



2021 SUMMER NATURE CAMP

Ages 3-12 and
CIT ages 13-17

**Registration begins
March 15th, 2021.**

**Registering online is
quick and easy!**

**Exciting NEW CIT
program!**



Summer Nature Camp at Irvine offers children an excellent opportunity to learn about Maryland's ecology and natural history by exploring and playing in **211 acres of woodlands, meadows, wetlands and streams** at Irvine and other Maryland locations. We get up, get active, and get outdoors daily! No two sessions at Summer Nature Camp are alike!

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

- Weeklong day camps from July 12 – August 20.
- Camper Day is either from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. depending on age level.
- 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) to allow for social distancing, 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!

Visit www.explorenature.org to register for Summer Nature Camp! More information can be found at the end of this brochure.

IRVINE MEMBERS SAVE!

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

Pacesetter members receive **10% off** campers' Summer Nature Camp weeks.

Explorer and Adventure members receive **20% off** campers' Summer Nature Camp weeks.



OUR STAFF

Each session will be led by Camp Counselors. 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 CARE (Member discounts DO NOT apply)

Before care is available 8:15 – 9 a.m. Monday through Friday. Campers participating in before care may be dropped off as early as 8:15 a.m. and will be supervised in their separate camp group until camp begins. Doors will not be open before 8:15 a.m. Cost: \$50 per week or \$15 per day.

COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION

- **Due to the Maryland Department of Health Youth Camp COVID-19 Regulations, OUT-OF-STATE (non-Maryland resident) campers are NOT permitted at camp.**
- **Face Coverings/ Masks MUST be worn by both campers and staff unless it is deemed safe to be removed.**
- **Camper groups are NOT permitted to mix at any time unless they are masked, outdoors, and socially distanced.**
- **Health screenings occur for both staff and campers each day during camp day drop-off period.**

3-4 year olds////////////////////

SAPLINGS CAMPS

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. Campers **MUST** be potty trained. There are four themes:

CRAFTY CATERPILLARS: Butterflies and bugs are incredible creatures and have many lessons to teach us all. Campers will connect the dots of a caterpillar's life through art and see what creations they can make!

FEATHERS, SCALES, AND TAILS: Birds, reptiles, mammals and more! Campers will have a chance to interact with many species of animals this week. They'll even have a chance to make a habitat for a few of our very own Animal Ambassadors and learn how to take care of them.

MUDDY BUDDIES: Dive right in as we trek our way into the ponds and streams in search of the wonderfully squishy mud. Be prepared to get wet and dirty each day as your camper will have a new outdoor adventure 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!





DATES:

Trail Blazers

July 12 - 16

Feathers, Scales, and Tails

July 26 - 30

Crafty Caterpillars

August 2 - 6

Muddy Buddies

August 9 - 13

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

COST: \$230

5-6 year olds////////////////////

DISCOVERY CAMPS

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 six themes:

ANIMAL OLYMPICS: Run as fast as a cheetah and jump farther than a bullfrog! Meet Irvine's amazing animals and learn about their astounding adaptations. Can you win the contest and bring home the gold? Join us at Irvine to find out!

DINO DAYS: Go back in time to when pterosaurs filled the sky! Meet some ancient animal relatives and learn how they've survived until today. We'll search for dinosaur relatives, play in the mud, and even have time for our very own fossil hunt!

IMAGINEERS: Find your inner artist as we color with creatures and craft with critters. Use your imagination all week as we experience different types of art. Artwork will be displayed in our very own Irvine Art Show. Color your summer with the coolest art camp around!

NATURE NUTS: Is your camper excited about the outdoors and ready to be nuts for nature? If so, they should join us at Irvine this summer. Campers will go on a nature bingo hunt and even explore the forest, meadows, and wetlands of Irvine. Join in the fun as we try not to get tangled up in the food web!

SPACE CADETS: Glide through the galaxy and explore the farthest reaches of space! We have outer space games, crafts, and experiments for every young astronaut.

WILD WINGS: Not Angry Birds! Happy feathered friends and other winged creatures will fill each day with outdoor fun and excitement. Learn to spread your wings with us!



DATES:

Nature Nuts
July 12 - 16

Animal Olympics
July 19 - 23

Wild Wings
July 26 - 30

Imagineers
August 2 - 6

Space Cadets
August 9 - 13

Dino Days
August 16-20

TIME: 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

COST: \$430

7-9 year olds////////////////////

EXPLORERS CAMPS

Campers investigate their natural surroundings and learn to understand the relationships between wildlife and their ecosystems. 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 six themes:

ANIMAL CARETAKERS: If your child wants to be an aquarist, a natural-ist, or a veterinarian, then this camp is for them! Our Animal Caretakers camp will have campers spending time with animal care professionals and join naturalists as they tend to the needs of Irvine’s animals.

