

**CAMP W.I.L.D. - Wander, Investigate, Learn, Discover**  
**2025 Summer Camp Schedule**  
**Mississippi Museum of Natural Science**

**Week 1: May 27 – 30 DINO WEEK**

• **Camp WILD: Kindergarten**

- Calling all future paleontologists and nature enthusiasts! Join us for a roar-some summer at Camp WILD's Dino-Explorers! This unique, full-day program is designed to spark curiosity and ignite a love of learning by combining the excitement of dinosaurs with hands-on exploration of the natural world.
- Each day at Dino-Explorers will be filled with:
  - Dino Digs: Unearth fascinating fossils and learn about the science of paleontology.
  - Nature Hikes and Explorations: Discover the plants, animals, and habitats that existed alongside dinosaurs.
  - Dino-themed Crafts and Activities: Create dinosaur masks, footprints, and other prehistoric-inspired projects.
  - Prehistoric Story Time and Games: Engage imaginations with tales of dinosaurs and nature.
  - Outdoor Adventures: Explore nature trails, play games, and enjoy the great outdoors.
- May 27 – 30, 2025
- 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- \$220.00 for MMNSF Members
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## **Week 2: June 2 - 5**

### • **Audubon Bird Camp**

#### • **Ages 9 – 12**

- The summer, campers ages 9-12 are invited to take to the trails and look to the trees at Audubon Bird Camp at Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. This week-long day camp, sponsored and led by MMNSF Members of Jackson Audubon Society, will take place from 9:00am to 3:00pm June 2-6. Campers will learn to identify native bird species using binoculars and field guides and participate in bird-themed games and activities. This is a wonderful opportunity for upper elementary aged students to get outside and explore the fascinating world of birds!
- June 2 – 5, 2025
- 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- \$220.00 for MMNSF Members
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### • **Camp WILD: Kindergarten**

- Calling all curious adventurers! Get ready for a summer of outdoor fun at Camp WILD! Our nature-based kindergarten camp is designed for curious little explorers who love adventure. This full-day program is designed to spark a lifelong love of nature by fostering curiosity, building confidence, encouraging exploration, and providing hands-on learning experiences in a fun and engaging environment.
- Each day at Little Nature Explorers will be filled with:
  - Forest Hikes & Nature Observation: Discovering hidden trails, identifying trees and plants, and observing local wildlife.
  - Animal Visits: Meeting and learning about live animals from our animal ambassadors.
  - Forest-Themed Crafts: Creating nature-inspired art using natural materials.
  - Games and Story Time: Enjoying fun games and listening to enchanting stories about nature.
- June 2 – 5, 2025
- 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- \$220.00 for MMNSF Members

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## **Week 3: June 9 - 12**

- **Field Camp**

- **9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades**

- Students entering grades 9-12, are you interested in science, the outdoors, and learning about your environment? Have you ever thought about spending the day with a researcher in the field?
- Well, if so, the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science's High School Field Camp may be just right for you need. Campers will spend the week in the foothills of the Appalachian Hills in Northeast Mississippi at Tishomingo State Park in Tishomingo, Mississippi. Exploring the Fall Hills Ecoregion and surrounding area.
- Guided by research scientists, we will study Mississippi's most unique area of hills and oak-hickory-pine forests, local species of fish, amphibians, birds, fossils and other natural riches in the drainage area of the Tennessee and Tombigbee rivers. There will be hiking and exploring the land and water environments that make this area an exceptional treasure. This camp is not for the faint of heart; however, it is truly a one-of-a-kind experience, providing a new perspective of what research scientists do daily. Come join us and explore Mississippi's beautiful habitats and amazing wildlife.
- June 9-13, 2025
- Mon 8:00am-Fri 4:00pm
- \$575.00 for MMNSF Members
- \$625.00 for non-MMNSF Members

