

# SUMMER NATURE CAMP



Irvine  
NATURE CENTER

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JANUARY 31  
AND SAVE 10%!

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[www.ExploreNature.org](http://www.ExploreNature.org)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Summer Nature Camp at Irvine offers children an excellent opportunity to learn about Maryland's ecology and natural history by exploring and playing in nearly 210 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!

## CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

- Week long day camps from June 10 – August 30.  
*Extended Season!*
- Camps are designed by professional educators and experienced naturalists with your child's enjoyment and safety in mind.
- Every camp features animal encounters and outdoor exploration
- Each camper will receive a Summer Nature Camp T-shirt
- Small group sizes (camper to staff ratio of 10:1 or lower) allow for hands-on learning and a great bonding experience
- Summer Nature Camp is a Maryland state-certified youth camp.
- We strive to give you the greatest value a summer day camp can offer

**NEW!**

## 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 more than 10% 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 session will be led by Camp Counselors and Youth 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, required to pass a background check, and receive training in Early Childhood Education, Maryland Natural History, and more. They inspire kids to explore, respect, and protect nature.

## BEFORE/AFTER CARE

**Before care is available 8 – 9 a.m.**

Monday - Friday. Campers participating in before care may be dropped off as early as 8a.m. and will be supervised until camp begins. Doors will not be open before 8.

**Cost: \$50 per week**

**After care is available 3:30 – 6 p.m.**

Monday - Friday. Only campers enrolled in camps ending at 3:30p.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: \$125 per week or \$40 per day**

Visit [www.explorenature.org](http://www.explorenature.org)  
to register for Summer Nature Camp!

# BUDS

AGE: 2-3 YEAR OLDS, WITH CAREGIVER



## BUDS CAMP

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 will 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 10 - 14

July 8 - 12

July 29 - August 2

August 19 - 23

### TIME:

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

### COST:

\$155 (\$125 for members)



# TADPOLES

AGE: 3 YEAR OLDS

## TADPOLES CAMP

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. Campers **MUST** be potty trained. **There are three themes.**

**Busy Bees:** Campers buzz around the forest and meadow to experience nature each day. This session is a nice balance of indoor and outdoor activities to ease into your first camp experience.

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

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

### DATES:

June 17 - 21 (Busy Bees)  
June 24 - 28 (Puddle Stompers)  
July 15 - 19 (Sensing Nature)  
July 22 - 26 (Busy Bees)  
August 5 - 9 (Puddle Stompers)  
August 12 - 16 (Sensing Nature)

### TIME:

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

### COST:

\$200 (\$175 for members)



# SPROUTS

AGE: 4 YEAR OLDS



## SPROUTS CAMP

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 four themes.**

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

**Water Everywhere:** As the name implies, water will flow through every activity in this week of camp. Campers will venture to aquatic habitats for some muddy, squishy fun. Be prepared to get wet each day!

**Trail Blazers:** Let's explore wild places! We will visit forests, tiptoe through gardens, and splash in wetlands in search of animal clues and unusual plants. Adventurous campers will love blazing a trail of fun as we use sweep nets, build shelters, and play in the woods!

**Raging Reptiles:** Turtles, snakes, lizards, and more! Campers will have a chance to interact with many species of reptiles. They will even have a chance to make a habitat for our very own Irvine animals and learn how to take care of them. Come and see our scaly friends!

### DATES:

June 10 - 14 (Raging Reptiles)\*  
June 17 - 24 (Water Everywhere)  
June 24 - 28 (Trail Blazers)  
July 1 - 3 (Doodlebugs)\*  
July 8 - 12 (Raging Reptiles)  
July 22 - 26 (Trail Blazers)  
July 29 - August 2 (Doodlebugs)  
August 5 - 9 (Raging Reptiles)  
August 12 - 16 (Water Everywhere)  
August 19 - 23 (Trail Blazers)  
August 26 - 30 (Doodlebugs)\*

### TIME:

9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

### COST:

\$265 (\$225 for members)  
\* July 1 - 3: \$55/day (\$50/day)

# DISCOVERY

AGE: 5 - 6 YEAR OLDS



## DISCOVERY CAMP

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 eight themes.**

**Under the Sea:** Your child will be splashing around in a week of ocean themed fun. We will incorporate sea creatures and water activities each day. Your mermaid or merman will have a tidal wave of fun.

**Tiny Chefs:** Cooking provides a sensory rich way for children to learn about the natural world. We'll plant a garden and then eat it and meet some garden insects along the way. We may even make mud pies!

