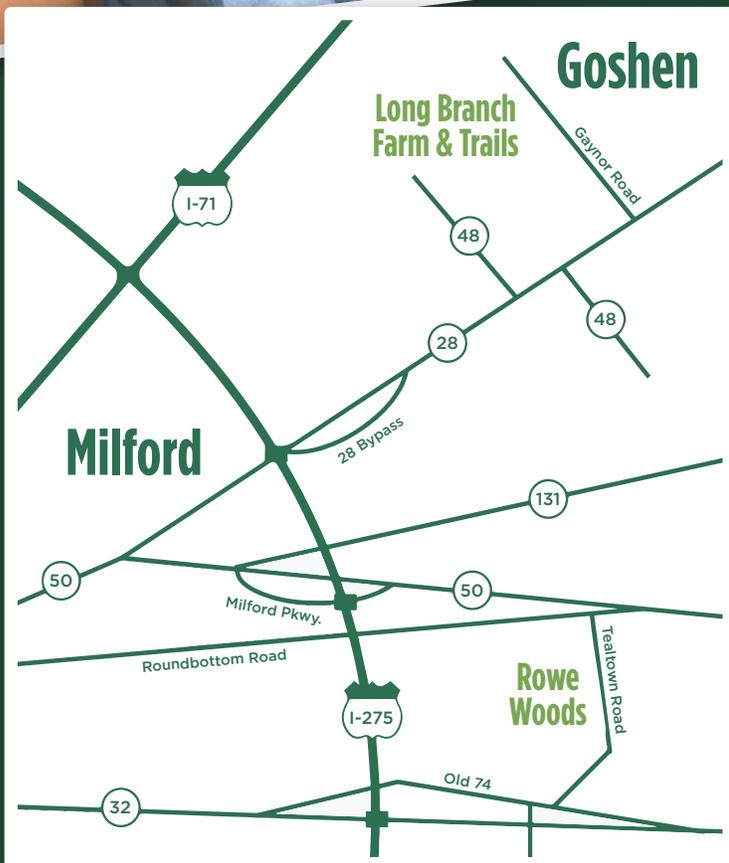
Parents and grandparents at Family Membership level or above qualify for discounts on all of our camps.



welcome to CINCYNATURE CAMP



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MAKE EVERY DAY AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AT OUR TWO SITES:

Rowe Woods
4949 Tealtown Road, Milford, OH 45150

Your child will be immersed deep in the spacious forests of Rowe Woods and will explore unique habitats on our 1,022 acres of land. There are more than 14 miles of hiking trails in this wild, outdoor classroom where campers can experience nature at its finest.

Long Branch Farm & Trails
6926 Gaynor Road, Goshen, OH 45122

Your child will escape the ordinary along the meandering streams and in the wide open spaces at Long Branch Farm & Trails’ 758-acre site, located a short distance from Rowe Woods. With more than five miles of hiking trails and easy access to creeks, campers experience the interdependence of plants, animals, and people at Long Branch Farm & Trails.

about CINCYNATURE CAMP

CAMPS AT CINCINNATI NATURE CENTER ARE A FUN WAY FOR CHILDREN TO ACTIVELY CHALLENGE THEIR MINDS AND BODIES, AND USE THEIR CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATIONS IN A NATURAL SETTING. EACH CAMP OFFERS UNIQUE, AGE-APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES THAT EXPOSE CHILDREN TO NEW AND EXCITING OUTDOOR ADVENTURES IN A SAFE AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.

CincyNature Camp

Early Childhood Camps

Our Nature Preschool site is the perfect setting for our youngest campers ages 3 to young 5. Our Early Childhood Camp format provides a great introduction for younger children before they transition to our longer camps for older campers. The Nature Center's early childhood educators craft experiences that will deepen your young child's connection to the natural world and help them feel more comfortable as a camper. Varied Early Childhood Camp themes will help you find the perfect experience for your young camper. Explore Early Childhood Camp descriptions beginning on page 9.

Youth Camps

Designed for campers ages 5-15 years, these camps take place at the Rowe Visitor Center, Fernwood Shelter, and Long Branch Farm & Trails. Although it may seem like these camps have wide age ranges, campers are split into smaller, age-appropriate groups where they enjoy their time during their week of discovery. Explore CincyNature Camp descriptions beginning on page 10.

Campers

Campers explore the natural world outdoors and should be able to move themselves along gravel and wood-chipped trails, up and down hills, across boardwalks, and over flat and uneven ground with minimal assistance.

- Each camper should be capable of staying with their assigned group with minimal reinforcement.
- Campers interact with peers in collaborative activities and games. To ensure safety for both campers and staff, each camper should be capable of maintaining appropriate self-control in social situations.

