An opportunity to play, explore, & discover the great outdoors!

Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum
Note from the Camp Director:

Thank you for your interest in our summer camps! We are thrilled to be able to provide such a unique and exciting opportunity for your children to learn about their relationship to the natural world while supporting their physical, social, and intellectual growth.

It is our goal to get your children outdoors to explore and enjoy what Tanglewood has to offer. With our 9+ miles of hiking trails, 300+ acres, live animals, nature museum, and beautiful lodge building there is plenty to explore!

Sincerely,

Laine Sullivan
**Summer Camps at a Glance**

All summer camps for 2016 will be utilizing the newly constructed Lodge for educational space.

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Your child must have completed at least the earliest grade in the session to register – for example, your child must have finished kindergarten to enroll in a K-2nd session.

*No camp on 4th of July, 2016 - museum is closed.*
Summer Camp Highlights:

**Zookeepers Camp Week 1**
June 27th- July 1st  K-2
- Dissect owl pellets and rebuild the skeletons of their prey
- Roll logs and pull apart to discover decomposers
- Feed our animals gourmet meals of fruit, rats, bugs, and build jungle gyms and toys for our animals
- Personally meet each major animal group and care for our critters from tooth to toe!

**Mad Scientists Camp Week 1**
June 27th- July 1st  3-5
- Turn a chicken bone to rubber
- Defy gravity with water in wacky experiments
- Send a balloon into the stratosphere only using the power of the sun
- Explode, grow, disappear, and slime all kinds of things with experiments!

**Walk on the Wild Side Camp Week 2 (short week)**
July 5th- July 8th  K-5
- A sampling of your favorite activities from camps all summer long
- Roll over logs to see what lives underneath and hike to find wild scat and other animal signs
- Net some bugs and get your toes wet catching fish and frogs
- Feed and care for our animals!

**Fairies, Sprites, and Dragons Camp Week 2 (short week)**
July 5th- July 8th  Pre-K (9:00am-12:00pm)
- Back by popular demand: live, play, and explore with fairies and fun!
- Build your own take home fairy house, create your own fairy crown or dragon wings to wear for play time
- Enjoy the outdoors and search the children’s trail for magical friends
- Discover the world of dragons and create your own mythical creatures!

**Wild Art Camp Week 3**
July 11th- July 15th  K-4
- Get muddy sculpting after a live (and wiggly) animal model
- Build bat boxes to support wildlife
- Make paper, weavings, paint and dye with plants and vegetables
- All the animals and games you could want, with a creative twist!
Amazing Race Week 3

**July 11th - July 15th 5-8**

- Races and brain-teasers will keep mind and body strong
- Use GPS and create your own maps to challenge your friends with geocaches and more
- Construct a butterfly house built to host native species inside
- Forge lasting friendships with trust-building games!

Fishing Camp - Week 4

**July 18th - July 22nd K-2**

- Basics of fishing, including casting, knot tying, safety and more
- Practice casting and perfect your fly-tying
- Dig bait for different species of fish and make your very own pole
- Watch a pro show you how to gut, fillet, and clean a fish and take home recipes for future fishing!

Wilderness Survival Camp - Week 4

**July 18th - July 22nd 3-5**

- Start off easy with map and compass reading, but by the end of the week, kids will read a tree to find south
- Build and insulate a shelter with no tools
- Feed yourself on fruits, while tracking and catching wildlife with our own homemade traps
- Finish the week with fire building and preparing a special treat in the woods!

Wilderness Survival Camp Week 5

**July 25th - July 29th K-2**

- Are you tough enough to survive in the wild?
- Learn basic skills including constructing shelter, knot tying, and much more!
- Conceal yourself with camouflage and spend time looking up close at what it takes to survive
- Explore Tanglewood’s trails to heighten your senses and “read” the landscape!

Fishing Camp Week 5

- **July 25th - July 29th 3-5**
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- Practice casting and perfect your fly-tying
- Dig bait for different species of fish and make your very own pole
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Bug Bonanza Camp Week 6
August 1st- August 5th K-2
- Snag bugs mid-air, dig up wigglers from the dirt, and get muddy capturing aquatic insects-then design your own habitat to keep ‘em safe
- Design an experiment to see what lures a bug in - smell, color, taste, or shape?
- Meet a real-life bee keeper
- Eat like a bug with pincers, proboscis, and more!

