



CAMP FOXFIRE

at Northwest Park



Open to Pre-K through Grade 8

Weekly Sessions: Monday - Friday, July 1 - August 9, 2024



What is Camp Foxfire?

Camp Foxfire offers week-long nature programs that engage children in active, field-based exploration within our 473-acre campus at Northwest Park. Experience the natural world through a variety of activities that nurture each child's curiosity to create a dynamic and thrilling summer of adventure! The daily schedule includes hands-on exploration, hiking, meeting live animals, active games with a nature twist, and plenty of opportunities to get wet and stay cool. Age groups are based on the grade your child will enter in the fall.



Space Rocks (July 1-5) *No Camp Thursday, July 4. Prorated.

To kick off this camp season, come explore the vastness of space and learn just how small we really are. Together, we will interpret constellations, make our own rockets, and train as astronauts as we ready ourselves to be launched into the solar system!

H2Whoa! (July 8-12)

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!



Farmapalooza (July 15-19)

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.



Full STEAM Ahead (July 22-26)

Become a scientist as we hypothesize and test a variety of experiments to learn about the natural world and how everything is connected. Your challenge this week will be to invent your very own doohickey to display at our 'Gadgets & Gizmos Aplenty' fair.

Survival of the Fittest (July 29- August 2)

You won't just learn how to make a shelter, fire, or forage to cook your own food, but gain important survival skills. Master the art of tracking animals, camouflage, water filtration, identifying plants, and of course, orienteering.



Wild Child (August 5-9)

Prepare for messy play, child-led decisions, and epic nature adventures! By offering a healthy balance between structure and freedom, we put the power in your hands. Let yourself become a wild thing this week by completely immersing yourself in nature.

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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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PreK campers must be at least 4 years old by June 1, 2024 and potty trained.

-  **Space Rocks (July 1-5):** Do you wonder about space? Explore what stars, planets, meteors, and black holes are as you adventure inside our inflatable Starlab planetarium! You'll also have the chance to build and test your own rockets! Get ready to train as an astronaut to see what it would be like to be launched into the solar system. Up, up, and away!
No Camp Thursday, July 4. Prorated. \$160 residents; \$175 nonresidents.
-  **H2Whoa! (July 8-12):** Bring a change of clothes because you'll be getting wet! Come find and scoop different areas of water within the park to look at the tiny creatures that live there. Enjoy frog-catching and exploring how important water is to plants and animals. Be a "Fish Outta Water" with canoes on land and an oar to practice your rowing skills! You will learn the importance of canoe safety while imagining you're floating down the Farmington River.
-  **Farmapalooza (July 15-19):** This week focuses on our farm animals! Our animals are so important and you'll be up close to them to learn about the special ways in which they stay warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and how their wool, milk, and eggs are used by farmers. A special presentation from our Animal Care Specialist is being planned and you'll get the chance to help in our Community Garden by weeding and planting more crops!
-  **FullSTEAM Ahead (July 22-26):** Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math oh my! As scientists this week, you will explore how everything in nature is connected and discover how art and math are related. From learning about what makes a tree a tree and how clouds are formed, to painting with your feet or building your own experiments, this week will prove just how fun, silly, and messy STEAM can be! This week also includes a learning opportunity through the use of magic that you won't want to miss!
-  **Survival of the Fittest (July 29-August 2):** Do you have what it takes to survive in the wild? You will investigate the different ways animals survive and try to copy their camouflage or sneaky behavior by getting acquainted with the Nature Center animals. This year, you'll be introduced to Beginner Archery Lessons with kid-safe materials. Take aim and hit the bullseye! Discuss fire safety around a real campfire and enjoy your very own trail mix that we make together, too.
-  **Wild Child (August 5-9):** Prepare for a wild week of messy play, child-led decisions, and epic nature adventures! By offering a healthy balance between structure and freedom, we put the power in your hands. Will you be going on new adventures throughout the park or getting messy from paint rockets? The choice is yours and your fellow campers. This week also includes a birds of prey presentation from Wing Masters, and to close out the summer, our third annual Animal Olympics will be making a return! Care to test your skills to become the reigning champions?