**Rumble in the Jungle:** Hakuna Matata, what a wonderful phrase! Can't get enough of The Lion King? Or the African Savanna? This jungle themed week will be filled with grubs, critters, and summer exploration!

**Dino Days:** Go back in time when pterosaurs filled the sky! Meet some ancient animal relatives and see how they have survived to today. We'll track down dinosaur relatives, play in the mud and even have time to perform our very own fossil hunt!

**Wild Wings:** Not Angry Birds! Happy feathered friends and other winged creatures will fill each day with outdoor fun and excitement.

**Nature Survivor:** Imagine you are marooned on a deserted island or being chased by wild animals? No problem. We will spend the week using our imagination to save the day. Each day will be a new outdoor adventure!

**Rookie Rangers:** Who left those tracks? What animal did that scat come from? What bird says "Who cooks for you all?" Just like park rangers, campers will investigate the evidence of animal activity on Irvine's trails, discover how plants play a major role in an ecosystem and meet some of our education animals. Games and other activities will reinforce the training of Irvine's Rookie Rangers!

# DISCOVERY

AGE: 5 - 6 YEAR OLDS



**Art on the Wild Side:** Unleash your inner artist! Come color with the creatures, paint with the possum and craft with the critters. Throughout the week, campers' masterpieces will be displayed in the Irvine Art Show. Color your summer with the coolest art camp around town!

## DATES:

June 10 - 14 (Tiny Chefs)\*  
June 17 - 24 (Rumble In The Jungle)  
June 24 - 28 (Under The Sea)  
July 1 - 3 (Rookie Rangers)\*  
July 8 - 12 (Dino Days)  
July 22 - 26 (Art On The Wild Side)  
July 29 - August 2 (Nature Survivor)  
August 5 - 9 (Rookie Rangers)  
August 12 - 16 (Under The Sea)  
August 19 - 23 (Tiny Chefs)  
August 26 - 30  
(Rumble In The Jungle)\*

## TIME:

9:00 – 3:30 p.m.

## COST:

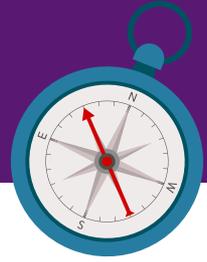
\$425 (\$375 for members)

\* \$88/day (\$78/day)



# EXPLORERS

AGE: 7 - 9 YEAR OLDS



## EXPLORERS CAMP

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 to illustrate and reinforce the ecological concepts covered in daily adventures.

**There are nine themes.**

**Raptor Keepers:** A whole week dedicated to birds of prey. Your child will get to meet a hawk or owl each day! We will explore the outdoors and get to know some other animals along the way. Includes an offsite Raptor field trip!

**Tents and a Teepee:** Join the Irvine tribe and explore Native American cultures through music, crafts, games and storytelling. The week culminates in a campout Thursday at our native American village. There is no pick-up Thursday afternoon. *Camp ends at 10 a.m. on Friday.*

**Naturally Creative:** Art, Animals and Nature! Each day will be a blend of creativity and outside activity. Kids will get a chance to hike, draw, paint and meet some animals. Includes an offsite natural art field trip!

**Animal Caretakers:** If your child wants to be a veterinarian, a scientist, or a park ranger, then they will love our Animal Caretakers camp! Campers spend some time each day assisting animal care professionals and naturalists to care for Irvine's animals. We will also travel offsite to visit organizations focused on animal care.

**Irvine CSI:** Grab your magnifying glass and use your detective skills to perform a camp scene investigation. Use science, technology and your intuition to analyze clues, examine fingerprints, question witnesses and decode a secret message that will help you solve the Irvine mystery. We will travel offsite to see detective skills in action!

**Child vs Wild:** This week is all about surviving and thriving outdoors. We will build shelters, ford streams and learn some outdoor skills. The week culminates with a campout on Thursday night at Irvine. There is no pick-up Thursday afternoon. *Camp ends at 10 a.m. on Friday.*

# EXPLORERS

AGE: 7 - 9 YEAR OLDS

**Grossology:** It's all things gooey, slimy, slippery, funky, ugly, and foul! Campers will get down and dirty with lots of hands-on activities in this special edition of Grossology. For this camp, kids will be rolling up their sleeves and getting elbow deep in the ultimate Yuck and Muck!

Campers will dissect owl pellets, get the scoop about animal poop and even make their own slime. You may even get a chance to interact with slimy toads and salamanders on an offsite field trip!

