

Open to Pre-K through Grade 8

Weekly Sessions: Monday - Friday, June 30 - August 8, 2025



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.

Invaluable Insects (June 30-July 3) *No Camp Friday, July 4. Prorated.

Discover the diverse roles that insects play in our ecosystem through engaging field activities and experiments. As you delve into the fascinating world of insects at NWP, you'll uncover a newfound appreciation for their importance.

H2Whoa! (July 7-11)

H2Whoa returns for non-stop aquatic fun as we uncover the park's diverse water habitats through hands-on exploration, frog-catching, and goop-scooping adventures. Be sure to bring a change of clothes, because this week, you're going to get wet!



Time Travelers (July 14-18)

Embark on an incredible adventure through Earth's histo<mark>ry as w</mark>e delve into the world of geology and dinosaurs. Identify awe-inspiring creatures that once roamed our pla<mark>net, st</mark>udying their anatomy, habitats, and behaviors. Uncover the mysteries of the past and gain an appreciation for the journey that brought them here today.

Farmapalooza (July 21-25)

Discover the rich history and significance of our heritage livestock breeds. Connect with our resident animals, like our donkey, sheep, turkeys, mule, cows, chickens, and more! Lend a hand caring for the animals and learn from the pros at the park.

Survival of the Fittest (July 28- August 1)

Embrace the spirit of Camp Foxfire with an action-packed week of wilderness survival! Learn essential skills to thrive in the great outdoors, including shelter building, fire-making, and foraging for wild edibles.

Everything's Connected (August 4-8)

Glimpse into the intricate tapestry of life as we explore the interconnectedness of nature! Discover how all living things, from the tiniest microorganisms to the grandest ecosystems, are intricately woven together in a delicate balance.





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

\$200 Windsor residents \$215 Nonresident

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

PreK-Kindergarten camp groups will have two adult Camp Teachers, with no more than 12 participants total, and one Junior Counselor. Camper groups are based on the grade your child will enter in the fall.

PreK campers must be at least 4 years old by June 1, 2025 and potty trained.

- Invaluable Insects (June 30-July 3): This theme is perfect for curious kids! You will explore insects through bug-catching activities, interactive games, and critter crafts. Come learn about bees, butterflies, beetles, and more, discovering their importance to our world. An engaging week about creepy crawlies awaits, including a visit from our friends at Riverside Reptiles Education Center! No Camp Friday, July 4. Prorated. \$160 residents; \$175 nonresidents
- **H2Whoa! (July 7-11):** Get wet and wild exploring the park's watery habitats, catching frogs, and discovering amazing creatures this week. Practice canoeing on land, as you imagine a Farmington River journey. Experience the thrill of goop-scooping while learning about the vital role water plays for plants and animals. Don't forget your extra clothes as you're bound to get wet this week as we investigate some of NWP's amazing waterways.
- Time Travelers (July 14-18): Embark on a prehistoric journey! Discover the fascinating world of dinosaurs through their eyes as we travel back in time to look at the history of stars, and just how different our world used to be when these magnificent animals roamed the Earth. Prepare to roar and stomp your way through an unforgettable week of dinomite fun!
- Farmapalooza (July 21-25): Are you ready for an eggs-citing week as you meet and learn about the amazing animals on the farm? Find out how cows, chickens, and other farm friends have adapted to live in different seasons. You'll have loads of fun exploring how wool, milk, and eggs are used, and even join our Animal Care Specialist in a super fun Duck Parade! Use your green thumb in the garden too, where you'll get your hands dirty pulling weeds and planting new tasty crops, just like a real farmer!
- Survival of the Fittest (July 28-August 1): Test your survival instincts in the wild and learn from the animal kingdom's camouflage masters. Meet the Nature Center animals and mimic their sneaky behavior strategies. Discover the art of beginner archery with kid-safe materials and aim for success as you shoot for the bullseye! Share fire safety tips around the campfire and enjoy a group-made trail treat. Make new friends, learn cool skills, and feel great about yourself—all while having tons of fun learning how to survive in the wild!
- Everything's Connected (August 4-8): Join this immersive week of discovering how nature's friends work together! Explore how bees help flowers grow, why birds eat buggy meals, and investigate tiny critters cleaning up the forest. We will learn about why some local animals are endangered and what happens because of it. Then, take part in another summer finale of Animal Olympics! May the odds be ever in your favor as you act like the animals you learned about this week!

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 2025 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.





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

\$335 Windsor residents \$360 Nonresident

Camps are based on the grade your child will enter in the fall. First and second grade camp groups will have two adult Camp Teachers with no more than 16 participants total, and one Junior Counselor.