Zookeepers Camp Week 6
August 1st- August 5th 3-5
- Dissect owl pellets and rebuild the skeletons of their prey
- Roll logs and pull apart to discover decomposers
- Feed our animals gourmet meals of fruit, rats, bugs, and build jungle gyms and toys for our animals
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Tail Tales Camp Week 7
August 8th- August 12th K-2
- Every day campers will read through a book - action, adventure, mystery!
- We will create crafts, construct character profiles, paint murals, and take our acting to the stage
- Read out loud, imagine, choreograph a skit, and dress-up
- Campers will write their own story to keep, imagination at its best!

Raptor Camp Week 7
August 8th- August 12th 3-5
- Discover your passion for creatures that soar
- Learn about each of our bird’s individual needs and requirements
- Dig deep into the science of how raptors hunt, live, and migrate
- Dissect owl pellets and do a raptor hike!

Mad Scientist Camp Week 8
August 15th- August 19th K-2
- Turn a chicken bone to rubber
- Defy gravity with water with wacky experiments
- Send a balloon into the stratosphere only using the power of the sun
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**Fishing Camp Week 8**  
**August 15th - August 19th 3-5**  
- Basics of fishing, including casting, knot tying, safety and more  
- Practice casting and perfect your fly-tying  
- Dig bait for different species of fish and make your very own pole  
- Watch a pro show you how to gut, fillet, and clean a fish—and take home recipes for future fishing!

**Nature Play Week 9**  
**August 22nd - August 26th K-5**  
- Go home laughing and grass-stained after a day of playing games including the classics and brand new games unique to Tanglewood  
- Sculpt mud pies and make fossil prints, play park rangers  
- Climb trees and peer into cavities to see who nests there  
- Tag, kickball and forts galore!

**“Fly-Guy Presents” Camp Week 9**  
**August 22nd - August 26th Pre-K (9:00-12:00)**  
- Fly-Guy the series is coming to Tanglewood to teach you remarkable things about animals!  
- Start a routine with reading these books, museum games, outdoor playtime on the trails, and a snack  
- End each day with a fun craft and a visit from a live animal!

**Nature in a Nutshell Week 10**  
**August 29th - September 2nd K-5**  
- Investigate the furthest corners of our trails  
- See the unseen parts of our ponds with microscopes and make your own recycled pond viewer  
- Go fish and build a fort  
- Make a solitary bee house and save our pollinator friends!

**Becoming Animals Week 10**  
**August 29th - September 2nd Pre-K (9:00-12:00)**  
- Looking to head-start your little ones?  
- Start a routine with reading, playtime on the trails, museum tour, and snack  
- We will use our imaginations to build beaver dams, hop and hide like frogs, and soar in the sun like birds  
- End each day with a fun craft and a visit from a live animal!
Daily Schedule

Arrival and dismissal times
Arrival time for regular camp day is 10:00 am. Pick-up is at 3:00 pm. Campers must be signed in upon arrival and signed out by an approved adult with photo I.D. at dismissal. If you require an earlier arrival or later pick-up time, extended days (9:00am-4:00pm or 8:00am-5:00pm) are available for an additional fee. Extended day is relaxed child care and socialization – not the action-packed educational adventure of the regular camp day!

10:00-10:15 Check-in and free play
10:15-11:30 Morning activity
11:30-12:00 Lunch
12:00-12:30 Free play, games and outside play
12:30-1:45 Afternoon activity
1:45-2:00 Snack
2:00-2:45 Craft
2:45-3:00 Clean-up and recap of the day

Weekly events: Mondays – safety review, ice-breakers, and fun!
Fridays - ½ or whole day hike!

What to Bring
Campers should bring a lunch, reusable water bottle, sunscreen, a hat, bug spray, and a smile! (No phones, electronics, or personal toys/games)

Camp Attire
Campers should dress for the weather, rain or shine, and wear comfortable close-toed shoes. Keep in mind that we will be exploring the woods, meadows, and ponds – clothes will get wet or dirty! Bringing rubber boots, water shoes, or an extra pair of socks and sneakers is a good idea.
Staff and Counselors

All staff, volunteers, and counselors undergo a state-mandated background check and training.

Camp Director
Laine Sullivan (curator@twcbc.stny.rr.com)

Counselors
Your children’s safety is our top priority here at Tanglewood Nature Center. Each camp has at least one counselor for every 12 students as mandated by the NYS Health Department. Camp Director and Office Manager are certified in Wilderness First Aid and CPR. We ensure that each counselor receives proper training in all safety protocols and emergency procedures. To ensure that all campers and CITs understand our camp rules and regulations, each Monday we spend 15-20 minutes introducing ourselves, doing a practice fire drill, and going over the buddy system.

Counselors in Training (CITs)
These are youth volunteers ages 14+ that will assist camp counselors.

Counselors-in-Training for Ages 14+

Becoming a Counselor in Training is a great way to gain leadership experience while working in nature!