We're happy to make reasonable accommodations for children with special needs, depending on their requirements. Parents and guardians with questions regarding the ability of camp staff to meet a child's needs should contact the camp director before registering for camp. You can reach our Camp Director Kelly Steyer at ksteyer@cincynature.org or (513) 831-1711, ext. 137.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Cincinnati Nature Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, income, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or marital or family status.



a letter from **THE CAMP DIRECTORS**

Welcome!

Cincinnati Nature Center Camps have been an important part of our programming and culture at the Nature Center for many years. Our camps provide experiential, educational outdoor sessions in a fun, welcoming, positive, and safe environment. Held amongst award-winning trails and varied native habitats, our camps are filled with intrigue, exploration, and adventure in the natural world. From finding ancient fossils in the stream, to catching slippery newts in the pond, to constructing forts and playing creative nature-based games, our camps occupy a very specific niche in the Greater Cincinnati area. We strive to help our campers develop authentic connections to nature and deepen their understanding of local natural history in the process.

While campers revel in the adventure, fun, and hands-on experiences at Nature Center camps, our parents, guardians, and camp staff know that these camps provide far more benefits to youth. Attending camp can help youth develop life skills such as creative problem solving, resilience in challenging situations, social skills, friendship building, and increased self-worth. At CincyNature Camp, we believe in the power of camp to positively change lives. Our caring camp staff participate in extensive training to help our campers practice these skills and feel a sense of belonging in our inclusive camp community. Our small group sizes allow for more personalized attention between staff and campers. We're committed to providing a positive camp experience for your child that will help them grow in many capacities, now and for years to come.

We look forward to sharing the wonder and adventure of nature at CincyNature Camp with your child this summer. See you at camp!

Sincerely,



Kelly Steyer
CincyNature Camp Director



Tisha Luthy
Early Childhood Camp Director

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions regarding camp content, structure, staffing, or camper accommodations, please contact us directly:

Youth camps for campers ages 5-15:

You can reach Kelly at ksteyer@cincynature.org or (513) 831-1711, ext. 137.

Early Childhood Camps for campers ages 3-young 5:

You can reach Tisha at tluthy@cincynature.org or (513) 831-1711, ext. 123.

Camper Registration Queries:

Please contact our Registrar at registrar@cincynature.org or (513) 831-1711, ext. 129.



CincyNature Camp Director

Kelly Steyer is the Youth Program Coordinator at Cincinnati Nature Center. Coming from a camp-loving background, Kelly is thrilled to be a part of CincyNature Camp! While studying Environmental and Plant Biology at Ohio University, she spent her summers at Camp Wyandot as a counselor and as a part of the Leadership Team. Kelly started working at the Nature Center in 2020 leading public programs and school groups. During her time at the Nature Center, she has become a Certified Interpretive Guide. Kelly believes that camp is an important time for children to explore and grow as individuals and build confidence in a safe and inclusive environment. She has a passion for engaging children with the natural world and is looking forward to endless summer adventures at camp!



Early Childhood Camp Director

Tisha Luthy is the Nature Preschool Director and Early Childhood Program Manager at Cincinnati Nature Center, where she oversees curriculum and development activities for Early Childhood education programs. Tisha has worked with young children for over 20 years, and acquired her Bachelor of Science from the University of Cincinnati in Early Childhood Education, with an emphasis in STEM education. Her Master of Science degree is in Early Childhood Studies. She currently holds her professional teaching license and has been teaching nature-based preschool for eight years. She is committed to providing a nurturing, hands-on environment for children to grow, explore, and develop a sense of wonder.

Camp Counselors

CincyNature Camp counselors are a team made up of current Cincinnati Nature Center staff and seasonal counselors recruited from around the country. They are selected based on their enthusiasm and experience working with children, and their knowledge and interest in the natural world. We're committed to hiring caring staff members who are passionate about the mission of enriching lives by inspiring passion for nature. Their quality and commitment shine through in the enjoyable and creative experiences they provide at camp and in their interactions with campers. Camp staff have current certifications in first aid and CPR and participate in extensive training to deliver the best possible experience for your camper.



registration AND POLICIES

Pricing

Parents and grandparents at Cincinnati Nature Center Family Membership level and above receive discounted prices on all camps. Membership must be current at the time of registration and camp to qualify.

How to Register

REGISTRATION IS ONLY ACCEPTED ONLINE AT WWW.CINCYNATURE.ORG. CAMP REGISTRATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY PHONE OR MAIL. You may also visit the Rowe Visitor Center and staff will assist you with online registration. For more information, contact the Registrar at (513) 831-1711, ext. 129.

When to Register

Registration opens for members and nonmembers on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 10 am EST. **REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEFORE FEBRUARY 7, 2023 AT 10 AM.**

Wait List

Campers registered for the wait list will be contacted by email in the order their registrations were received. Please provide a preferred email address so you can be reached if an opening becomes available. If registration does not take place within 24 hours of the email contact, the next camper on the list will automatically be contacted. If the camp opening is within 10 days of the camp start date, the 24-hour response policy will not apply.