AQUANAUTS: Your camper will be surrounded in aquatic joy. Each day will include wetland discoveries, water games, and fun experiments. Explore Irvine’s very own water world and find out what animals thrive in our aquatic environments. SpongeBob hasn’t seen this much water!

BACK TO BASICS: Imagine a world with no cell phones, televisions, or video games. Journey back to the Woodland period where Native American culture embraced the natural world and learned to adapt to the environmental changes. Crafts, games and storytelling will be used all week as we get back to basics.

NATURE SURVIVOR: Beavers, birds, and bugs—oh my! All of these animals are incredible engineers and we will try to learn their secret building techniques. We will build shelters, cross streams, and learn outdoor skills to survive in the wilderness. Campers will learn new skills and explore how animals construct their homes, all while having some summer fun and creating their own structures.

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, and paint, all while meeting Irvine’s animals up close.

RAPTOR KEEPERS A whole week dedicated to birds of prey. Your child will get to meet a new bird species each day! We will explore the outdoors and get to know some other animals along the way.



DATES:

Back to Basics* July 12 - 16

Animal Caretakers July 19 - 23

Raptor Keepers* July 26 - 30

Naturally Creative August 2 - 6

Nature Survivor* August 9 - 13

Aquanauts August 16-20

** Night Program on Thursday night includes dinner and activities with pick-up from Irvine at 8 pm.*

OPTIONAL Friday HALF-DAY camp 9am-12pm.

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **COST:** \$440

10-12 year olds //

ADVENTURE CAMPS

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. Environmental games, building ecological connections, animal encounters, and other nature activities help to illustrate and reinforce the ecological concepts covered in daily adventures. There are two themes:

STREAM SCIENCE: Dive into aquatic studies this summer by exploring in the most hands-on way possible- getting wet! Discover the water sources around Irvine and take samples at each location to examine in the lab. Learn and follow the scientific method; then see what you can find such as zooplankton, phytoplankton, and so much more!

VENTURE TO VICTORY: Ready, Set, Go! Campers will learn to test themselves as each day will highlight a new and exciting challenge. Together we will learn survival skills and even practice fire making!



DATES:
Venture to Victory*
July 19 - 23
Stream Science
August 16-20

TIME:
9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

COST: \$500

** Night Program on Thursday night includes dinner and activities with pick-up from Irvine at 8 pm.*
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CALENDAR

July 12-16

Saplings: Trail Blazers \$230

Discovery: Nature Nuts \$430

Explorers: Back to Basics \$440



July 19-23

Discovery: Animal Olympics \$430

Explorers: Animal Caretakers \$440

Adventure: Venture to Victory \$500



July 26-30

Saplings: Feathers, Scales & Tails \$230

Discovery: Wild Wings \$430

Explorers: Raptor Keepers \$440

CIT \$520



August 2-6

Saplings: Crafty Caterpillars \$230

Discovery: Imagineers \$430

Explorers: Naturally Creative \$440



August 9-13

Saplings: Muddy Buddies \$230

Discovery: Space Cadets \$430

Explorers: Nature Survivor \$440



August 16-20

Discovery: Dino Days \$430

Explorers: Aquanauts \$440

Adventure: Stream Science \$500

SAVE SOME GREEN!

Get discounts on camps, programs & more at Irvine

Become an Irvine Member

Join Irvine's sustaining member program.

Participating families receive extra discounts on many Irvine programs, including Summer Nature Camp, throughout the year.

If you plan to send your child to multiple weeks of camp, your Irvine membership pays for itself.

www.ExploreNature.org click on DONATE/BECOME A MEMBER



REGISTRATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 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 **June 4th**. You will be sent a reminder of your payment due prior to the due date. You may set up an automatic payment, or pay in full at the time of registering, if you wish. Remaining payments will be paid through your account on the registration portal.
- Registrations received after June 4th must be paid in full.
- Your child's spot will be forfeited if full payment is not received by June 4th.
- Online registration includes a **health form and waiver**. If you choose to participate in Before Care, and additional agreement will be included at the time of registering. All forms, waivers, and agreements must be completed in order to register. You may sign up for Before Care at a later date.
- If you have any questions, please call (443) 738-9210 to reach the Office Manager or email Hufnagelj@ExploreNature.org with Summer Camp Registration in the subject line.

ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

1. Visit our website www.explorenature.org
2. Click on the Summer Camp Banner
3. Choose the age group you are looking for
4. Continue to Online Registration – you must have or create an account
5. Complete camper's health history and medication (ALL medications **MUST** be **Self-Administered**) and release information – you must fill out all information to proceed.
6. 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 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 camp refunds are as follows:

Days Before

Non-Refundable Session Begins

21+

20-14

13-0

Portion of Camp Fees Refunded

50% of camp fee

25% of camp fee

No Refund

Sorry, we cannot make exceptions.





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**REGISTRATION
BEGINS MARCH 15TH!**