

Why Nature Camp at JNC?

Nature Camp is an opportunity to unearth the hidden wonders of the outdoors. From vibrant flora to elusive fauna, every day brings a new **adventure**.

Campers get to explore, observe, and **connect** with the intricate tapestry of the natural environment. Nature Camp lets kids take a **digital detox** and step into a world where the only notifications are the rustling leaves and the melodious songs of birds. Camp is not just about exploring the wilderness; it's about creating lasting connections and memories. Campers **forge friendships** extending beyond the campfire, forming a community of nature enthusiasts. Nature Camp equips children with essential life skills. From outdoor survival techniques to teamwork and **problem-solving**, campers leave with newfound knowledge and confidence that extends far beyond camp.

Camps at JNC instill a deep **appreciation** for the environment and campers are **inspired** to become stewards of the Earth through fostering a sense of **responsibility** and **understanding**. The camp experience goes beyond exploration; it plants the seeds of environmental consciousness that can **flourish** for a lifetime.



AGES

3-13

Registration Opens
in February
2/21 at 12noon

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Nature Camp Descriptions

FOREST FRIENDS is a nature-based learning program for youth ages 3-5. In this introductory experience, campers will get a gentle glimpse into our amazing outdoor world through hands-on, explorative learning.

Sessions are half-day (9a-1p) and run 5-days, Monday - Friday.

Campers **MUST** be a minimum of age 3 and fully potty trained - no exceptions. Campers should be happily independent and excited to spend a sustained amount of time outdoors, engaging in physical activity and walking up to 2 miles per day. Campers should bring a sack lunch and dress for weather.

NATURE HEAD TO TOE:

Week 1: June 24-28

Week 4: July 22-26

Week 7: August 12-16

Campers will explore nature using their senses from head to toe: observing the scenic views and sounds of various wildlife, taking in the fresh pine scent and feeling mud between their fingers and toes in our mud kitchen. Activities are tailored to stimulate curiosity and learning through sensory-based experiences.



WILDLIFE WONDERS:

Week 2: July 8-12

Week 5: July 29- Aug 2

The nature center is home to many creatures. From insects to feathered friends, deer to fish, campers will learn about habitats, life cycles, and animal behaviors. We'll dissect owl pellets, use our microeye to zoom into teeny creatures and see how many tracks we can find.



EARLY ADVENTURES:

Week 3: July 15-19

Week 6: August 5-9

Camping 101. Everyone has to start somewhere, so what better place to learn than our beautiful forest! Campers will be introduced to the skills needed to jump start their journey as adventure enthusiasts. Each day will unlock new knowledge about animal tracks, plant identification, tent assembly, building campfires, basic outdoor cooking and so much more.



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ELEMENTARY + YOUNG TEEN camps are for children ages 6-13.

Week long sessions: Monday - Friday, from 9a - 3:30p.

Campers should bring a sack lunch and dress for the weather.



Wilderness Explorers:

Week 1: June 24- 28

Ages 6-7

Week 2: July 8-12

Ages 6-10

Embark on an unforgettable journey into the great outdoors at Wilderness Explorers Camp! Tailored for enthusiastic adventurers, this camp promises a week filled with exploration, discovery, and the thrill of connecting with nature in its purest form.

Camp activities include: trail expeditions, wildlife tracking, nature crafts, and more!



Junior Naturalist:

Week 3: July 15-19

Ages 6-10

Step into the world of exploration and discovery at Junior Naturalist Camp, specially crafted for young nature enthusiasts aged 6-10. Our camp offers an immersive experience that encourages a love for the natural world, fostering curiosity and environmental stewardship in the next generation.

Camp activities include: wildlife watching, field journaling and sketching, nature hikes, and more!

Nature Nerds:

Week 4: July 22-26

Ages 6-7

Week 5: July 29-Aug 2

Ages 6-10

Explore, learn, and geek out in the great outdoors! Welcome to Nature Nerds Camp, where curiosity meets the wilderness in an adventure tailor-made for young nature enthusiasts! This session is for budding scientists, wildlife aficionados, and all-around nature nerds eager to dive deep into the wonders of the natural world.

Camp activities include: botanical expeditions, bird-watching bonanza, rock and fossil detectives, insect investigation lab, and more!

Nature Adventurers:

Week 6: August 5-9

Ages 6-10

Welcome to Nature Adventurers Camp, an immersive experience designed for young explorers who are eager to uncover the wonders of the great outdoors. Our camp is a gateway to discovery, blending nature education, outdoor activities, and adventures to create an unforgettable week in the heart of Mother Nature.

Camp activities include: nature treks, eco-art, campfire stories, and more!

Big Foot Survival Camp:

Week 7: August 12-16

Ages 11-13

Unleash your inner explorer in the world of myth and mystery! Embark on the ultimate adventure at the Bigfoot Survival Camp, where campers are invited to step into the realm of legendary creatures and mysterious forests. This camp promises an exciting blend of outdoor exploration, survival skills, and the thrill of uncovering the secrets of the elusive Bigfoot.

Camp activities include: Sasquatch Scavenger Hunts, Wilderness Survival Skills, Mythical Creature Crafts, and more!