Other Registration Information

- All camps require preregistration and payment at the time of registration.
- Please provide an email address that is checked frequently to ensure the receipt of important camp correspondence and reminders for camp.

Cancellation and Transfer Policies

All requests must be completed online by logging into your camp registration account (UltraCamp) and canceling your camp reservation. In order to receive a refund, the cancellation must be received online by 9 am two weeks prior to the start of camp.

- All cancellations are subject to a \$50 administrative fee per camp per camper.
- Cancellations made with less than two weeks' notice will not be refunded.
- Transfers from one camp into another are considered a cancellation and are subject to the \$50 administrative fee per camp per camper. It is the registrant's responsibility to re-register the camper online.

If you have questions, email registrar@cincynature.org.



Camp Policies

- Please perform a health assessment on your camper every morning. If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, or feels sick, they will not be permitted to attend camp until they are fever-free for 24 hours.
- At drop-off, campers may arrive no more than 15 minutes before the published start time of camp.
- At pick-up, campers are required to be picked up promptly at the end time of camp each day.
- Children must be signed in and out each day by a designated adult who has a picture ID.
- Bug spray and sunscreen: Our staff cannot apply these products to campers. Please apply them to your camper before they are dropped off at camp.
- Children must bring a bag lunch each day, with the exception of children in Little Acorns, Natural Discoveries, and Stories & Trails. We encourage the use of reusable lunch bags and food containers.
- All children must be potty-trained.
- Children will be divided into small groups for camp. Groups will be preassigned and children will be separated into groups on the first day of camp according to age. If your child has a friend or relative registered in their camp and you wish to place them in the same trail group, please indicate this on your online health form in your UltraCamp account under the "Additional Information" section, and we'll do our best to accommodate as long as you indicate this **TWO WEEKS PRIOR** to the start of camp. If you wish for your child to be placed with a friend or a family member whose ages are not within one year of one another, our policy is to place the older camper with the younger camper's trail group. The group that your child is assigned to will be your camper's trail group for the week.

Policy Updates

Cincinnati Nature Center may update the status of programs based on conditions at the time of the program.

frequently asked QUESTIONS

Q: What makes CincyNature Camp special?

A: All camps at Cincinnati Nature Center are designed with the goal of providing fun, hands-on, educational experiences in nature for children ages 3 to 15 years. Our camps challenge kids to be active and creative while developing confidence and social skills in a natural setting. Our small camper to staff ratio allows for increased personalized attention for our campers. Our camp counselors make camps engaging and joyful for kids while promoting inclusiveness, safety, age-appropriateness, and passion for nature.

Q: How do you ensure safety at camp?

A: Camp counselors know that camper safety is the first priority. Staff are trained in first aid and CPR prior to the start of camp. At Long Branch Farm & Trails, water safety protocol demands that campers and staff wear life jackets when canoeing and during more challenging stream hikes.

Q: I've never been to Long Branch Farm & Trails; is it going to be out of my way?

A: Long Branch is only about 10 miles north of Rowe Woods, located just off of OH-28 and close to Loveland. The beauty of Long Branch Farm & Trails is in its remoteness; fewer members hike daily at Long Branch, allowing campers more space and freedom to explore.

Q: The description says this camp includes a wide range of ages. How will you maintain age-appropriate experiences for my camper?

A: Each camp has something special to offer to all children within the designated age range. Camps with a wide mixed-age audience are separated into smaller, age-appropriate groups to guarantee the best experience.

Q: Can I ensure that my child will be in the same group as their friend when campers are divided into groups?

A: If your child has a friend or relative registered in their camp that you wish to place in the same trail group, please indicate this on your online health form under the "Additional Information" section, and we will do our best to accommodate as long as you indicate this **TWO WEEKS PRIOR** to the start of camp.

Q: My young child is outside of the age range for a certain camp; can they still attend? They're advanced for their age.

A: Camps are carefully designed for specific age groups and, within most of our camps, children are further separated into smaller, similarly-aged groups to ensure the best quality experience at camp. We do not allow

children outside of the designated age range to join in camp for the following reasons:

- Young children often lack the endurance for some of our activities designed for older children.
- Young children often lack the social maturity to deal with older campers.
- Enrolling a child in a camp designed for older children may inhibit either the young child or the older campers. We encourage you to register your camper when they come of age for these camps!

Q: Do you accept children with special needs?

A: We're happy to make reasonable accommodations for special needs. Parents and guardians with questions regarding the ability of camp staff to meet a child's needs should contact the Camp Director, Kelly Steyer, before registering for camp. See below for contact information.