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 is due 30 days prior to the start of that session. For more information, contact the Nature Center at 860-285-1886. **Scholarship Applications** for summer 2024 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 Nature Center at 860-285-1886. **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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-  **Space Rocks (July 1-5):** Do you ever wonder why Pluto is no longer considered a planet or why we see different phases of the moon each month? This week, explore the vastness of space inside our inflatable Starlab planetarium to hear the fantastic stories of the constellations and to answer all these questions! You will also discover what's inside a geode, train as astronauts, discover the mysteries beyond our solar system, and of course, determine if aliens are real or not. **No Camp Thursday, July 4.** Prorated. \$264 residents; \$289 nonresidents.
-  **H2Whoa! (July 8-12):** Get ready to get wet! Whether your group is exploring the frogs in our pond, observing beaver dams and then building your own, making your own clouds while learning about the water cycle, or experimenting with ice, there's so much to absorb this week, you won't want to miss out! Experience canoeing on land as a "Fish Outta Water" with dry-docked canoes, PFDs, and oars! We will learn about canoe safety as we imagine ourselves paddling down the Farmington River. Row, row, row, your boat!
-  **Farmapalooza (July 15-19):** This week focuses on the farm animals of Northwest Park. Our Heritage animals are so important and you'll be able to get up close to them and learn about their unique adaptations. Gain an appreciation for the hard work our farmhands do here and experience a special presentation from our Animal Care Specialist. Come learn how foods such as butter, cheese, and yogurt are made while enjoying a tasty snack! Don't forget to also help welcome our new cow, Reba, to NWP. She came to us this past Christmas and can't wait to meet you!
-  **Full STEAM Ahead (July 22-26):** Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math oh my! Explore how everything in nature is connected and how art and math are related through symmetry. Learn about what makes a tree a tree and how clouds are formed. Paint with your feet or build your own structures. This week includes a lesson with the help of magic that you won't want to miss! You will prove just how fun, silly, and messy STEAM can be! This week concludes with our Gadgets & Gizmos Aplenty science fair show. Impress your grownups and your peers with your group's invention!
-  **Survival of the Fittest (July 29-August 2):** Can you survive the elements? Prepare for the ultimate adventure as we explore NWP together and introduce basic survival skills. Discover how animals survive in the wild using their own special adaptations and compare them to animals kept as pets or in captivity. Gather around the campfire to learn the importance of fire safety and enjoy a sweet treat. Take aim and practice Beginner Archery with kid-safe materials. Can you hit the bullseye?
-  **Wild Child (August 5-9):** Messy play, child-led decisions, and epic nature adventures await during this final week of camp! You'll be deciding, along with your peers, what activities to partake in each day of camp. This week also includes a wild presentation from Wing Masters with live birds of prey. To end camp, we will be conducting our third annual Animal Olympics! Come get wild with us!

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Grade 3-5 | 9:00am-4:00pm

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-  **Space Rocks (July 1-5):** Experience the vastness of outer space as we blast off inside our inflatable Starlab planetarium to understand the stories written in the stars. You will train as astronauts, discover the mysteries of our solar system through interactive activities and demonstrations, ponder the existence of aliens, and determine if the moon is really made of cheese or not. No Camp Thursday, July 4. Prorated. \$264 residents; \$289 nonresidents.
-  **H2Whoa! (July 8-12):** You're going to get wet! This week, you will be making your own clouds while learning about the water cycle, experimenting with ice, taking and testing water samples from local sources, and even getting the chance to investigate three different types of shorelines at Hammonasset State Park. You'll also have the chance to participate in a Canoe Float excursion on the Rainbow Reservoir. There's so much to absorb this week, you won't want to miss out! \$350 residents; \$375 nonresidents.
-  **Farmapalooza (July 15-19):** This week focuses on the farm animals of Northwest Park. Our Heritage animals have very unique adaptations. You'll learn about our animals, and then take a trip to Fairvue Farms to explore a working dairy farm and enjoy some farm-fresh ice cream on your way back to camp. Yum! Come learn how farm products are made and gain an appreciation for our hardworking farmhands. \$350 residents; \$375 nonresidents.
-  **Full STEAM Ahead (July 22-26):** Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math! Learn about how birds fly, how plants grow, how to use your imagination in new and creative ways, and how to test a hypothesis. You'll see just how fun, silly, and messy STEAM can be! Come take a trip to the CT Science Center to explore their Science Alley and Engineering Lab! This week concludes with our Gadgets & Gizmos Aplenty science fair show to display your creations to your peers and family! \$350 residents; \$375 nonresidents.
-  **Survival of the Fittest (July 29-August 2):** Anyone who spends much time out in nature knows that your situation can change in an instant. Practice fire and shelter building and enjoy an adventure to the furthest reaches of NWP as an introduction to day-packing. Sharpen your survival skills with a special Atlatl program by CT DEEP as you learn to use this ancient hunting tool and try your luck at hunting a wooly mammoth for yourself! This year also marks the return of the **Family Extended Day** experiences on Friday evening that will showcase camper skills to their grownups. \$355 residents; \$380 nonresidents.
-  **Wild Child (August 5-9):** Prepare for a seriously messy, child-led, and epic week of camp! You'll be making the decisions! Will you choose to step outside of your comfort zone to investigate the creepiest of crawlies that live under our feet or take another whack at building the perfect beaver dam? Vote on your favorites together! This week includes a wild birds of prey presentation from Wing Masters. To end camp, we will be conducting our third annual Animal Olympics and inviting grownups to the closing tug-o-war ceremony! \$330 residents; \$355 nonresidents.

