

Baird Creek Summer Camp Guide 2025



2025 Summer Camp Schedule

\$90 for each 4 day camp for morning OR afternoon

Dates:	Ages:	Morning (9-11:30)	Afternoon (12:30-3)
June 9-12	Ages 6-11	Eco-Explorers	Creek & Critters
June 16-19	Ages 6-11	Creek & Critters	Eco-Survivors
June 23-26	Ages 5-6	Creek & Critters	Eco-Explorers
July 7-10	Ages 6-11	Eco-Survivors	Eco-Detectives
July 14-17	Ages 5-6	Eco-Detectives	Creek & Critters
July 21-24	Ages 6-11	Creek & Critters	Eco-Explorers
July 28-31	Ages 6-11	Eco-Adaptors	Eco-Survivors
Aug 4-7	----->	Eco-Experts (Ages 9-13)	Creek & Critters (Ages 6-11)

Lunch Care 11:30-12:30pm

Please [send](#) a peanut-free lunch that does not require refrigeration. Campers will eat lunch together during supervised lunch break 11:30-12:30. If your child is staying for lunch but not afternoon camp, they must be picked up before 12:25. *Lunch care is \$25 for the week, payment to be made when purchasing camp tickets.*

Extended Camp Care 3-4pm

We have extended care from 3-4pm. During the extended hour, campers can participate in activities, such as drawing with chalk, rolling down our famous hill, blowing bubbles, or just relaxing after an active day at camp. *After camp care is \$60 for the week, payment to be made when purchasing tickets.*

Summer Camp Descriptions

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ECO-DETECTIVES

Some mysterious things have been happening around Baird Creek and we need your help to find out who is behind it...We are going to need you to put on your detective hats as we follow the tracks and traces of animals that live here, such as footsteps, feathers, fur, scat, slime, and bones! Each day we will be learning about the slimy, furry, feathery and dirt covered friends that live in Baird Creek before adventuring to find them, all while playing games and doing crafts!



ECO-EXPLORERS

A hiking we will go, a hiking we will go...it is time to put on your explorer shoes and discover the four main ecosystems in Baird Creek! We will take a journey to the prairie, forest, wetland, and creek. Exciting activities are planned for each destination to certify your kiddo becomes an official Baird Creek explorer!



CREEK & CRITTERS

Pull up your water shoes/boots and jump into our exciting week in the creek! This camp is full of hands-on fun and activities including the use of dip nets and a seine net to catch and identify the critters in Baird Creek. This camp is about getting down to the "macro" level and experiencing claws and tails in the creek. This camp will be sure to make a splash with your kiddos!

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ECO-SURVIVORS

With a nod to the book Hatchet...what if you were forced to survive in the wilderness with no phone, no food, and no shelter? What would you do? This thrilling camp will teach kiddos how to provide for your basic needs: clothing, shelter, food, water, medicine, heat and navigation. Let's see if they can survive Baird Creek!



ECO-ADAPTORS

Ever wonder why a woodpecker doesn't get a concussion while pecking a tree? Or how a tree creates a band aid for themselves when they get hurt? Over millions of years, plants & animals have adapted to thrive in Baird Creek! But how do they do that and why? Join us & discover how species have adapted & why it helps them survive in our backyard! This summer camp is sure to help kiddos uncover the secrets of the four ecosystems in Baird Creek and become a true nature expert!



ECO-EXPERTS (NEW CAMP FOR AGES 9-13 YEARS OLD)

This camp is for our older kids that love the outdoors and want to spend some time outside this summer with other nature lovers. Join us for an activity packed week where we take nature to the next level. We'll spend time hiking the trails, using charts to identify macroinvertebrates and plants, checking water quality of the creek and looking at specimens under microscopes! We will be jumping into science while having some fun!

Drop-off/Pick-Up

Campers should arrive at the Triangle Hill Chalet no more than 10 minutes prior to the start of camp. This allows our instructors to set up for a fun day! Campers should be picked up at the Chalet promptly at the end of camp & must be checked out with an instructor! They may ask for IDs & will be giving a handout to parents each day.

Photo Release

When registering for camps, parents/guardians can consent that children may be photographed and that the photos may be used in future Baird Creek Preservation Foundation publications and promotions.

Weather Info

All camps will be held rain or shine, so please be sure your child is dressed appropriately. Baird Creek does not cancel camps due to inclement weather. In the event of thunder, lightning, or other serious weather conditions, outdoor activities will be moved indoors for the safety of our campers.

Camper Expectations

Be Respectful – of others and attentive listening. Be Responsible – for your own items, camp equipment, others space. Be Safe – listen to instructors at all times. Your child will hear these expectations in depth on the first day of camp, but please share and discuss them beforehand. Thank you!

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations can be made up to 2 weeks prior to the start of camp. A \$10 administrative fee is charged for all cancellations; the remainder will be refunded to you. No cancellations or refunds are available with less than two weeks' notice. To cancel, please call 920-328-3505 or email lexi@bairdcreek.org.

Special Health Needs

If your child has special health needs please let us know during registration. It is the parent's responsibility to provide all necessary information to the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation prior to your child attending camp.



What to Bring to Camp...

We recommend your child bring the following, labeled items to camp:

- Snack (and a bag lunch if staying for lunch.)
- Water bottle – send your camper with fresh water every day, in a reusable, labeled water bottle. We do have a water fountain.
- Complete change of clothes, including underwear and socks – our campers are likely to get wet & dirty.
- Backpack to hold all your child's belongings
- A plastic bag for wet and/or muddy clothing that they change out of
- Raincoat / Rain poncho (no umbrellas please)
- Closed toe, comfortable shoes that can get wet – sneakers are fine. Water shoes/sandals/crocs are best for creek days. Rain boots spill over and fill with water, leaving campers uncomfortable.
- Hat – to protect from sun & insects.
- Sunscreen – please apply sunscreen on your child before dropping them off at camp. You may pack sunscreen in their bag to reapply mid-day.
- Bug Spray – this is not required, but highly recommended.



If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us!
920-328-3505 or lexi@bairdcreek.org

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the camper-to-counselor ratio?

6-1. We have a capacity of 18 campers for our 3 full-time staff. We often have volunteers join us for camp, making that ratio lower on those days or weeks.

2. Are staff and volunteers required to fill out a background check?

Yes, all staff, volunteers and anyone else attending camp must have a background check completed through BCPF before attending camp.

3. Are staff trained in first-aid?

Yes, at least one staff member is certified in first-aid and CPR for both adults and children. All 3 staff members carry a first-aid kit and cell phone in case of an emergency. Staff also carry the emergency contact information for all campers with us when we leave the building.

4. Are staff members ever alone with children?

No. We try our best to avoid one-on-one interactions with campers. This looks like sending campers in groups on emergency bathroom breaks and always staying together as a group when outside of the building.

5. Will I get more information before camp starts?

Yes, you will receive an email about a week before camp starts with all of the information you need for camp the following week. This includes a reminder about the dates and times, what to pack, where to meet, etc.

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