

2015 Summer Nature Camp



voted Best Summer Camp
in Baltimore County

AGES 2-15

**REGISTER BY JANUARY 31
AND SAVE 10%!**



General Information

Summer Nature Camp at Irvine offers children an excellent opportunity to learn about Maryland's ecology and natural history by exploring the 116 acres of woodlands, meadows, wetlands and streams at Irvine, and other Maryland locations. We get up, get active and get outdoors daily!

No two seasons at Summer Nature Camp are alike!

GOT SIBLINGS?

MEMBERSHIP IS THE BEST WAY TO GET DISCOUNTED RATES SO THAT YOUR CHILDREN CAN ALL ATTEND.

Camp Highlights

- Camp season is June 8 – August 21.
- Camp days are designed by professional Early Childhood Educators and experienced Naturalists with your child's enjoyment and safety in mind.
- Every camp features animal encounters and outdoor exploration.
- Small group sizes allow for hands-on learning and a great bonding experience.
- More than 65 live animals.
- Six miles of trails through forest, meadows and streams.
- Certified Outdoor Classroom.

Summer Nature Camp is a Maryland state-certified youth camp. Group sizes are small (camper to staff ratio of 8:1 or lower).

We strive to give you the greatest value a summer day camp can offer.

Irvine Members Save!

Irvine depends on its Members. Their contributions help cover the cost of programs, trail maintenance and animal care.

Family-level Members receive priority registration and up to 20% off children's Summer Nature Camp.

Sign up one child for two or three weeks of camp and the membership pays for itself.

Our Staff

Each camp session is led by Camp Counselor staff, Junior Counselor staff and Youth Program Leader volunteers. These energetic leaders provide a safe, fun and educational outdoor experience for campers of all ages.

All counselors are First Aid and CPR certified, are required to pass a background check, and receive training in early childhood education and Maryland natural history.

Before/After Care

Before care is available 8 – 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. Campers participating in before care may be dropped off as early as 8 a.m. and are supervised until camp begins. Doors will not be open before 8.

Cost: \$37.50 per week

After care is available 4 – 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Only campers enrolled in camps ending at 4 p.m. or later are able to participate in this extended care option. There is no after care on Fridays for participants in Thursday night campouts.

Cost: \$75 per week or \$25 per day.

Buds

AGES: 2-3 YEAR OLDS, WITH PARENT

Caregiver and child discover the wonders of nature together, hand in hand. Venture through the forest and dash through the meadow during a week of sensory outdoor fun!

We meet animals, examine natural artifacts, play games and sing songs – it's a wholesome way to discover the natural world. *A parent or guardian must accompany each child in this camp; Regrettably, siblings are unable to attend.*

DATES:

June 8-12

July 6-10

July 27-31

TIME:

9:30 – 11 a.m.

COST:

\$135 (\$110 for Members)



Tadpoles

AGE: 3 YEAR OLDS

This is an enriching first camp experience for three-year-olds as they engage in fun, hands-on nature games and activities in a small group setting. Campers enjoy trail walks, animal encounters, puppets, songs, stories and art projects. Unlike Buds, this session does not include a parent or guardian. *There are two themes.*

Sensing Nature: Campers use all of their senses to experience nature each day. We listen for bird calls, smell flowers, see wildlife, touch interesting plants and taste sweet berries. Campers also learn how different animals use their senses!

Puddle Stompers: Like to get wet? We thought so! Tots explore aquatic themes and frolic like frogs in the muddy places they inhabit at Irvine.



DATES:

June 15-19 (*Sensing Nature*)
June 22-26 (*Puddle Stompers*)
July 13-17 (*Sensing Nature*)
July 20-24 (*Puddle Stompers*)
August 3-7 (*Sensing Nature*)
August 10-14 (*Puddle Stompers*)

TIME:

9 – 11 a.m.