Counselors-in-Training (CITs) are youth leaders aged 14+ who assist the camp counselors in providing a safe and fun camp experience at Tanglewood. They will help lead environmental education activities, games, crafts, songs, stories, hikes, and more. Our CITs will also assist with camp preparation, check-in and check-out, and will serve as a positive role model for children in camp. This is an educational position that will involve being placed with two counselors each session.

CIT applications can be found on our website and are due by May 15th to the CIT Coordinator, Bridget Sharry (volunteer.tanglewood@gmail.com).
Registration and Cancellation Policies

New Pricing and Hours:
Regular Day 10am-3pm - $175
Extended Day 9am-4pm - $225
Extended Day 8am-5pm - $275
Pre-K 9am-12pm - $90

Week of July 5th-8th Pricing:
Regular Day 10am-3pm - $140
Extended Day 9am-4pm - $180
Extended Day 8am-5pm - $220
Pre-K 9am-12pm - $75

Registration:
Registration is done on a first-come, first-served basis. You must be a member of Tanglewood to register a child for camp – membership fees are not included in the camp registration price. Registrations can be done online only at www.tanglewoodnaturecenter.com. For more information, contact Deanna at (607) 732-6060 ext.100.

Applications:
Applications for camp registration will only be accepted for review upon completion of all application components. Applications that are not complete will not be considered for registration and will not secure placement for camp(s) in any capacity. Upon receiving all components (camp registration forms, immunization records, and payment) applications will be considered complete, and enrollment will be secured.

Membership:
Membership is crucial to Tanglewood Nature Center’s existence. Your support enables Tanglewood to maintain the high standards in nature education we have established over the years, and helps us continue to grow and improve. Our animals, our preservation of 300 acres of field and forest land, and our educational outreach is only possible with your help. With help from your membership, we reached 20,000 children in 2015! Being a member, you also receive benefits listed on our website at: www.tanglewoodnaturecenter.com/membershipbenefits
Thank you for your continued support.

Membership fee-waiver:
As always, our goal is to make our unique and fun programs available to all. We have a camp assistance fund created by generous donors. To learn more about the sponsored membership fees for financially eligible families, or to contribute to the fund, please visit our website or contact Deanna.
Waiting Lists:
If you would like to put your child on a waiting list, please register on our website. Campers registered for the waiting list will be contacted in the order their registration was received. If a response is not received by 12 pm the following day, the next camper on the list will be contacted.

Cancellations:
Need to cancel? We hope not! But just in case, here is our policy:
All cancellations and transfers are subject to a $25 administrative fee per request. Cancellations made with more than 2 weeks’ notice will receive a refund less a $25 administrative fee per request.

Cancellations made with less than 2 weeks’ notice may receive a refund less a $25 administrative fee, but only if another camper fills the available space. No refunds will be issued if a replacement is not found by 12 pm Wednesday prior to the start of camp.

Camp Transfers and Refunds:
Transfers from one camp into another are considered a cancellation and are subject to a $25 administrative fee. It is the registrant’s responsibility to re-register the camper online. Refunds are only for camp fees. Membership fees are non-refundable.

Illness:
If a camper misses over half of a camp due to illness, 50% of the camp fee will be refunded. If a camper is unable to attend the entire week, a full refund will be provided. Tanglewood must be notified within 24 hours of illness and a dated doctor’s note must be provided within one week for refund.
Frequently Asked Questions

Can I drop my child off in the parking lot?
No. For your child’s safety, each day they need to be walked to the check in table and signed in. The same is required for pick up - you must sign the child out at the check in table and leave from there. Campers may be checked out only to approved adults with photo ID’s.

What is Tanglewood’s discipline policy?
We have a three strike policy. Strike one will be a warning given by the Camp Director or one of the counselors when a camp rule is broken. Strike two is a time out and a conversation with the Camp Director. Strike three will result in a time out and a conversation with our Executive Director, and parents will be called and asked to pick up their child. Usually, after a time out, children can get back on track and enjoy the day.

What if my child takes medications?
Please contact the Camp Director so that we can create a health plan for your child. We cannot administer any medications directly. Children must be able to self-administer their medications, and all medication usage will be supervised.

What if my child has special needs?
Our primary goals are safety and a positive camp experience for all. Please contact the Camp Director so that we can create plans for your child so they are supported and safe at camp.

What is Tanglewood’s weather policy?
Camps will not be cancelled due to inclement weather. Campers should come prepared to be outside, so bring rain gear on wet days and jackets on cool days! Refunds for activity cancellations that are weather-related cannot be provided. On extremely hot days we may have to take breaks inside for air-conditioned nature games.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!