



# CAMP FOXFIRE

## at Northwest Park



**Open to Pre-K through Grade 8**

**Weekly Sessions: Monday - Friday, July 5 - August 11, 2023**



### What is Camp Foxfire?

Camp Foxfire offers week-long nature programs that focus on science, agriculture, and environmental education within our 473 acre campus at Northwest Park. Northwest Park's staff are highly qualified individuals who enjoy working with children. All staff members are certified in First Aid and CPR. Camper groups are based on the grade your child will enter in the fall. For all open water-related activities, there will be a certified lifeguard in attendance. Each age group will include developmentally appropriate activities based on the weekly theme. The daily schedule includes hands-on exploration, hiking, meeting live animals, and a variety of active games.



### **Past to Present (July 5-7)** \*No Camp Monday, July 3 or Tuesday, July 4. Prorated.

From the prehistoric geohistory of Connecticut and the dinosaurs that once roamed the land to learning the history of Windsor and celebrating the culture of Native peoples, this week will immerse campers in a journey from past to present.

### **Aquanauts! (July 10-14)**

From sampling and testing various bodies of water, to frogging in the pond, hiking along the Rainbow Reservoir, or exploring how important our wetlands are, there's a great deal to see and do surrounding water at Northwest Park, and beyond!



### **Survival of the Fittest (July 17-21)**

This week, you'll learn important survival skills that will prepare you for any biome you may fall into.



### **Take Flight (July 24-28)**

Investigate and interpret the many animals of our world that take flight with their wings.

### **Farmapalooza! (July 31- August 4)**

Learn about why heritage breed animals are so important, and meet our resident goats, sheep, turkeys, cows, chickens, donkey, mule, and rabbits. Lend a hand caring for the animals and learn from the pros at the park.

### **BioBlitz! (August 7-11)**

A Bioblitz is also known as a biological inventory. Our goal this week is to get an overall count of the plants, animals, fungi, and other organisms that live in Northwest Park. If you can name it, we will count it!



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**PreK-Kindergarten | 9:00am-12:00pm**

**\$200 Windsor residents \$215 Nonresident**

**"Lunch Bunch" add-on: 12:00pm-1:00pm, \$50/week flat rate**

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-  **Past to Present (July 5-7):** What lessons can we learn from Native cultures? Enjoy a special presentation from CT DEEP, get lost in traditional storytelling using the stars, learn about traditional Native American foods and gardening techniques, and explore Northwest Park with an exciting excursion to our Eubrontes dinosaur footprint. **\*No Camp Monday, July 3 or Tuesday, July 4.** Prorated. \$120 residents; \$135 nonresidents.
-  **Aquanauts! (July 10-14):** From goop scooping and frogging in the pond, to hiking along the Marsh Overlook trail, this is sure to be a wild week filled with water and fun! Explore why our wetlands are so important to the critters that live there and join us for a visit by a portable touch tank from the Maritime Aquarium filled with sea creatures to explore.
-  **Survival of the Fittest (July 17-21):** Welcome to the great outdoors! This week, you'll learn what it takes to survive in the wild. Whether it be foraging and gathering supplies to build small shelters, or observing the different animals of Northwest Park to see how they survive. You'll get the chance to observe plants and animals up close and use the power of the sun to make S'mores.
-  **Take Flight (July 24-28):** How do animals fly? This week, learn about the birds of our world that take flight using their wings. Come investigate their special adaptations and observe live birds of prey this week. You'll also be diving into the extraordinary world of bats and bugs to see how different their wings are compared to bird wings, yet they are still able to fly.
-  **Farmapalooza! (July 31- August 4):** This week will focus on a different type of animal each day, as we get up close and personal with Northwest Park's farm. Feel the wool left by the sheep, feathers from the turkeys, and fur from our rabbits, to understand their different body coverings. Learn about what they eat, how they help humans, and how our staff care for such amazing creatures.
-  **BioBlitz (August 7-11):** We need your help! We want to make the longest list that we can, to see how many different plants and animals live here in Northwest Park. We'll teach you how to identify them as we explore the trails; and some visitors from Riverside Reptiles Education Center will be stopping by. This week, we use our counting skills and keen sense of sight and sound to leave no rock unturned. Can you help us?

