SUMMER CAMPS 2022

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SUMMER CAMP LOCATION

LESLEY SCIENCE & NATURE CENTER

All 2022 Unity in Learning summer camp programs will take place at Leslie Science & Nature Center. LSNC has 50 acres of forest, pond, prairie, and fields for campers to explore. We're also home to non-releasable birds of prey and a variety of mammals, reptiles, and amphibians that give campers an opportunity for up-close encounters with live animals. Leslie Science & Nature Center is a private nonprofit organization. Visit anytime to see the wonderful world that’s in store for your campers!

Leslie Science and Nature Center is located at 1831 Traver Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.
We are evaluating field trips for 2/3 and 4/5 groups. We are also evaluating overnights for the 4/5 groups. If possible, they will be available for $30/night with dinner and breakfast included.
KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE

AGES: Completed full-day Young 5’s, Kindergarten, or First Grade
FEE: $300
SCHEDULE: M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

We offer two camp groups with the same theme for campers who have completed Young 5’s, Kindergarten, and First Grade. If your camper would like to be in the same camp group as a friend or family member, please indicate this during registration and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

ECOSYSTEM EXPLORERS: 6/13-6/17, 7/18-7/22
How do animals and plants survive in water, dirt, or high up in a tree? Explore, observe, and play as you follow your own curiosity in this adventure from soil to sky. Through nature hikes, games, and live animal encounters, you’ll discover the wide diversity of plants and animals living in Ann Arbor’s backyard.

MITTEN STATE MARVELS: 6/20-6/24, 7/25-8/1, 8/15-8/19
Hike in the paths of glaciers, explore the plants and animals of legends, and discover what makes our state so great! Learn how animals survive the seasons, and study the soil beneath your feet to unearth mysteries of Michigan’s past. Don’t miss a thing when you create your very own Michigan journal.

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NATURE’S SUPERHEROES 6/27-7/1, 8/1-8/5, 8/22-8/26
Discover the superpowers of animals and plants at LSNC, and unleash your own heroic abilities at this exciting camp. Rescue plants and animals from invasive supervillains. Learn how animals achieve super speed, invisibility, and night vision, and practice using those powers in your own life. We’ll provide capes and masks, or you can bring your own!

SPLATTER MIX SCULPT 7/11-7/15, 8/8-8/12
Get outside as you make paintings of trees, craft clay animals, and more! Let your artist’s eye help you discover more about plants and animals. Challenge yourself to find new ways to create art with treasures you find walking in the woods, and exhibit your creations at an art show at the end of the week.

Did you know? Black Pond Woods is home to a variety of incredible natural resources. The nature area is named for Black Pond, a vernal pool that is filled entirely from rain and snowfall each year. The forest itself has mature oak-hickory forest, herbaceous savanna, and wet meadow habitats. This diversity has made Black Pond Woods one of summer camp’s most beloved spaces!
**SECOND & THIRD GRADE**

**AGES:** Completed Second or Third Grade  
**FEE:** $300  
**SCHEDULE:** M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Some weeks we offer two camp groups with the same theme for campers who have completed Second or Third Grade. If your camper would like to be in the same camp group as a friend or family member, please indicate this during registration and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

**LOST:** 6/13-6/17, 7/18-7/22, 8/15-8/19  
Have you ever noticed a stick bug hiding in plain sight? Have you taken a wrong turn and ended up somewhere unexpected? Use maps, compasses, and camouflage to find your way or keep from being found! Get “lost” and find your way back to camp, and meet live animals to study their navigation and survival strategies.

**MAKE A SPLASH:** 6/20-6/24, 7/25-7/29, 8/22-8/26  
Dive into this camp and investigate the water all around us. Explore water from every angle as you dip, measure, and splash. Study how wetlands act as nature's water filter, observe aquatic animals in the wild, and uncover how water helped shape our home.

**NATURE DETECTIVES:** 6/27-7/1, 8/1-8/5  
Why is a box turtle’s tail so short? How come baby salamanders have gills? How do some animals survive completely underground? Discover the answers to these questions, and more, as you study organisms from the pond, prairie, woods, and soil. Hike our trails and explore the Critter House as you investigate amazing animals and the adaptations that make them special.

**WHIZ KIDS:** 7/11-7/15, 8/8-8/12  
LSNC is the laboratory where you build things that float, fly, and even explode! Learn to think like a scientist and design like an engineer as you set out on daily excursions to conduct fun experiments. Building boats, engineering rockets, and making sticky slime are just a few examples of the fun that awaits you!