**Sow What?:** Start your week learning about gardening and how to make your own food creations. Explore Irvine for wild edibles such as raspberries and spicebush.

Throughout the week your camper will learn how to prepare and cook fresh, seasonal vegetables. The week culminates with a campout on Thursday night at Irvine. There is no pick-up Thursday afternoon. *Camp ends at 10 a.m. on Friday.*

**Aquanauts:** Your camper will be surrounded in aquatic joy. Each day will include wetland discoveries, water games and experiments. Explore Irvine's very own water world and find out what animals thrive in the aquatic environment. SpongeBob hasn't seen this much water!

## DATES:

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June 17 - 24 (Animal Caretakers)  
June 24 - 28 (Tents and a Teepee)  
July 1 - 3 (Aquanauts)\*  
July 8 - 12 (Child vs. Wild)  
July 15 - 19 (Grossology)  
July 22 - 26 (Naturally Creative)  
July 29 - August 2 (Sow What?)  
August 5 - 9 (Irvine CSI)  
August 12 - 16 (Animal Caretakers)  
August 19 - 23 (Raptor Keepers)  
August 26 - 30 (Tents and a Teepee)\*

## TIME:

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; and 9 a.m. Thursday through 10 a.m. Friday

## COST:

\$435 (\$385 for members)

\* \$90/day (\$80/day)



# ADVENTURE

AGE: 10 - 12 YEAR OLDS



## ADVENTURE CAMP

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

**Backcountry USA:** This is a new twist to a classic Irvine camp. Campers will learn backcountry skills while hiking and canoeing. Each day will highlight a different wilderness skill including fire making! The week culminates with a camping trip on Thursday night at Irvine. *There is no pick-up on Thursday and camp ends at 10 a.m. on Friday.*

**Mountains to Bay:** Join us as we experience all that Maryland has to offer! We will explore Maryland from the Appalachian Mountains to the Chesapeake Bay. Daily hiking in state parks, wading the Maryland waters, and learning about our great state.

**River Otters:** 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.

**Project HELP:** New to Irvine this summer is Project HELP (Healthy Eating and Leadership Program). Foraging, food deserts, and access to fresh produce. Learn about the impact that food has on your local community and how you can help. Campout under the stars and enjoy the fruits of your labor from the past week. *Camp ends at 10 a.m. on Friday.*

**Wild Watersheds:** Discover the waters of Irvine in this 3-day mini-camp. Learn about the Jones Falls and Gwynn's Falls watersheds and how they combine at Irvine Nature Center!

### DATES:

June 24 - 28 (Mountains To Bay)  
July 1 - 3 (Wild Watersheds)\*  
July 15 - 19 (Backcountry USA)  
July 22 - 26 (Project HELP)  
July 29 - August 2 (River Otters)

### TIME:

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
(Mountains To Bay, River Otters)

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday  
through Wednesday; and 9 a.m.  
Thursday through 10 a.m. Friday  
(Backcountry USA, Project HELP)

### COST:

\$525 (\$475 for members)  
\* \$100/day (\$90/day)



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## KEY

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AGE 7 - 9

AGE 10 - 12

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	Animal Caretakers	\$435 (\$385)
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	Trail Blazers	\$265 (\$225)
	Under the Sea	\$425 (\$375)
	Tents and a Teepee	\$435 (\$385)
	Mountains to Bay	\$525 (\$475)
July 1 - 3*	Doodlebugs	\$55/day (\$50/day)
	Rookie Rangers	\$88/day (\$78/day)
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\* Daily rates to accommodate school and holiday schedules

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	Wild Wings	\$425 (\$375)
	Grossology	\$435 (\$385)
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July 22 - 26	Busy Bees	\$200 (\$175)
	Trail Blazers	\$265 (\$225)
	Art on the Wild Side	\$425 (\$375)
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	Doodlebugs	\$265 (\$225)
	Nature Survivor	\$425 (\$375)
	Sow What?	\$435 (\$385)
	River Otters	\$525 (\$475)
August 5 - 9	Puddle Stompers	\$200 (\$175)
	Raging Reptiles	\$265 (\$225)
	Rookie Rangers	\$425 (\$375)
	Irvine CSI	\$435 (\$385)
August 12 - 16	Sensing Nature	\$200 (\$175)
	Water Everywhere	\$265 (\$225)
	Under the Sea	\$425 (\$375)
	Animal Caretakers	\$435 (\$385)
August 19 - 23	Buds	\$155 (\$125)
	Trail Blazers	\$265 (\$225)
	Tiny Chefs	\$425 (\$375)
	Raptor Keepers	\$435 (\$385)
August 26 - 30*	Doodlebugs	\$265 (\$225)
	Rumble in the Jungle	\$425 (\$375)
	Tents and a Teepee	\$435 (\$385)