- Invaluable Insects (June 30-July 3): Get up close and identify various insects through bug-catching, insect-related games, and critter crafts. Build a bug house and see which creature friends come to visit! By exploring the busy life of bees and the underground world of pill bugs and centipedes, you'll understand the important role insects play. Get ready for a week full of fascinating creepy crawlies, and awesome insects, featuring a visit from our friends at Riverside Reptiles Education Center. No Camp Friday, July 4. Prorated. \$268 residents; \$293 nonresidents
- **H2Whoa!** (July 7-11): Dive into the park's watery habitats by racing miniature boats to understand the power of currents, catching frogs to explore their life cycles, and discovering the many and amazing aquatic creatures of NWP. Practice canoeing on land and explore the Farmington River through the power of imagination! Identify aquatic animals and learn how important water is to both plants and animals. Don't forget extra clothes you're going to get wet this week!
- Time Travelers (July 14-18): Travel back in time to the world of dinosaurs! Learn about Earth's history, the stars and constellations, and how our planet has evolved over the course of millions of years. Craft your own fossil replicas to understand our prehistoric world. Look at a Eubrontes dinosaur footprint, remnants of glaciers within our woods, and think: In what ways did extinct plants and animals have to adapt as the world was changing? Come immerse yourself in all that we have to offer in a roaringly fun week as time travelers.
- Farmapalooza (July 21-25): Say hello to our farm animals up close while learning about their unique adaptations this week. Discover the many uses of wool while felting sheep fleece into a beaded craft. Conduct eggs-periments and discover why animal products such as milk, rabbit fur, and even duck feathers are so beneficial and how they're used today. Get excited for a special duck parade with our Animal Care Specialist, too!
- Survival of the Fittest (July 28-August 1): This week, you will hone your survival instincts in the wild and learn from the animal kingdom masters. You'll practice camouflaging and discover the art of beginner archery with kid-safe materials to aim for success. Share fire safety tips around the campfire and enjoy a group-made trail treat. Make friendships, build your confidence in the great outdoors, and gain knowledge that will carry into your everyday lives!
- **Everything's Connected (August 4-8):** Come explore the teamwork of a beehive, the strategy behind a bird's next meal, and understand why so many creatures rely on differing habitats. It's all connected! Learn about local species of concern and join our summer finale of Animal Olympics! May the odds be ever in your favor as you compete and play with your peers, acting like the animals you learned about this week!

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

\$335-355 Windsor residents \$360-380 Nonresident

Camps are based on the grade your child will enter in the fall. Third through fifth grade camp groups have two adult Camp Teachers with no more than 18 participants total, and one Junior Counselor.

- Invaluable Insects (June 30-July 3): Uncover the world of insects through investigating our beehives and the underground realm of pill bugs and centipedes that thrive in our compost pile. Discover their importance to our ecosystem as you monitor our bug houses in the sensory garden and peer into their natural hideaways within our community garden. Using magnifying glasses and ID guides, you'll observe and identify various insects around the park. This week also includes a visit from our friends at Riverside Reptiles Education Center! No Camp Friday, July 4. Prorated. \$268 residents; \$293 nonresidents
- H2Whoa! (July 7-11): Explore a variety of intertidal invertebrates with a field trip to Hammonasset State Park, float canoes on Rainbow Reservoir, and test your own miniature boats. Discover aquatic creatures, such as frogs and turtles, and explore life cycles that involve the amazing process of metamorphosis. Understand the importance of water as you test samples from various locations within NWP, concluding with a demonstration on how to filter your own! Bring a change of clothes, you're going to get wet this week! \$355 residents: \$380 nonresidents
- Time Travelers (July 14-18): Step back in time to learn about the history of Pangea, animal and plant fossils, constellations and stars within our brand new StarLab, and human adaptations over time. Craft fossil replicas after hiking to the onsite Eubrontes footprint, and discover how the landscape has changed, and still is changing today. Then, journey back to the era of dinosaurs as you take a trip to the newly reopened **Peabody Museum** and marvel at their awe-inspiring sizes! \$355 residents; \$380 nonresidents
- Farmapalooza (July 21-25): Come interact with our farm animals, exploring their unique adaptations and what makes a heritage breed so special. After a trip to the Fairvue Dairy Farm, enjoy an ice cream treat and discuss the many uses of farm products such as milk, cheese, wool, and eggs. Farm animals hold a great significance to our way of life, as do the agricultural practices of Windsor's farmers. You'll tour the Tobacco Museum and Archive Building to develop an understanding of the work and perseverance of those who tilled the soil and nurtured the land in years past, \$355 residents; \$380 nonresidents
- Survival of the Fittest (July 28-August 1): Get ready for a wild week of experiential learning as you hone your survival skills from the wilderness mastery of our Nature Specialist. Discover the art of atlatl throwing and foraging for your own food. Share fire safety tips around a campfire you built together, and enjoy a tasty treat. Practice camouflaging and stalking behavior. Challenge yourselves in a group shelter-building activity, using natural materials and teamwork to create a structure that can stand the test of time; and a good dousing from our watering can. \$335 residents; \$360 nonresidents
- Everything's Connected (August 4-8): Get ready for an exciting week that will showcase how all living things are connected! Play a food web game to discover how plants and animals depend on each other. Explore our pollinator garden, finding unique insects that help our environment thrive. Plus, take part in a clean-up challenge, showing how our actions impact all living things around us. Learn about local animals that are of special concern or even threatened, and what we can do to protect them. Finish the week with an awesome Animal Olympics! Let's discover together just how connected our world really is! \$335 residents; \$360 nonresidents

