



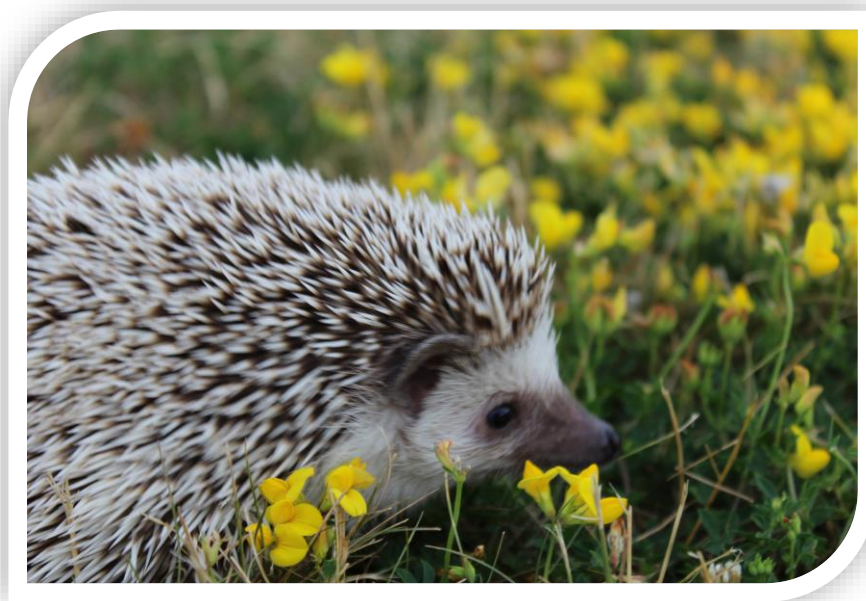
2019 Summer Camp Catalog

Tanglewood Nature Center and Museum
An opportunity to play, explore, & discover the great outdoors!



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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 the solar-powered lodge there is plenty to explore!

Sincerely,

Brie Riesbeck, Camp Director 2019

Summer Camps at a Glance

All summer camps for 2019 will be in the Lodge.

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.

| Week: | Completed Grades: | Camp Theme: |
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| July 1 st - July 5 th | | No camp this week! |
| July 8 th -July 12 th | K-2 nd grade | Fishing |
| | 3 rd -5 th grade | Wilderness Survival |
| July 15 th -July 19 th | K-2 nd grade | Magical Beasts |
| | 3 rd - 5 th grade | Critter Care Camp |
| July 22 nd -July 26 th | K-2 nd grade | Nature Play |
| | 3 rd - 5 th grade | Pioneers to iPads |
| July 29 th -Aug. 2 nd | K-2 nd grade | Scales & Tails |
| | 3 rd - 5 th grade | Outdoorsman |
| Aug. 5 th -Aug. 9 th | K-2 nd grade | Zookeepers |
| | 3 rd - 5 th grade | Mad Scientists |
| Aug. 12 th -Aug. 16 th | K-2 nd grade | Mad Scientists |
| | 3 rd -5 th grade | Wilderness Quest |
| Aug. 19 th -Aug. 23 rd | K-5 th grade | Pokémon |
| Aug. 26 th -Aug. 30 th | K-5 th grade | Outdoor Adventure |

Summer Camp Highlights:

No camp during the holiday week July 1st through July 5th

Fishing Camp- Week 1

July 8th- July 12th 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 1

July 8th- July 12th 3-5

- Start off easy with map and compass reading, but by the end of the week, kids will be able to read a tree to find south
- Build and insulate a shelter with no tools
- Learn where to find edible plants, while tracking and catching (and releasing) wildlife with our own homemade traps
- Finish the week with fire building and preparing a special treat in the woods!

Magical Beasts Week 2

July 15th- July 19th K-2

- Discover all the different magical creatures in habitats like the pond, the sky, and the woods – mermaids, fairies, gnomes, unicorns, and Bigfoot
- Design a chimera that mixes up your favorite adaptations like wings, special powers, talons or webbed feet
- Learn about the natural world that mimics magic – why bogs glow in the dark, the science of fairy rings, and more
- Build a gnome home and imagine how magical creatures coexist with humans

Critter Care Camp Week 2

July 15th- July 19th 3-5

- Snuggle a ferret, feed a frog, and help Tanglewood care for over 40 different animals
- Practice some of the first aid and healthcare techniques we use to keep our animal ambassadors healthy
- Create toys and treats for animals to enjoy
- Discover the tricks of training animals with positive reinforcement – working with species like dogs, birds, and more!

Nature Play Week 3

July 22rd - July 26th K-2

- 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, and play park rangers
- Create works of art with natural items found in the woods
- Tag, kickball and forts galore!