**Payment Policy:** Full payment must be received if registering for only one week. For campers attending multiple sessions, payment plans are available. The first week must be paid in full at the time of registration, and a \$25 deposit is required for each additional week. The remaining balance of each weekly session will be automatically charged 30 days prior to the start of that session. For more information, contact the Nature Center at 860-285-1886. **Scholarship Applications** for summer 2023 are available now to Windsor residents who meet the State of Connecticut Income Verification Guidelines. Residents are eligible for up to a 50% scholarship for summer programs only. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 860-285-1990. **Refund Policy:** If you cancel registration more than 30 days in advance of the session start date, you will receive a full refund, less a \$25 processing fee. Cancellation 14-30 days before the session start date will receive a 50% refund. Cancellation less than 2 weeks prior to the start of the camp session will receive no refund. If a camper is dismissed from Camp Foxfire due to behavioral misconduct, no refund will be awarded. More information on our discipline policy can be found in our Camp Forms and Parent Handbook.

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**Grade 1-2 | 9:00am-4:00pm**

**\$330 Windsor residents \$355 Nonresident**

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-  **Past to Present (July 5-7):** Explore how Native cultures used their understanding of the natural world to thrive for thousands of years in the Woodland ecosystem. This week, we will enjoy a special presentation from CT DEEP and immerse ourselves in traditional storytelling by taking a trip inside our Starlab planetarium. **\*No Camp Monday, July 3 or Tuesday, July 4.** Prorated. \$198 residents; \$223 nonresidents.
-  **Aquanauts! (July 10-14):** From frogging in the pond, to experimenting with water in new and interesting ways, hiking along the Bog Trail, and exploring why our wetlands are so important to the critters that live there; join us for a wild week filled with water and fun! We will be visited by animals from the Maritime Aquarium to discover salt water adaptations and compare them to the freshwater species found here in Northwest Park.
-  **Survival of the Fittest (July 17-21):** Every living thing has the same basic needs: food, water, shelter & space. Discover how plants and animals satisfy their needs in their unique habitats and what it takes to come out on top in the game of survival. Have humans learned any lessons from the natural world? Perhaps, we can use the power of the sun to cook a tasty snack.
-  **Take Flight (July 24-28):** Not many animals can fly. Learn about the unique creatures of our world that take flight with their wings; from birds, to bats, to bugs! Come investigate their special adaptations and how their different wings work to lift their bodies into the air. Enjoy a visit from live birds of prey to highlight these magnificent creatures as you dive into the wonderful world of wings!
-  **Farmapalooza! (July 31- August 4):** The farm animals of Northwest Park are waiting for you! Learn about why these animals are so important and how we care for them as you meet our various heritage breed farm animals up close. Get your hands dirty as we explore what's growing in the garden and see if you've got what it takes to be a farmer.
-  **BioBlitz (August 7-11):** We need all the help we can get this week! If you can name it, we will count it! Come learn how to use binoculars, magnifiers, and ID books as we make the biggest list we can, ending in an Animal Olympics on Friday. Parents/guardians are invited to join our Closing Ceremony and Riverside Reptiles Education Center will be making an appearance this week with native CT wildlife.

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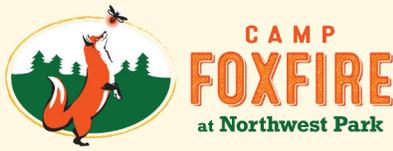
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**Grade 3-4 | 9:00am-4:00pm**

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-  **Past to Present (July 5-7):** Take a step back in time and learn about the dinosaurs that once walked this land. Northwest Park is full of dinosaur history, and even has its own dinosaur footprint left behind from the amazing Eubrontes. You will discover how these amazing beasts lived and what they did to survive. **\*No Camp Monday, July 3 or Tuesday, July 4.** Prorated. \$198 residents; \$223 nonresidents.
-  **Aquanauts! (July 10-14):** Join us for a wild week filled with water and fun. On the agenda this week: performing ice experiments, hiking along the Bog Trail, exploring how important our wetlands are to the environment, keeping cool with water games and frogging in the pond. The adventure continues with paddling on the Rainbow Reservoir as we discover the importance of dams and their effect on plants, animals and humans. \$330 residents, \$355 nonresidents.
-  **Survival of the Fittest (July 17-21):** Do you think you have what it takes to survive in Northwest Park? Learn the art of stalking and camouflage from the animals and plants that call Northwest Park home. Explore water purification methods, along with knot-tying skills, and enjoy a field trip to Dinosaur State Park to gain insight as to how survival tactics change based on the harshness of your environment. \$350 residents, \$375 nonresidents.
-  **Take Flight (July 24-28):** Not many creatures can call themselves aerial animals. Learn about the various creatures of our world that take flight! Come investigate the unique adaptations of birds, bats, and even bugs, and explore how their wings work to lift their bodies into the air. A special guest with live birds of prey will be stopping by this week and on Friday evening, you're invited to join us for a **Family S'mores Night**. \$350 residents, \$375 nonresidents.
-  **Farmapalooza! (July 31- August 4):** The farm animals of Northwest Park require special care and diets. Learn about why these heritage breed animals are so important, immerse yourself in Connecticut's agricultural history with a guided tour in our Tobacco Museum, and transform into a farmer this week as you muck the stalls, feed the animals, and learn what it takes to run a farm successfully with happy and healthy animals. \$330 residents, \$355 nonresidents.
-  **BioBlitz (August 7-11):** A Bioblitz is also known as a biological inventory. If you can name it, we will count it! Come learn how to use binoculars, magnifiers, and ID books as we make the biggest list we can, ending in an Animal Olympics on Friday. Parents/guardians are invited to join our Closing Ceremony! Riverside Reptiles Education Center will be making an appearance this week with native CT wildlife to showcase the uniqueness of their individual adaptations. \$330 residents, \$355 nonresidents.