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# SUMMER NATURE CAMP: THE FINE PRINT

## REGISTRATION TERMS

- Go ONLINE for easy and paperless registration!
- Campers must be the required age at the time of the camp session
- A 50 % deposit is due at the time of registration. Remaining payment amount is due April 1st. If paying by credit card, these payments will be charged automatically. If paying by check, the required amounts will be billed. There will be a \$50 fee for all returned checks.
- Registrations received after April 1st must be paid in full
- Your child's spot will be forfeited if full payment is not received by April 1st
- Registration must be fully submitted by 1/31/19 to get a 10% discount
- Online registration includes a health form and waiver
- If you have any questions, please call (443) 738-9211 to reach the Environmental Education Program Coordinator or email [LilleyT@explorenature.org](mailto:LilleyT@explorenature.org) with Summer Camp Registration in the subject line.



## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

1. Visit our website [www.explorenature.org](http://www.explorenature.org)
2. Click on the Summer Camp Banner
3. Choose the age group you are looking for
4. Continue to Online Registration
5. Choose the weeks you would like to sign up for \* Note - you may only register 1 child at a time; for the weeks of June 10-14, July 1-3, and August 26-30, you have the option to pay by day to accommodate school and holiday schedules, other weeks you must register for the entire week.
6. Complete child's health and release information – you must fill out all information to proceed
7. Check out!

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

1. You will automatically receive a receipt for your payment
2. You will also receive a confirmation e-mail with details about camp at Irvine
3. If more health information is needed, someone from our camp team will contact you
4. You will be able to register for Before and/or After Care
5. Two weeks before camp starts you will receive a First Day Letter via e-mail. This will include topics for each day of camp and more information to prepare your child for Summer Nature Camp.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

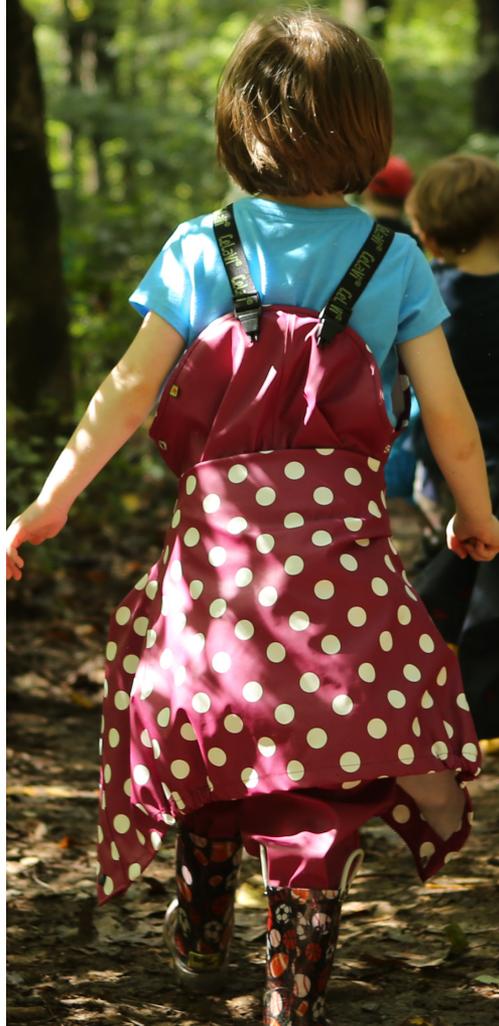
Irvine reserves the right to cancel a camp session due to insufficient enrollment. If Irvine cancels a session, all fees will be fully refunded. If you remove your child from a camp session before it begins, membership fees are non-refundable and the refunds are as follows:

### # Days Before Non-Refundable Session Begins / Amount

21+ days	50% of camp fee
20-14 days	75% of camp fee
13-0 days	100% of camp fee

Sorry, we cannot make exceptions to our refund policy.

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## 2019 Summer Leadership Training

Are your kids too old for camp but want to volunteer?

Youth Program Leaders ages 14 and up are encouraged to apply. Contact Travis Ross at [RossT@explorenature.org](mailto:RossT@explorenature.org) for more information.