Pioneers to iPads Week 3

July 22rd - July 26th 3-5

- From ancient hieroglyphs to iPads, play around with science and technology!
- Take tech into the woods – using apps on our iPads to take real data for NASA and Cornell's Lab of Ornithology!
- Construct, create, play with simple machines like seed bomb launchers all the way up to racing solar powered cars

Scales & Tails Week 4

July 29th- August 2nd K-2

- Flip over logs to find sneaky salamanders and get your feet wet catching frogs and fish in the ponds
- Shed your own skin with a funky craft and unravel the color-changing mysteries of chameleons and bearded dragons
- Create a life-size masterpiece of our biggest animal – “Bowie” the Colombian red-tail boa
- End the week with a reptile race!

Outdoorsman Week 4

July 29th- August 2nd 3-5

- Try on and learn how to pack for a wilderness backpacking adventure
- Set up and break down tents for a home base in the woods – and relax in a hammock in between the trees!
- Follow tracks and signs to stalk down wildlife, and set snares and traps to (safely!) catch and release critters
- Practice hiking and outdoor safety and learn how to survive on your own

Zookeepers Camp Week 5

August 5th – August 9th K-2

- Dissect owl pellets and rebuild the skeletons of their prey
- Roll logs and pull them 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 Week 5

August 5th – August 9th 3-5

- Fit inside a giant bubble!
- Defy gravity with water in wacky experiments
- Write and decode secret messages using invisible ink made from plants
- Explode, grow, disappear, and slime all kinds of things with experiments

Mad Scientists Week 6

August 12th- August 16th K-2

- Fit inside a giant bubble!
- Defy gravity with water in wacky experiments
- Write and decode secret messages using invisible ink made from plants
- Explode, grow, disappear, and slime all kinds of things with experiments

Wilderness Quest Week 6

August 12th- August 16th 3-5

- Hunt for treasure and map your way across 300 acres, marking special items you discover
- Face down challenges as a team and conquer an obstacle course
- Create dishes and elixirs out of natural ingredients
- Solve puzzles as you quest through the museum

Pokémon Week 7

August 19th - August 23rd K-5

- Discover Pokémon that are based on real animals, many of which reside at the museum!
- Hike the trails and catch insects and frogs with your very own Pokéball
- Make up your own Pokémon and battle them against other trainers
- Complete the outdoor field day trials to earn your trainer certificate!

Outdoor Adventure Week 8
August 26th - August 30th K-5

- Escape a larger-than-life spider web unscathed with your team
- Build the ultimate “eggstra invincible” parachute to protect an egg passenger
- Channel your inner adventurer and build a fort in the woods, spending glorious days in the wild
- Create toys and enrichment for the animals – interspecies play!



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!

Each week the camp will hit the trails for a half day or whole day hike!

Make sure your camper has a BIG water bottle!

What to Bring

Campers should bring a lunch, reusable LARGE 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

Brie Riesbeck (tanglewoodcurator@outlook.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. All regular Tanglewood staff are certified in Wilderness First Aid and CPR and a staff member will travel with campers on remote hikes. 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 15+ that will assist camp counselors.

Counselors-in-Training for Ages 15+

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 15+ 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 for mentoring. Each CIT commits to a minimum of three weeks over the summer.

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

Pricing and Hours:

- Regular Day 10am-3pm - \$175
- Extended Day 9am-4pm - \$225
- Extended Day 8am-5pm - \$275
- More options available online

Discounts:

- Early bird discount - \$20 off per week when child is registered by March 30, 2019. Online pricing does reflect the discount. If your registrations are not paid in full by March 30th, you will lose the discount.

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.

Immunization Records:

Due to the increasing numbers of people infected with dangerous communicable diseases in the US, we are only allowing Medical Exemptions for vaccinations. Please see our website or contact Deanna at 607-732-7070 for the Medical Exemption Form. Thank you for helping us keep the camp children, visitors and staff healthy.

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, and our educational outreach is only possible with your help. With help from your membership, we reached 30,000 children in 2018! Being a member, you also receive benefits listed on our website at: www.tanglewoodnaturecenter.com/membershipbenefits Thank you.

Scholarships:

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. In 2019, we will have one scholarship position opportunity for each week of summer camp. To learn more about the scholarships for financially eligible families, or to contribute to the scholarship 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. We're a little different than school – we don't have one-on-one staff, we embrace spontaneity instead of following a strict schedule, and we emphasize teamwork and like to encourage kids to care for their belongings and be self-sufficient. There are times where kids play in mild physical discomfort (like mud, soggy socks from the pond, getting sweaty). If you have questions about whether this camp environment is a good match for your child, please contact the Camp Director so that we can plan ahead 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 have indoor games and crafts in case of thunder and lightning.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!