COST:

\$180 (*\$140 for Members*)

Sprouts

AGE: 4 YEAR OLDS

Your little camper will be all a-flutter during a week of outdoor fun! Curious kids love these camps, designed to provide fun, hands-on experiences in the natural world. Campers investigate nature each day through trail walks, live animal encounters, puppet shows, games, art projects and more. *There are three themes.*



Doodlebugs: If animals inspire your little budding artist, then join us for a creative week! Each day includes an art project for reflecting on the beautiful, weird and wonderful aspects of wildlife.

Water Everywhere: Plants and animals need water for many reasons. Find out why during this week of fun camp! Campers venture to aquatic habitats for some muddy, squishy fun. Be prepared to get wet each day!

Fuzzy Wuzzies: From cute and cuddly to grouchy and prickly, your kiddo gets a closer look at the animals that call Irvine home. We trek to wild places in search of local creatures and meet live animals each day!

DATES:

June 8-12 (*Doodlebugs*)
June 15-19 (*Water Everywhere*)
June 22-26 (*Fuzzy Wuzzies*)
July 6-10 (*Doodlebugs*)
July 13-17 (*Water Everywhere*)
July 20-24 (*Fuzzy Wuzzies*)
July 27-31 (*Doodlebugs*)
August 3-7 (*Water Everywhere*)
August 10-14 (*Fuzzy Wuzzies*)
August 17-21 (*Doodlebugs*)

TIME:

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (*includes lunchtime*)

COST:

\$245 (*,\$205 for Members*)

Discovery

AGES: 5-6 YEAR OLDS



New age range for 2015!

Sweep for insects, explore the stream, and laugh and sing with the animals! These and other fun learning opportunities await your child. Young campers love this sensory approach to exploring the great outdoors! Fun-filled activities include trail walks, nature games, crafts, stories and animal encounters. We'll have a midday quiet time for campers to rest their heads and legs

before continuing our adventures in the afternoon. *There are three themes.*

Lions and Tigers and Bears: Going into the woods can be a new and exciting experience! In this camp, we hit the trails to see what calls our forest home and learn all about what they need to survive in the wild.



Discovery



DATES:

- June 8-12 (*Lions and Tigers and Bears*)
June 15-19 (*Junior Naturalists*)
June 22-26 (*Caterpillar Crazy*)
July 6-10 (*Lions and Tigers and Bears*)
July 13-17 (*Junior Naturalists*)
July 20-24 (*Caterpillar Crazy*)
July 27-31 (*Lions and Tigers and Bears*)
August 3-7 (*Junior Naturalists*)
August 10-14 (*Caterpillar Crazy*)
August 17-21 (*Lions and Tigers and Bears*)

TIME:

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

COST:

\$400 (\$330 for Members)

Junior Naturalists: What does it take to be a naturalist? Campers spend the week learning from Irvine's naturalists, exploring the habitats on Irvine's property and officially becoming "Junior Naturalists" by the end of the week!

Caterpillar Crazy: Butterflies and bugs are incredible creatures with many lessons to teach. Campers connect the dots of a caterpillar's life to better appreciate our connection to nature.

*Kids stay and
play all day!*



Explorers

AGES: 7-9 YEAR OLDS



Expanded Age Range for 2015!

Campers investigate their natural surroundings and learn to understand the relationships of wildlife and the ecosystem. Each day lets your child be a real explorer, using science in fun ways to better understand the natural world!

Environmental games, animal encounters, nature crafts, interactive stories and other nature activities help illustrate and reinforce the ecological concepts covered in daily adventures. *There are three themes.*

Digging Dinosaurs: Fossils have fascinated scientists for generations. Campers will learn all about the ancient creatures that roamed the earth and meet their modern relatives. We'll even head offsite to try to make some dinosaur discoveries of our own at a real dig site! Camp includes an offsite fossil hunt.



Explorers



Have your first
overnight camp out
experience at Irvine!