- **Camp WILD: PreK Adventure Sprouts**

- **Ages 3 and 4 (must be potty trained)**

- Calling all mini curious adventurers! Get ready for a summer of outdoor fun at Camp WILD! Our preschool camp is designed for curious little explorers who love adventure. This half-day program is designed to spark a lifelong love of nature by fostering curiosity, building confidence, encouraging exploration, and providing hands-on learning experiences in a fun and engaging environment.
- Each day at Adventure Sprouts will be filled with:
  - Forest Hikes & Nature Observation: Discovering hidden trails, identifying trees and plants, and observing local wildlife.
  - Animal Visits: Meeting and learning about live animals from our animal ambassadors.
  - Forest-Themed Crafts: Creating nature-inspired art using natural materials.
  - Games and Story Time: Enjoying fun games and listening to enchanting stories about nature.
- June 9 – 12, 2025

- 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- \$140.00 for MMNSF Members
- \$160.00 for non-MMNSF Members

## **Week 4: June 16 - 19**

### **• Junior Naturalist Camp**

#### **• 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

- Jr. Naturalist Camp is an outdoor camp for rising 7th and 8th grade students. The camp runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day with the last day having an overnight “camp out” to Roosevelt State Park. Each day campers will have an opportunity to explore the great outdoors with some of our brightest biologists and educators while learning about ecology and conservation. Jr. Naturalists will have the ultimate camp experience—hiking, collecting, exploring, fieldwork, and canoeing, while making new friends!
- June 16 - 20, 2025
- 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- \$320.00 for MMNSF Members
- \$360.00 for non-MMNSF Members

### **• Camp WILD: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades**

- Get WILD in the outdoors at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science this summer! Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will Wander, Investigate, Learn, and Discover the outdoors of Mississippi as we spend time in and around the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science & LeFleur’s Bluff Park! Join conservation educators for a week of canoeing, archery, trail hikes, wetland discovery, nature crafts, and plenty of encounters with the many critters & ecosystems that call our state home!
- June 16 - 19, 2025
- 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- \$220.00 for MMNSF Members
- \$245.00 for non-MMNSF Members

## **Week 5: June 23 - 26**

### **• Camp WILD: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades**

- For all your “wild” ones who love nature and the outdoors! Encourage their need to explore and discover what the great outdoors has to offer with this engaging day camp. These junior explorers will spend their days enjoying what nature has to offer! The week will include activities such as trail hiking, exploring wetlands, observing real biologists at work, canoeing, experience encounters with native wildlife and more! Campers will have the opportunity to enjoy an overnight campout at the Museum on the last day!

- June 23 – 26, 2025
- 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- \$250.00 for MMNSF Members
- \$275.00 for non-MMNSF Members

## Week 6: July 7 - 11

### • **Splash Camp**

#### • **1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades**

- Calling all water lovers! Splash Camp is the perfect place for 1st-4th graders to cool off, have fun, and learn about the amazing properties of water. Get ready for a summer filled with playful science adventures!
- Each day at Splash Camp is filled with:
  - Conducting cool water experiments
  - Splashing and playing in exciting water games
  - Learning about the science behind the fun
- Get ready for a summer of discovery!
- July 7 – 11, 2025
- 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- \$140.00 for MMNSF Members
- \$160.00 for non-MMNSF Members

### • **Camp WILD: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades**

- Calling all rising 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders: Are you ready to get WILD with the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science? In this camp, students will have a WILD time as they Wander, Investigate, Learn, and Discover the Mississippi outdoors. Roam around the Museum with a conservation expert, get hands on wilderness experience, explore Lefleur's Bluff Park, and immerse yourself in nature with trail hikes, wetland discovery, nature crafts, and plenty of encounters with the many critters & ecosystems that call our state home!
  - July 7 – 11, 2025
  - 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
  - \$220.00 for MMNSF Members
  - \$245.00 for non-MMNSF Members

## Week 7: July 14 – 18

### • **Mad Scientist Camp – rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> graders**

- Calling all budding scientists! Get ready for a summer of bubbling concoctions, explosive experiments, and mind-blowing discoveries at Mad Scientists Camp! Through exciting hands-on experiments, campers will learn about

chemical reactions, lab safety, and the scientific method, all while having a blast.

- Get ready for a summer filled with fizz, bang, and plenty of "aha!" moments.
  - July 14 - 18, 2025
  - 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
  - \$140.00 for MMNSF Members
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  - Come dressed to get messy

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