Q: My child has food allergies. How do you accommodate?

A: Over the years, we have had many campers with food allergies. The action we take depends upon the severity of the allergy. Children with strong peanut allergies eat away from members of the group with peanut products. (For example, a whole table of campers and staff who do not have peanut products in their lunches will sit together at a table or use a designated nut-free picnic blanket.)

Q: May I attend camp with my child?

A: Our well-trained counselors provide experiences that help increase your child's confidence in an inclusive, age-appropriate environment. Little Acorns is the only camp at Cincinnati Nature Center in which a parent/guardian will attend with their child. Please see Page 9 for more details.

Q: My child wants to go to Creek Week. Do I need to register my child for all four sessions of Creek Week Camp?

A: No. In order to meet the high demand for our camps, we sometimes offer the same theme and activities of one camp (such as Creek Week or H2Whoa!) for multiple weeks. This allows greater numbers of children to enjoy these camps. Although children can attend multiple weeks of the same camp theme if they desire, the activities and content will not change week-to-week for each theme, so they would find themselves repeating the same activities in which they already participated.

***Do you have a question we've missed?
See page 4 for contact information.***

june-august CAMP SCHEDULE

2023 Dates	 Preschool Camps for ages 3 or 4 through 4 or young 5 Morning or Afternoon Sessions	 Rowe Visitor Center Camps for ages 5 through 10 All 9:30 am-3 pm	 Fernwood Camps for ages 6 or 7 through 13 All 9 am-3:30 pm (except evening portion of Who's Up, What's Up?)	 Long Branch Camps for ages 6 or 7 through 13 or 15 All 9 am-3:30 pm (except S'mores & More Overnight Adventure)
June 5-9	Natural Discoveries 1 Ages 3-4 9:30-11:30 am	Wildlife Quest 1 Ages 5-10	Waterfall Wonders 1 Ages 6-13	Wilderness Week 1 Ages 7-13
June 12-16	Stories & Trails 1 Ages 3-4 9:30-11:30 am Stories & Trails 2 Ages 3-4 12:30-2:30 pm	Wildlife Quest 2 Ages 5-10	Waterfall Wonders 2 Ages 6-13	Call of the Wild 1 Ages 6-13 S'mores & More 1 Ages 12-15 Tu 9 am-3:30pm W 9 am-F 11:30am
June 19-23	Natural Discoveries 2 Ages 3-4 9:30-11:30 am Natural Discoveries 3 Ages 3-4 12:30-2:30 pm	Nature Detectives Ages 5-10	Who's Up, What's Up? (+Friday evening) 1 Ages 7-13	Call of the Wild 2 Ages 6-13 S'mores & More 2 Ages 12-15 Tu 9 am-3:30pm W 9 am-F 11:30am
June 26-30	Growing Outside 1 Ages 4-young 5 10 am-1 pm	H₂Whoa! 1 Ages 5-10	Forest Village 1 Ages 6-13	No Camp
July 3-7	No Camp	No Camp	No Camp	No Camp
July 10-14	Stories & Trails 3 Ages 3-4 9:30-11:30 am	H₂Whoa! 2 Ages 5-10	Who's Up, What's Up? (+Friday evening) 2 Ages 7-13	Creek Week 1 Ages 6-13
July 17-21	Little Acorns Ages 3-4 9:30-11:30 am	Outdoor Adventures 1 Ages 5-10	Trailblazers Ages 7-13	Creek Week 2 Ages 6-13
July 24-28	Growing Outside 2 Ages 4-young 5 10 am-1 pm	Mythical Creatures 1 Ages 5-10	Expedition Reptile & Amphibian Ages 6-13	Wilderness Week 2 Ages 7-13
July 31-August 4	Natural Discoveries 4 Ages 3-4 9:30-11:30 am	Outdoor Adventures 2 Ages 5-10	Aquatic Explorers Ages 6-13	Creek Week 3 Ages 6-13
August 7-11	No Camp	Mythical Creatures 2 Ages 5-10	Forest Village 2 Ages 6-13	Creek Week 4 Ages 6-13

LOCATION LEGEND:  RW - Nature Preschool Building  RW - Rowe Visitor Center  RW - Fernwood Shelter  Long Branch Farm & Trails

camps at Rowe Woods Nature Preschool, Milford, OH

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Natural Discoveries 🦋

Ages 3-4, \$180/week; with family membership \$160/week

Session 1 (Morning): June 5-9, 9:30-11:30 am, OR

Session 2 (Morning): June 19-23, 9:30-11:30 am, OR

Session 3 (Afternoon): June 19-23, 12:30-2:30 pm, OR

Session 4 (Morning): July 31-August 4, 9:30-11:30 am

Turtles sitting in the sun, insects hopping through the fields, and birds chatting overhead—these are just a few of the things your child will experience at Rowe Woods. Summer days are perfect for new adventures and exploration of forests, fields, and ponds. Children make discoveries on the trails and enjoy games, songs, art experiences, and stories as they learn to think like a scientist through hands-on exploration. A snack will be provided daily. Parents and guardians do not attend this camp with their children. Children must be potty-trained.