Creatures of the Night: What is that thing that goes bump in the night? How do bats find food? What is a constellation? We set camera traps, examine tracks, visit a planetarium and meet cool nocturnal critters to answer these questions. Includes an offsite excursion to Robinson Nature Center's planetarium and a campout at Irvine. *There is no pick up on Thursday afternoon due to the campout. Camp ends at 10 a.m. on Friday (no after care on Friday). Irvine provides tents, Thursday dinner and Friday breakfast.*

Crick or Creek: The Chesapeake Bay watershed is a tremendous resource – both to people and to animals. Discover the amazing creatures that live here, the ways they use the water and how we can keep the watershed healthy. We use real scientific equipment to examine different aquatic habitats. Expect to get wet!

DATES:

June 15-19 (*Digging Dinosaurs*)
June 22-26 (*Creatures of the Night*)
July 6-10 (*Crick or Creek*)
July 13-17 (*Digging Dinosaurs*)
July 27-31 (*Creatures of the Night*)
August 3-7 (*Crick or Creek*)
August 10-14 (*Digging Dinosaurs*)
August 17-21 (*Creatures of the Night*)

TIME:

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
(*Digging Dinosaurs; Crick or Creek*)

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.,
Monday through Wednesday;
and 9 a.m. Thursday
through 10 a.m. Friday
(*Creatures of the Night*)

COST:

\$410 (\$340 for Members)



Adventure



Sells out every year!



DATES:

June 22-26 (*Aquatic Adventures*)

July 20-24 (*Chesapeake Chefs*)

August 3-7 (*Hike, Bike, Canoe*)

TIME:

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(*Aquatic Adventures and Chesapeake Chefs*)

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.,

Monday through Wednesday;

and 9 a.m. Thursday through

10 a.m. Friday

(*Hike, Bike, Canoe*)

COST:

\$485 (\$410 for Members)

AGES: 10-12 YEAR OLDS

Irvine's specialty camps introduce campers to focused topics. We use STEM principles, outdoor recreation and even cooking to better understand the natural world. Each of these camps features multiple offsite excursions. *There are three themes.*

Aquatic Adventures: Dive into aquatic studies this summer by exploring in the most hands-on way possible – getting wet! Day trips allow for water experiences such as seining, canoeing and swimming in different locales around the Greater Baltimore area. We give the camp an educational twist by integrating topics such as watersheds, aquatic animals, water quality and ways keep our waterways pristine. Come ready to get wet!

Chesapeake Chefs: This is far more than a cooking camp! Campers travel throughout the forest, farmland and Bay to discover where our food comes from and how our eating habits impact the world around us. We explore that impact while using biology, chemistry and nutrition to make all types of culinary creations. In between picking berries and catching blue crabs, campers learn how to prepare delicious dishes out of local foods.

Hike, Bike, Canoe: An annual favorite of staff and campers, every day we explore the diversity of plants and animals by foot, bike or paddle. Whether biking the Torrey C. Brown Trail or canoeing Deer Creek, campers discover the best practices so outdoor recreation and nature can coexist. Most expeditions provide the perfect opportunity for swimming! The week culminates with a campout on Thursday night at Irvine. *There is no pick-up Thursday afternoon. Camp ends at noon on Friday. Bicycles are rented for the trip but campers may bring their own helmet. Personal bikes may be used, but cannot be transported by Irvine.*

Mountains to Sea

AGES: 13-15 YEAR OLDS

Maryland has so many opportunities to discover the wild, and in this camp we visit as many as possible! We visit the mountains and camp at Irvine, the coastal plain and the sandy beaches of the Atlantic Ocean. Through it all, we learn native flora and fauna, wilderness survival tips and tricks, and how to take care of Earth's precious and fragile ecosystems. The memories created last a lifetime!