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Grade 5-8 | 9:00am-4:00pm

Camp Foxfire offers week-long nature programs that engage children in active, field-based exploration and discovery. All lessons are designed to stimulate scientific thinking and collaborative problem solving. Age-appropriate activities will develop confidence and resilience through progressively challenging experiences that include day trips to other unique natural environments and nighttime exploration opportunities. Northwest Park's staff are highly qualified individuals who enjoy working with children. All staff members are certified in First Aid and CPR. Camps are based on the grade your child will **enter in the fall**. Grade 5-8 camps have 2 adult leaders with no more than 16 participants total, and one Junior Counselor.

-  **Past to Present (July 5-7):** Take a step back in time to discover the evolution of communication. From grunts, yelps and howls to echolocation, human speech and now emojis, see how communication has adapted animals to better survive in the world. Explore how Native cultures used their understanding of the natural world to thrive for thousands of years in the Woodland ecosystem. You'll be immersed in our agricultural past, as told by our resident expert at the Tobacco Museum, while also gaining insight into Windsor's past with a trip to the Windsor Historical Society. **\*No Camp Monday, July 3 or Tuesday, July 4.** Prorated. \$213 residents, \$238 nonresidents.
-  **Aquanuts! (July 10-14):** This week will be overflowing with various activities. You'll be experimenting with ice, trekking into the marshes and wetlands of Northwest Park to take water samples, examining the biodiversity of our ponds, and discovering the cause/effects of water pollution using our EnviroScape. Set sail on a canoe trip down the Farmington River and get ready to investigate shoreline ecosystems with a field trip to Hammonasset. Make sure you bring your water shoes or rain boots. We're going to get wet. \$355 residents, \$380 nonresidents.
-  **Survival of the Fittest (July 17-21):** The key to survival is keeping your wits and maintaining a positive mental attitude. Second to that is knowledge. Come explore water purification methods, learn knot-tying skills, compete in a camouflage and stalking contest, and enjoy a canoe trip on the Farmington River. This week ends with a **Family Campout**, showcasing to parents/guardians the skills campers learned throughout the week. Are you ready to show what you've got? \$400 residents, \$425 nonresidents.
-  **Take Flight (July 24-28):** The creatures of our world that take flight with their wings are bats, birds, and insects. Come investigate the unique adaptations between these different species, and learn how their wings work to lift their bodies into the air. A special guest will showcase live birds of prey to highlight just how unique the art of flying is. On Friday evening, you're invited to join us for a **Family S'mores Night**. \$355 residents, \$380 nonresidents.
-  **Farmapalooza! (July 31- August 4):** This week, you will learn how the farm runs inside and out to provide the best care for the animals that live here. Preparing food, cleaning stalls, and grooming animals are all tasks on your to-do list. Learn from experts at Northwest Park and in the agricultural community to discover the role of modern farming in Connecticut. We will end the week with a **Family Campout** as campers showcase the skills they've learned. Rise and shine to experience early morning farm chores and a farm fresh breakfast. \$400 residents, \$425 nonresidents.
-  **BioBlitz (August 7-11):** A Bioblitz is also known as a biological inventory. Learn to use binoculars, magnifiers, and ID books as we make the longest list of plants and animals that can be found in Northwest Park. We will end the week with an Animal Olympics. Parents/guardians are invited to join our Closing Ceremony! We'll also be visited by Riverside Reptiles Education Center's native CT wildlife species and take a field trip to the Marsh Botanical Gardens to explore the unique adaptations of the plants they house. \$355 residents, \$380 nonresidents.

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