Stories & Trails 🦋

Ages 3-4, \$180/week; with family membership \$160/week

Session 1 (Morning): June 12-16, 9:30-11:30 am, OR

Session 2 (Afternoon): June 12-16, 12:30-2:30 pm, OR

Session 3 (Morning): July 10-14, 9:30-11:30 am

Join us for an adventure that links literacy with the great outdoors. Children will practice skills that are the building blocks to reading and writing as they play and explore in nature. As we search for toads, skinks, and millipedes, children will hear stories, retell familiar storybooks, and make their own storybook to take home. A snack will be provided daily. Parents and guardians do not attend this camp with their children. Children must be potty-trained.



Growing Outside 🦋

Ages 4-young 5, \$250/week;

with family membership \$210/week

Session 1: June 26-30, 10 am-1 pm, OR

Session 2: July 24-28, 10 am-1 pm

Now that your child is getting older, we have extended the day for an amazing nature experience. Finding toads, snails, and newts are just a few things your child may encounter at Rowe Woods. Children experience a longer hike and discover treasures in nature while learning how animal habitats are important. Parents and guardians do not attend this camp with their children. Children must be potty-trained.

Little Acorns (with Adult Caregiver) 🦋

Ages 3-4, \$180/week; with family membership \$160/week

July 17-21, 9:30-11:30 am

Watch your child's face light up as you make nature discoveries together. Scoop up slippery tadpoles in the pond and roll over logs to see who lives there. Explore fields, forests, and ponds with your little one! This week includes stories, songs, art, hands-on discovery time, and outdoor adventure. This camp is designed for ages 3-4; an adult caregiver must attend with the camper. It's a perfect introduction to the preschool classroom. Children must be potty-trained.



camps at Rowe Woods, Milford, OH

ROWE VISITOR CENTER

Wildlife Quest

Ages 5-10, \$320/week;
with family membership \$255/week

Session 1: June 5-9, 9:30 am-3 pm, OR

Session 2: June 12-16, 9:30 am-3 pm

Join our quest for adventure as we explore the habitats of Rowe Woods in search of creatures and fun! Your team of new friends will visit the Quest Board for daily challenges, games, riddles, and exciting pursuits. We'll journey down to the creek to investigate the flowing water and dip our nets in the pond to see who's hiding beneath the surface. Use different tools to catch and get a closer look at the critters of the field and venture through the forest to see what (or who) lies underneath the logs. Campers will discover clever animal adaptations and learn how people are working to protect these creatures. Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.



Nature Detectives

Ages 5-10, \$320/week;
with family membership \$255/week

June 19-23, 9:30 am-3 pm

What goes on at Rowe Woods when humans aren't around? We'll explore many habitats and trails to uncover the secret lives of animals and unravel the mysteries of the natural world. Learn to move like a stealthy animal and play sneaky games that will help you discover how creatures survive in the wild outdoors. How can the things animals leave behind (nests, bones, scat, and tracks) tell us about the secret lives they lead? What adaptations do animals have that help them survive? Are there creatures hiding right in front of our eyes? Grab a magnifying glass and investigate these secrets. Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.

H₂Whoa!

Ages 5-10, \$320/week;
with family membership \$255/week

Session 1: June 26-30, 9:30 am-3 pm, OR

Session 2: July 10-14, 9:30 am-3 pm

Soak in all that nature has to offer as we explore our amazing water environments at Rowe Woods! We'll have up-close experiences with the pond, stream, lake, and maybe a few drops of dew or rain. We'll examine the science of H₂O and the creatures that submerge themselves in our awesome aquatic environments. This camp will be overflowing with games, stories, songs, water art, and new friends! Come prepared to get muddy and wet as we play in and discover what makes our aquatic areas so special. Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.





Outdoor Adventures

Ages 5-10, \$320/week;
with family membership \$255/week

Session 1: July 17-21, 9:30 am-3 pm, OR
Session 2: July 31-August 4, 9:30 am-3 pm

Do you have trouble choosing one camp theme because you love it all? Are you an explorer who loves making cool nature discoveries? Like a milkweed seed in the wind, we'll go where our adventures take us. Campers' interests and exciting seasonal happenings will guide our activities, alongside CincyNature Camp favorites such as exploring the streams for creatures and clay, building shelters in the woods, dipping at the ponds for frogs, newts, and turtles, playing exciting nature-based games, and more! This camp is for campers who love everything about nature, and want to explore, discover, and play outdoors. Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.

