

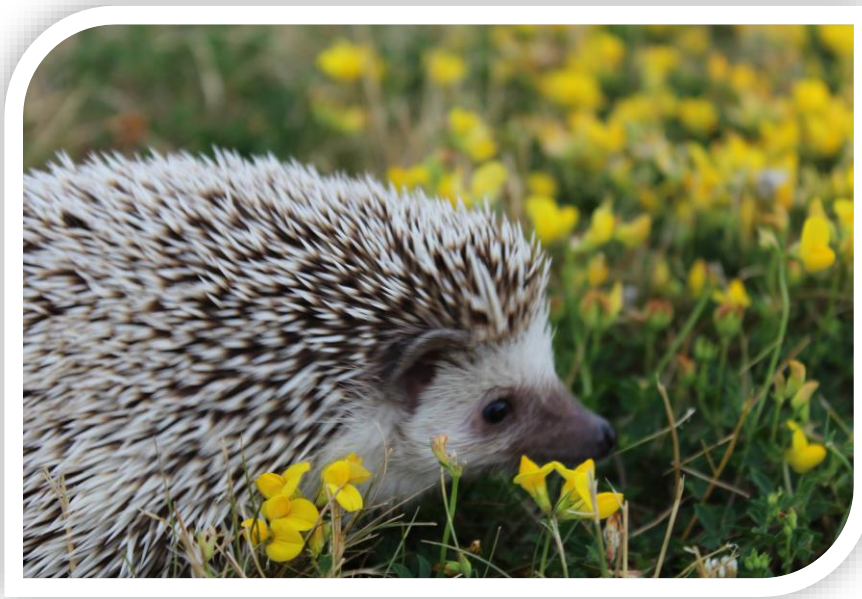
# 2017 Summer Camp Catalog

***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 beautiful lodge building there is plenty to explore!

Sincerely,

Laine Sempler

## Summer Camps at a Glance

All summer camps for 2017 will be in the Lodge except the Pre-K half-day camps, which will have the Library as their home base.

Week:	Completed Grades:	Camp Theme:
June 26 <sup>th</sup> -June 30 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Zookeepers
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Mad Scientists
July 5 <sup>th</sup> - July 7 <sup>th</sup> *	K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Walk on the Wild Side
July 10 <sup>th</sup> -July 14 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Nature Play
	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Wild Wetlands
July 17 <sup>th</sup> -July 21 <sup>st</sup>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Fishing
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Wilderness Survival
July 24 <sup>th</sup> -July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-K	Fairies, Sprites, and Dragons
	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Mad Scientists
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Fishing
July 31 <sup>st</sup> -Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Fossils and Dinos
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Zookeepers
Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup> -Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Homes and Hideaways
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Hunters and the Hunted
Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> -Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-K	"Fly-Guy Presents"
	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Scales and Tails
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Magical Beasts
Aug. 21 <sup>st</sup> -Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Feathers and Fluff
	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Pioneers to iPads
Aug. 28 <sup>th</sup> -Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Nature in a Nutshell
	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Beaks and Talons

**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-2<sup>nd</sup> session.**

**\*No camp July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> - museum is closed.**

# Summer Camp Highlights:

## **Zookeepers Camp Week 1**

**June 26<sup>th</sup>- June 30<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>- June 30<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>- July 7<sup>th</sup> K-5**

- Build a habitat bookmark from natural materials to keep
- Test the water from our ponds and use the Enviroscape to play with water cycles
- Make a bird feeder to take home
- Use Mud Watt to create electric charges from the soil!

## **Nature Play Week 3**

**July 10<sup>th</sup>- July 14<sup>th</sup> 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
- Climb trees and peer into cavities to see who nests there
- Tag, kickball and forts galore!

## **Wild Wetlands Week 3**

**July 10<sup>th</sup>- July 14<sup>th</sup> 3-5**

- Look under the surface of the pond and spot egg sacs, creepy crawly crustaceans, and see who's hiding in the algae
- Learn how the earth purifies water and build your own water filter – with dirt!
- Find fossils from the prehistoric wetlands and the water that covered New York millions of years ago
- Meet the squirmy salamanders and feisty frogs who rely on our wetlands

### **Fishing Camp- Week 4**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>- July 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>- July 21<sup>st</sup> 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
- Learn where to find edible fruits, 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!