This is an overnight camp and we camp out each night. Parents are provided with a detailed itinerary. Camp ends at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Most meals and equipment are provided. Mountains to Sea also serves as a training ground for creating good stewards of the earth. Creativity, teamwork and leadership in solving environmental issues will stem naturally from camp activities led by naturalist staff. *Special pricing is available for Irvine Youth Program Leaders who use this training to assist our Summer Nature Camps.*



DATES:

July 7-12

TIME:

9 a.m. Tuesday through 4 p.m. Saturday

COST:

\$710 (\$620 for members)

IRVINE YOUTH PROGRAM LEADER[†] SPECIAL PRICING*:

\$580 (\$500 for Members)

for 120 hrs of volunteer service promised
to 2015 Summer Nature Camp

\$450 (\$365 for Members)

for 240 hrs of volunteer service promised
to 2015 Summer Nature Camp

*†For more information on
Irvine's Youth Program Leader volunteer
program, contact Courtney at
CourtneySagal@ExploreNature.org
or 443-738-9224.*

**Special pricing contingent on positive
performance reviews. Full price is charged if
service hours are left incomplete, including
dismissal due to unsatisfactory performance.*



Become a Youth
Program Leader & Save!

Registration Terms & Conditions

- Check ONLINE for easy and paperless registration!
- Campers must be the required age at the time of the camp session.
- If you plan to register your child for multiple sessions, be sure to check all sessions on the final page of the registration form and include all necessary fees.
- Complete the entire camp registration form. It is three pages. You may fax, mail, email or hand deliver the registration forms.
- Include separate registration forms for each child – please photocopy the form if needed.
- A 50% deposit is due at the time of registration. Remaining payment amount is due April 1. If paying by credit card, these payments are charged automatically. If paying by check, the required amounts are billed. There is a \$50 fee for all returned checks.
- Registrations received after April 1 must be paid in full.
- Your child's spot is forfeited if full payment is not received by April 1.
- If you plan to participate in before/after care, please add this total to your payment amount. An extended care agreement is sent with your confirmation. This agreement must be filled out and returned prior to your child/ren starting camp.
- Irvine will notify you of your child's camp registration status by email within two weeks of registering.
- Forms must be received by 1/31/15 to get the 10% discount.
- Health forms, included in confirmation letter, must be received before a camper can attend a camp session.



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Cancellation Policy

Irvine reserves the right to cancel a camp session due to insufficient enrollment. If Irvine cancels a session, all fees are fully refunded. If you remove your child from a camp session before it begins, membership fees are non-refundable and the refunds are as follows:

# Days Before Session Begins	Non-Refundable Amount
21+	50% of camp fee
20-14	75% of camp fee
13-0	100% of camp fee

Sorry, we cannot make exceptions.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- I completed all **three** pages of the registration form.
- I included separate registration forms for **each** child.
- I signed and dated the first page of the registration form.
- I enclosed payment, or am faxing the form with my credit card information.

Registration Form page 1 of 3

CAMPER INFORMATION

Camper's Name (and nickname, if it applies): _____
First Last

Home Address: _____
Street (include Apt. #)

_____ City State Zip Code

Home Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age _____ Sex: M F

Age at Time of Camp: _____

Name of School: _____

Has your child attended camp at Irvine before? Yes No

How did you hear about us? Baltimore's Child Word of Mouth Camp Fair
 Newsletter/Website Member/Brochure
 Other _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

I DO NOT want my address and telephone number included on the carpool list.

I DO NOT grant Irvine permission to publish images of my child.

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____
First Last

Home Address (if different): _____
Street (include Apt. #) City State Zip Code

Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Work Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Work Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

POLICIES/CANCELLATIONS

I have read and understand the Cancellation Policy listed on the previous page of the 2015 camp brochure. By signing below, I also acknowledge that installments will be charged to my credit card automatically if I pay a deposit only.

Signature (Required): _____ Date: _____

If the session you selected is filled, would you like to register for a different session? Yes No

If yes, which session(s)? _____

If all your preferred sessions are filled, would you like to place your child on a wait list? Yes No

If yes, which session(s)? _____

Registration Form page 2 of 3

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Is your family currently an Irvine member? Yes No

If not, would you like to renew or join now? Yes No

Members, including those who join/renew while registering, are eligible for discounted camp fees and priority registration. The benefits are only for family memberships (*not individual*).