Mythical Creatures

Ages 5-10, \$320/week;
with family membership \$255/week

Session 1: July 24-28, 9:30 am-3 pm, OR
Session 2: August 7-11, 9:30 am-3 pm

Blending the wonder of nature and the imagination, this camp uses the allure of elves, unicorns, trolls, and fairies to reveal nature's true magic. Campers will make their own mythical creature and build dwellings for their new friend. We'll adventure in search of the Nature Center's critters, looking for hidden tracks and secret homes. Play forest fantasy games and discover mysterious underwater worlds in our ponds. What will inspire your creativity in our whimsical woods? Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.



camps at Rowe Woods, Milford, OH

FERNWOOD SHELTER

Waterfall Wonders

Ages 6-13, \$360/week;
with family membership \$295/week

Session 1: June 5-9, 9 am-3:30 pm, OR

Session 2: June 12-16, 9 am-3:30 pm

Why chase waterfalls? Could it be for the sound of the splashing water or the exciting life forms that swirl beneath? Put on your creek shoes and follow the current in search of the flowing falls of Rowe Woods. Splash into summer, making daily excursions to explore the creek, and discover the inhabitants of this watery world. With special camp-only access, we'll journey to the largest falls onsite. We'll go with the flow of the creek, meet new friends, and search for animals. Join in the adventure as we trek from bank to bank, dig into clay, and discover the secrets of the creek! Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.

Who's Up, What's Up? (with Friday evening camp)

Ages 7-13, \$365/week;
with family membership \$300/week

Session 1: June 19-23, OR

Session 2: July 10-14

**Both sessions Monday-Thursday, 9 am-3:30 pm and
Friday 5-10 pm (dinner included)**

Discover animals who are awake during the day and those who thrive at NIGHT! During this one-of-a-kind camp, we'll investigate the unique differences between these animals, their homes, and their special adaptations. We'll uncover different strategies for living and surviving in the wild as we build forest dens and play camouflage games trying to stay hidden in plain sight. On Friday, we'll cook dinner over the fire, watch the sunset, and take a night hike to experience the animal shift change as hawks go to bed and owls and fireflies come out. At night, we'll play firefly tag and night vision games as we explore camp at a time when most people are getting ready for bed! Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.

Forest Village

Ages 6-13, \$360/week;
with family membership \$295/week

Session 1: June 26-30, 9 am-3:30 pm, OR

Session 2: August 7-11, 9 am-3:30 pm

Get in touch with your creative side as you build your fortress among the trees. We'll explore as we construct a nature village where campers make the rules. Our village will come to life as we use our imaginations to take on different community roles and learn to barter and cooperate with other villages. As we build our village throughout the week, we'll also explore ponds,

fields, streams, and forests to see how nature's communities thrive. We'll celebrate our community with songs, games, and more during this imaginative, fun week of camp. Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.

Trailblazers

Ages 7-13, \$360/week; with family membership \$295/week

July 17-21, 9 am-3:30 pm

Experience an adventure this summer! This challenge-based camp will encourage campers to learn new skills for navigating the forest and connecting with the outdoors. We'll practice patching up fellow hikers' knees through first aid scenarios, sneak through the forest like a fox leaving nothing but silent footsteps behind, and pack our bags with the essentials for hiking. Experts will give us great tips for our outdoor explorations throughout the week. We'll sing songs, play games, learn how far we can really go when we work as a team, and celebrate our accomplishments with a s'mores toasting ceremony. Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.

Expedition Reptile & Amphibian

Ages 6-13, \$360/week; with family membership \$295/week

July 24-28, 9 am-3:30 pm

Join our exciting expedition for all the slithery, slimy, and scaly animals who call Rowe Woods their home. Scoop your net deep in the pond, turn over rocks at the creek, and search the forest floor for hiding spots of reptiles and amphibians! With your new friends, make crafts and play games inspired by these spectacular animals. We'll investigate the differences between reptiles and amphibians and learn how we can protect these amazing creatures. Campers will experience a special presentation featuring living creatures ranging from friendly snakes to giant lizards. Families are welcome to join us on Friday morning as we check out snake hideouts around the Fernwood Shelter. Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.

Aquatic Explorers

Ages 6-13, \$360/week; with family membership \$295/week

July 31-August 4, 9 am-3:30 pm

Immerse yourself in the watery worlds around Rowe Woods. Dig your hands into natural clay as you follow the meandering creek, peer under the surface of the pond to discover tadpoles, bullfrogs, and newts, and visit our aquatic friends at the lake to feed them a snack. Come prepared to get muddy and wet as you play wild water games and explore aquatic habitats with your new friends. Your ventures will be overflowing with fun as you learn about what makes our aquatic areas so special! Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.

camps in Goshen, OH at **LONG BRANCH FARM & TRAILS**

Wilderness Week 🦋

Ages 7-13, \$360/week;
with family membership \$295/week

Session 1: June 5-9, 9 am-3:30 pm, OR
Session 2: July 24-28, 9 am-3:30 pm

Become one with nature and learn the skills it takes to survive in the wilderness. We'll explore the creeks for tracks and signs of animals, understand the importance of water, and discover natural materials that burn. Work with your new friends to build fires with and without a match, construct natural shelters for protection, and use tools to find your way across the land. On Friday, put your new skills to the test during a team challenge, followed by a marshmallow toast! When learning about the outdoors and fire, safety and responsibility will be our priority. Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.