### **Fairies, Sprites, and Dragons Camp Week 5**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>- July 28<sup>th</sup> Pre-K (9:00am-12:00pm)**

- Back by popular demand: live, play, and explore with fairies, dragons, woodland sprites and fun!
- Build your own take home fairy house, create your own fairy crown or dragon wings to wear
- Enjoy the outdoors and search the children's trail for magical friends
- Discover the world of dragons and create your own mythical creatures

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### **Fossils and Dinos Week 6**

**July 31<sup>st</sup>- August 4<sup>th</sup> K-2**

- Find real fossils in the woods from the Paleozoic era and make imprints to take home
- Be a dino detective – dig through the dirt and piece together a skeleton
- Get a close look at some critters today who are dino descendents – birds and dragonflies!

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### **Homes and Hideaways Week 7**

**August 7<sup>th</sup>- August 11<sup>th</sup> K-2**

- Build a life-sized beaver dam!
- Get tangled up in web weaving – see who you can catch in your lair!
- Hand-make a honeybee comb to take home
- Investigate our big backyard and find nests, holes, and hollows

### **Hunters and the Hunted Week 7**

**August 7<sup>th</sup>- August 11<sup>th</sup> 3-5**

- Practice the art of camouflage as you disguise yourself from your friends, and learn other natural defenses like mimicry, venom, and mobbing!
- Echolocate your prey like a bat, stalk like a fox, and learn to track and trap in the woods
- Watch our frogs, snakes, and scorpion hunt their prey, and see Hank our red-tailed hawk fly for his dinner!

### **“Fly-Guy Presents” Camp Week 8**

**August 14<sup>th</sup>-August 18<sup>th</sup> Pre-K (9:00-12:00)**

- Fly-Guy the series is coming to Tanglewood to teach you remarkable things about animals!
- Create your own Fly Guy wings to flap outside and play a metamorphosis game, and make a bug viewing jar to meet more friends
- Fly Guy I Spy, playtime on the trail, and animal friends every day!

### **Scales and Tails Week 8**

**August 14<sup>th</sup>- August 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Magical Beasts Week 8**

**August 14<sup>th</sup>- August 18<sup>th</sup> 3-5**

- Discover all the different magical creatures in habitats like the pond, the sky, and the woods - mermaids, salamanders in the fire, imps and brownies and gryphons and unicorns
- 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

### **Feathers and Fluff Week 9**

**August 21<sup>st</sup>- August 25<sup>th</sup> K-2**

- Learn how birds hatch out of eggs and how they grow
- Make your own binoculars to find birds in the wild
- Construct a nest like a bird to take home
- Cuddle some furry animals and take care of our animal friends

### **Pioneers to iPads Week 9**

**August 21<sup>st</sup>- August 25<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Nature in a Nutshell Week 10**

**August 28<sup>th</sup>- September 1<sup>st</sup> K-2**

- 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!

### **Beaks and Talons Week 7**

**August 28<sup>th</sup>- September 1<sup>st</sup> 3-5**

- Discover your passion for creatures that soar
- Watch Hank the Hawk fly and prepare a feast for Sophie the Owl
- Dig deep into the science of how raptors hunt, live, and migrate
- Dissect owl pellets and do a raptor hike!





# 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 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 Sempler (curator@stny.twcbc.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.

CIT applications can be found on our website and are due by May 15th to the CIT Coordinator, Bridget Sharry ([volunteer.tanglewood@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.tanglewood@gmail.com)). Late applications cannot be accepted.

# Registration and Cancellation Policies

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Pricing:

Regular Day 10am-3pm - \$105  
Extended Day 9am-4pm - \$135  
Extended Day 8am-5pm - \$165

## 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](http://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 2016! Being a member, you also receive benefits listed on our website at:

[www.tanglewoodnaturecenter.com/membershipbenefits](http://www.tanglewoodnaturecenter.com/membershipbenefits)

Thank you for your continued support.

## 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 2017, 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. 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 have indoor games and crafts in case of thunder and lightning.



*We look forward to seeing you this summer!*