COST: \$75

AMOUNT DUE

Camp Fees: \$ _____

Less 10% if registering before 1/31/15: \$ _____ = \$ _____

Before/After Care Fees: \$ _____

(Before \$37.50 per week; After \$75 per week.)

Family Membership Fee: \$75

(Members receive priority registration and may use the member-listed pricing for camp fees.)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED *(check one only)*

Half of total amount.

(The 10% pre-1/31/15 discount will be deducted when billed.)

OR

Full Payment Enclosed *(Required after April 1.)* \$ _____

(Include separate registration forms for each child.)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD *(check one only)*

Check enclosed (check(s) payable to Irvine Nature Center)

Please charge my VISA/MasterCard/American Express/Discover

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____



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Use this page to help tally your payment



KEY	
■ Ages 2-3	■ Ages 7-9
■ Age 4	■ Ages 10-12
■ Ages 5-6	■ Ages 13-15

DATE	NATURE CAMP	PRICE (MEMBERS)	CHECK HERE
June 8-12	Buds	\$135 (\$110)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sprouts: Doodlebugs	\$245 (\$205)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Discovery: Lions and Tigers and Bears	\$400 (\$330)	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 15-19	Tadpoles: Sensing Nature	\$180 (\$140)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sprouts: Water Everywhere	\$245 (\$205)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Discovery: Junior Naturalists	\$400 (\$330)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Explorers: Digging Dinosaurs	\$410 (\$340)	<input type="checkbox"/>
June 22-26	Tadpoles: Puddle Stompers	\$180 (\$140)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sprouts: Fuzzy Wuzzies	\$245 (\$205)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Discovery: Caterpillar Crazy	\$400 (\$330)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Aquatic Adventures	\$485 (\$410)	<input type="checkbox"/>
July 6-10	Buds	\$135 (\$110)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sprouts: Doodlebugs	\$245 (\$205)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Discovery: Lions and Tigers and Bears	\$400 (\$330)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Mountains to Sea	\$710 (\$620)	<input type="checkbox"/>
July 13-17	Tadpoles: Sensing Nature	\$180 (\$140)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sprouts: Water Everywhere	\$245 (\$205)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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July 20-24	Tadpoles: Puddle Stompers	\$180 (\$140)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sprouts: Fuzzy Wuzzies	\$245 (\$205)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Discovery: Caterpillar Crazy	\$400 (\$330)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Chesapeake Chefs	\$485 (\$410)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Sprouts: Doodlebugs	\$245 (\$205)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Discovery: Lions and Tigers and Bears	\$400 (\$330)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Explorers: Creatures of the Night	\$410 (\$340)	<input type="checkbox"/>
August 3-7	Tadpoles: Sensing Nature	\$180 (\$140)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sprouts: Water Everywhere	\$245 (\$205)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Discovery: Junior Naturalists	\$400 (\$330)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Explorers: Crick or Creek	\$410 (\$340)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hike, Bike, Canoe	\$485 (\$410)	<input type="checkbox"/>
August 10-14	Tadpoles: Puddle Stompers	\$180 (\$140)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sprouts: Fuzzy Wuzzies	\$245 (\$205)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Discovery: Caterpillar Crazy	\$400 (\$330)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Explorers: Digging Dinosaurs	\$410 (\$340)	<input type="checkbox"/>
August 17-21	Sprouts: Doodlebugs	\$245 (\$205)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Discovery: Lions and Tigers and Bears	\$400 (\$330)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Explorers: Creatures of the Night	\$410 (\$340)	<input type="checkbox"/>



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*If you don't have camp-aged children at home,
please share this brochure with a local family
that does. Thank you!*



2015 SUMMER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

**Are your children too old for camp?
Encourage them to apply to volunteer as
a youth program leader this summer at
Irvine. Youth program leaders even get
special camp pricing for Mountains to
Sea. Call 443-738-9224 for information.**