**Did you know?** Campers take control and choose what activity they want to do during Choice Time! UIL summer camps for Kindergarten through 5th grade include Choice Time and Choice Day, complete with snacks and fun crafts.
AGES: Completed Fourth or Fifth Grade
FEE: $300
SCHEDULE: M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

We’re evaluating overnights and if possible, they’ll be available for $30/night with dinner and breakfast included. We will announce if they are available on May 1st.

THE ART OF SURVIVAL: 6/13-6/17, 8/8-8/12
Learn how to succeed in a wilderness adventure at this survival camp with an artistic flair. Build a fire and create art from clay, make skits as you practice wilderness first aid, and harness the creative power of your group as you complete challenges in the woods and on the river.

MYTH, LEGEND, LORE: 6/27-7/1, 8/15-8/19
Uncover the truth behind the disappearances of Black Pond and solve the mysteries of metamorphosis as you weave tall tales and follow trails across Ann Arbor. Meet live animals from legend and lore, and complete team challenges to accomplish mythological feats. Only YOU can decide where your adventure leads and how the story ends.

INTO THE WILD: 8/1-8/5
You’ll never make discoveries sitting at home! Get off the couch and into the wild as you encounter animals, explore the Huron River, and learn to survive the elements while conducting your important research. Apply your skills as you identify wildlife from camera traps across the state and work with professionals to care for captive animals that help humans learn about their wild counterparts.

INVADERS: 7/18-7/22, 8/22-8/26
Join the fight against garlic mustard, honeysuckle, carp and more as you battle invasive species that threaten the delicate ecosystems of Southeast Michigan! Explore Ann Arbor by foot, bus, and kayak as you search for “aliens” hidden in the river, pond, prairie, and forests. Learn how experts manage invasives through controlled burns, and help restore habitats to create strong, diverse ecosystems at LSNC and beyond.
Spend some of your summer in the great outdoors when you volunteer at Unity in Learning’s summer camps! Join other teens from Washtenaw County as you develop new leadership skills, gain valuable work experience, and learn about Michigan’s natural history, ecology, chemistry, biology, and physics. Participate in camp favorites like tie dye and silly games! Applications will open in early spring. Learn more and sign up on our website.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Youth 13-17 years old interested in environmental issues, STEM, outdoor education, camp, teaching, or leadership
- Responsible individuals who are interested in mentoring younger kids and spending the summer outside, rain or shine
- Folks who want to share their skills and love for music, sports, art, theater, dance, etc. with our campers
- Youth who can commit to volunteering for at least two weeks, 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday between June and August, 2022

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES?

Volunteers help lead activities, provide one-on-one attention to campers, and assist with serving snack and cleaning buildings. Please read the summer camp volunteer job description on our website closely before applying. Contact our camp leadership team with any questions: camp@aahomesliesnc.org. Volunteers must also attend several evening or weekend training sessions in Spring.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Develop leadership skills, learn about science, and gain work/volunteer experience
- Participate in leadership development and skill-building opportunities, and receive performance feedback from Summer Camp Educators
- Upon request, receive documentation of community service or volunteer hours and a letter of recommendation

WWW.LESLIESNC.ORG/CAMPS/SUMMER-CAMPS/VOLUNTEERS
JOIN OUR STAFF
AT SUMMER CAMP

Working at camp is a real job. It’s a crash course in teaching, conflict resolution, and teamwork. It helps you build communication, critical thinking, and leadership skills that all employers are looking for. It’s hard work, it’s super fun, and it makes a lasting impact on the lives of the youth you serve.

Join us this summer!

WHY WORK AT CAMP?

• Receive ongoing professional development and skill-building opportunities useful for life and many jobs, as well as training and certifications that look great on a resume
• Learn and teach exciting content from several science fields while you practice skills in education and youth development such as behavior management and age-appropriate lesson planning
• Learn, practice, and facilitate conflict resolution, communication, and problem solving that will make you a valuable member of any team
• Mentor high school-age volunteers by providing coaching and performance feedback
• Gain networking opportunities with THREE of Southeast Michigan’s leading education organizations

WE’RE LOOKING FOR TEAM MEMBERS WHO...

• Are 18 or older and are positive, team-focused, and self-reflective
• Have a background or strong interest in education, recreation, or youth development
• Have skills or passions for music, the arts, science, and sports to share with kids
• Will support an inclusive camp environment and a staff culture centered around professional and personal growth
• Are bilingual in English and Japanese, Korean, or Mandarin

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

• Participate in mandatory camp training June 6-10, 2022
• Work for all or most of summer camp, June through early September

APPLY ONLINE | WWW.LESLIESNC.ORG/CAMPS/CAMP-JOBS