Call of the Wild 🦋 **(with Friday lunch included)**

Ages 6-13, \$365/week;
with family membership \$300/week

Session 1: June 12-16, 9 am-3:30 pm, OR
Session 2: June 19-23, 9 am-3:30 pm

Can you hear the outdoors calling for you? Join us for a week of fun and adventure as we tune into the forests, fields, and streams of Long Branch Farm & Trails. Search for reptiles and amphibians in our creeks, follow the tracks created by furry critters in our woods, and listen for the chatter of birds in our meadows. We'll find out how we can care for the earth and support the creatures that roam its unique habitats! Taste the rewards as we make a sweet treat by harvesting native plants. Weave with materials you gather from the land, play crazy camp games as you laugh with new friends, and make fire using natural resources. On Friday, we'll celebrate our week by cooking our lunch over a crackling campfire (lunch provided)! Safety and responsibility are our priorities, including during fire building. Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.



Creek Week 🦋

Ages 6-13, \$360/week;
with family membership \$295/week

Session 1: July 10-14, 9 am-3:30 pm, OR
Session 2: July 17-21, 9 am-3:30 pm, OR
Session 3: July 31-August 4, 9 am-3:30 pm, OR
Session 4: August 7-11, 9 am-3:30 pm

Immerse yourself in watery worlds by exploring creeks and ponds with new friends. Follow the creek as you search for water snakes, and plunge your hands under the surface as you quest for crayfish. Don a life jacket for a deep-water hike down O'Bannon Creek to flow with the fish. Dip your paddle in the pond as your canoe skims across the surface of McCarthy Pond. Dig your hands into natural clay to create nature-inspired art at the creek, and watch as the water transforms it. Older campers will delve into aquatic conservation efforts. This camp is overflowing with chances to quench your thirst for exploration! Campers will split into smaller, age-appropriate groups upon arrival.

overnight camp in Goshen, OH at **LONG BRANCH FARM & TRAILS**

S'mores & More: An Overnight Camp Adventure

Ages 12-15, \$465/week;
with family membership \$400/week

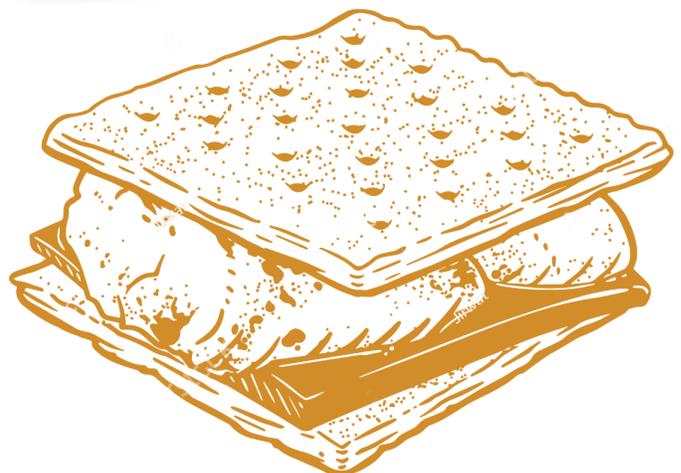
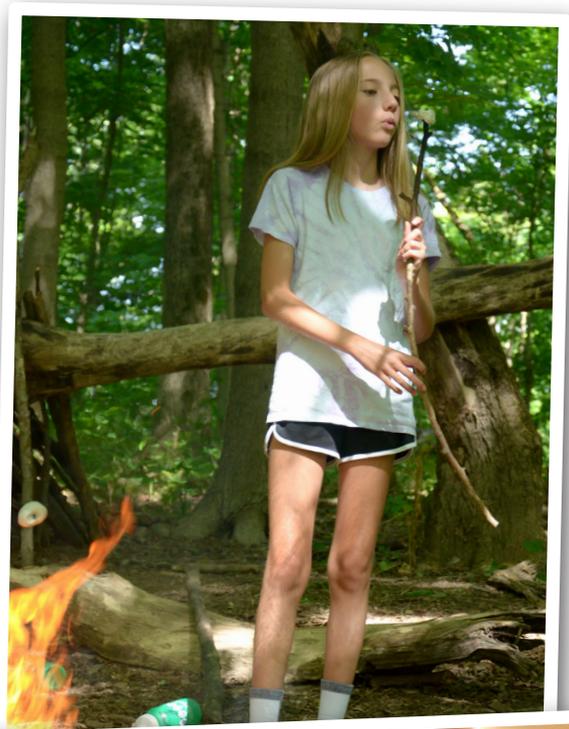
Session 1: June 13-16, Tuesday 9 am-3:30 pm,
Wednesday 9 am-Friday 11:30 am, OR