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Grade 6-8 | 9:00am-4:00pm

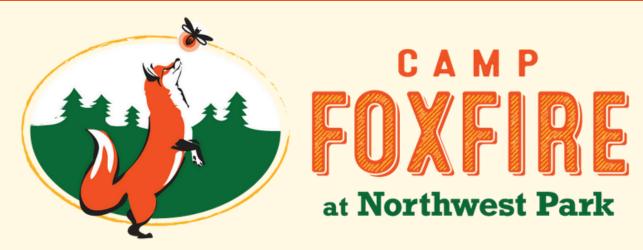
\$360 Windsor residents \$385 Nonresident

Camps are based on the grade your child will enter in the fall. Sixth through eighth grade camp groups will have two adult Camp Teachers, with no more than 18 participants total, and one Junior Counselor.

- Invaluable Insects (June 30-July 3): Delve into the fascinating world of insects by studying their anatomy, behavior, and ecological roles through dissections and hands-on activities. With a visit to Magic Wings, you'll explore butterfly life cycles and various species. Investigate our local beehives, run a field study of insects using ID guides like true scientists, and gain insight into the intricate balance of our ecosystem. You'll also get the chance to learn about nonnative insects through a visit from our friends at Riverside Reptiles Education Center. No Camp Friday, July 4. Prorated. \$288 residents; \$313 nonresidents
- H2Whoa! (July 7-11): Canoe the Farmington River, not once but twice! Visit the CT River Museum where you'll participate in their Shipyard program to learn all about boat design and maritime history. Uncover the truth about the scarcity of freshwater available through a water cycle game, and how to take care of the little we have through water testing, water filtration, and watershed exploration. This week concludes with an aquatic animal dissection to observe its adaptations, followed by a discussion on water conservation strategies and their impact on local ecosystems. Bring a change of clothes, you're going to get wet!
- Time Travelers (July 14-18): Embark on a journey through time at Old Sturbridge Village, where you'll experience the daily life of colonial New Englanders through authentic reenactments and engaging storytelling. At Hammonasset State Park, uncover the geological history of Pangea and continental drift during an immersive geology lesson that spans millions of years. Back at NWP, delve into the history of tobacco cultivation in Windsor, CT, learning about its significant role in the local economy and cultural heritage. Additionally, you'll take a journey in our StarLab planetarium to explore the constellations and celestial objects of the universe.
- Farmapalooza (July 21-25): Immerse yourself in agriculture with Northwest Park's heritage breed farm animals; engaging with them up close and discovering the unique traits that make each breed truly one-of-a-kind. Tour the fascinating operations at Oakridge Dairy Farm, learning about sustainable practices and the dedication required to care for their cow herd. Take our resident goats on a walk to eat unwanted plants, connecting with a time-honored method of land management still used by farmers today. Delve into Windsor's rich history with a tour of the Tobacco Museum and Archive Building, discovering the town's agricultural roots and the hard work of those who shaped it.
- Survival of the Fittest (July 28-August 1): Become a skilled survivalist in an action-packed week led by our Nature Specialist. Learn crucial techniques like fire-building, food foraging, and field first aid. Participate in archery and atlat throwing and investigate stone tools at South Windsor's Nowashe Village. Master the art of shelter-building with your teammates, and hone your camouflaging and stalking skills, to prepare for any challenge nature throws your way. Showcase your outdoor expertise with a final day-packing excursion to a local state park.
- Everything's Connected (August 4-8): Nature weaves an intricate tapestry where every thread, from the smallest seed to the tallest tree, binds life in a delicate, harmonious balance. Embark on a week of captivating field trip adventures to explore the interconnectedness of nature. Play food web games and analyze trail cam footage to uncover complex relationships within ecosystems. Take part in a camp cleanup challenge, emphasizing our human connections to the environment. Visit Ender's Waterfall and Marsh Botanical Garden to appreciate water's role in sustaining life and the importance of biodiversity. Discover local endangered animals and ongoing conservation efforts, and wrap up your explorations with our camp-wide Animal Olympics.

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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 will be available February 1, 2025. **Applications are due back to Northwest Park by Tuesday, April 1, 2025**. The 2025 Junior Counselor program has a maximum of 12 participants. Letters of acceptance will be sent via email no later than Thursday, May 1, 2025.

All participants accepted into the program must be committed to at least two weeks of Camp Foxfire (camp runs from June 30 to August 8) and attend a mandatory 3-day Training Workshop, Wednesday June 18- Friday, June 20, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.



The Junior Counselor Application is available at: townofwindsorct.com/recreation/northwest-park