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Grade 6-8 | 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 may 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 6-8 camps have 2 adult leaders with no more than 18 participants total, and one Junior Counselor.

-  **Space Rocks (July 1-5):** Do you know what a black hole is? Is there any sound in space? Do you know how small Earth is in comparison to the Sun? Join us to explore these questions and to experience the vastness of space inside our inflatable Starlab planetarium! Visit the CT Science Center to investigate the various forms of energy our sun provides and how they are essential to life on Earth. Come discover how astronauts have to adapt to life within a space station, and prepare to challenge yourselves to read constellations and remember their stories from ancient civilizations. Answer the age old question: Are we alone in the universe or do aliens exist?
No Camp Thursday, July 4. Prorated. \$280 residents; \$305 nonresidents.
-  **H2Whoa! (July 8-12):** Caution: You will get wet this week. Enjoy not one, but two canoe trips this week while also testing various bodies of water throughout NWP to determine their health. Ready yourselves to hike the Farmington River Trail and end up at the Burlington State Fish Hatchery to see why hatcheries are necessary and how they operate. Get up close to our resident fish and aquatic turtles to learn what goes into their care. The adventure continues as you set sail aboard the Onrust at the CT River Museum to understand how river landscapes are formed. \$365 residents; \$390 nonresidents.
-  **Farmapalooza (July 15-19):** Did you hear about our new Milking Shorthorn heifer, Reba? Come learn why she will never produce milk and all about the other amazing adaptations bred into our Heritage animals. You'll be visiting a working dairy farm, Oakridge Dairy Farm, and also have the chance to take our resident goats on a Goat Hike! Get ready to adventure to the Farmer's Market in preparation for our **Extended Day** on Friday night where you'll show your grownups how you've learned to care for the farm animals as you prepare and enjoy breakfast for dinner. Yum! \$375 residents; \$400 nonresidents.
-  **Full STEAM Ahead (July 22-26):** Fully immerse yourself in the epic adventures of STEAM along our trails and waterways. Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math by soaking in the awesome power of the Essex Steam Train and Riverboat on a 2.5 hour long eco tour! Finish your week-long discoveries with a 'Gadgets & Gizmos Science Fair' dismissal, showcasing your impressive and inventive doohickeys to your peers and grownups! \$365 residents; \$390 nonresidents.
-  **Survival of the Fittest (July 29-August 2):** This is the ultimate week of adventure and gaining practical skills to enjoy the great outdoors. Hike along the Metacomet Trail as an introduction into what day-packing entails as we pack our bags and trek onwards and upwards! Sharpen your survival skills with a special Atlatl program by CT DEEP. Learn to use this ancient tool and try your luck at primitive hunting. Grab your grownups and put your skills to the test at the **Overnight Family Campout** on Friday evening into Saturday morning. \$400 residents; \$425 nonresidents.
-  **Wild Child (August 5-9):** This week is jam-packed with onsite and offsite thrills to indulge your wild side! A few highlights include a trip to Sessions Woods to explore the benefit of Wildlife Management Areas, a thrilling birds of prey presentation from Wing Masters, and an exhilarating treetop zip lining excursion at the Adventure Park at Storrs. To end the summer, compete in our third annual Animal Olympics with a closing tug-o-war ceremony all are welcome to attend! Show us your wild side! \$365 residents; \$390 nonresidents.

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Junior Counselor Program

Pre-counselor mentorship program for ages 14 to 17



What is the Camp Foxfire JC Program?

The Junior Counselor (JC) Program is a pre-counselor training program, which focuses upon gaining the skills necessary to become a camp counselor. Spend your summer active in the outdoors at Northwest Park as you build your natural history knowledge, gain hands-on work experience and earn volunteer hours!



Important Information:

Junior Counselor Applications are now available! **Applications are due back to Northwest Park by Monday, April 1, 2024.**

The 2024 Junior Counselor program has a maximum of 12 participants. Letters of acceptance will be sent via email no later than Monday, May 1, 2024.

All participants accepted into the program must be committed to at least two weeks of Camp Foxfire (camp runs from July 1 to August 9) and attend a mandatory 3-day Training Workshop, Wednesday June 19- Friday, June 21, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.



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