Session 2: June 20-23, Tuesday 9 am-3:30 pm,
Wednesday 9 am-Friday 11:30 am

What happens in the forest after the sun goes down? Your adventure awaits as we rise to explore the wonders of Long Branch with our newfound friends. Make this the summer that you'll never forget by joining us for an exclusive one-of-a-kind experience. Our adventures will include exploring the creek, making fires, tracking animals, hiking through the woods (both day and night!), stargazing in the fields to learn about the evening sky, and playing endless camp games! Oh, the tales you will tell of your wild treks as you gather 'round the fire and toast with S'mores. We'll teach you the basics of outdoor camping; no experience or additional supplies are necessary.

Campers will bring their own lunch and drink on Tuesday. We'll start with a day of team building as we prepare for our campout. Help plan your meals, clear your campsite, and get to know your groupmates before returning for two-and-a-half days and two nights of fun. We'll pitch our tents and cook our meals over an open fire and a camp stove. We'll provide campers with lunch and dinner on Wednesday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Thursday, and a light breakfast on Friday. Campers will have access to restrooms for this camp, as well as a permanent shelter in the event of severe weather. Campers will sleep in tents with no air conditioning.

***Note: this camp has a one-day day camp on Tuesday from 9 am-3:30 pm followed by an overnight camp from Wednesday at 9 am to Friday at 11:30 am.**



overnight camp

FAQ'S

Q: How many counselors will be with my camper's group?

A: Our overnight camp will have two highly-qualified counselors with a group of up to 16 campers. Additional Nature Center staff will be onsite throughout the duration of this one-of-a-kind experience.

Q: Will there be showers?

A: No. We won't have access to showers. However, there is running water outside the bathrooms where campers can wash off and freshen up.

Q: Can my camper bring their own tent?

A: Yes. Campers can bring their own tent. We'll provide shared tents for campers who do not bring their own. Up to four campers will sleep in the four-person tents provided. Cincinnati Nature Center is not responsible for any damage to personal belongings while your child is at camp.

Q: Will campers have privacy to change clothes?

A: Yes. Campers will take turns changing in their designated tents or change in private stalls in the restrooms.

Q: My child has an allergy/dietary restriction. What will they be eating?

A: On Tuesday, the campers and counselors will bring their own lunches and plan their meals for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. We take allergies and dietary restrictions very seriously, so we'll avoid those foods for the group. We can provide vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, and other options for those who request it during planning.

We ask that parents and caregivers add dietary restrictions to their camper's health form. In the case where we are not able to accommodate a dietary restriction, we'll reach out and ask that campers bring their own food. We have limited storage for refrigerated/frozen food.

Q: Will there be snacks throughout the day?

A: We'll periodically provide snacks, such as granola bars and pretzels, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Q: Can my child bring their own food?

A: Campers should bring their own lunch on Tuesday. After campers return for the overnight portion of the week, we request that they do not bring their own food due to food allergy precautions, limited food storage, and pest prevention.

If your child has a dietary restriction that we are not able to accommodate, we'll work with the parent/caregiver to store their personal food.



Q: Can my child bring a phone?

A: No. Campers are not permitted to use cell phones at any of the CincyNature camps.

In an increasingly virtual world, being tech-free during camp is essential for the development of campers. Keeping cell phones and smartwatches at home allows campers to develop their social skills with face-to-face communication and practice of empathy. Without a cell phone, campers can immerse themselves in the beauty of nature, stimulating an appreciation for it.

If a camper is seen using a phone, the Site Coordinator will put it in a safe space until pick-up time. If your child needs a phone for a health or safety reason, please indicate it on their health form and contact the Camp Director before the start of camp.

Q: Can my child call me from camp? Can I call my child at camp?

A: Yes, the camp phone at Long Branch is available 24/7 during our overnight camp. However, there are many benefits from a contact-free stay at camp. When being separated from their caregivers, campers build independence and decision making. Confidence and self-esteem are also boosted as they learn to work with peers and make new friends.

We understand the importance of knowing your child is safe and having fun, but request that contact with your child is made in emergencies only. If you are curious about how your child is doing, the Camp Director is happy to give you updates. You can reach the Camp Director at (513) 616-2496

***Do you have a question we've missed?
See page 4 for contact information.***

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