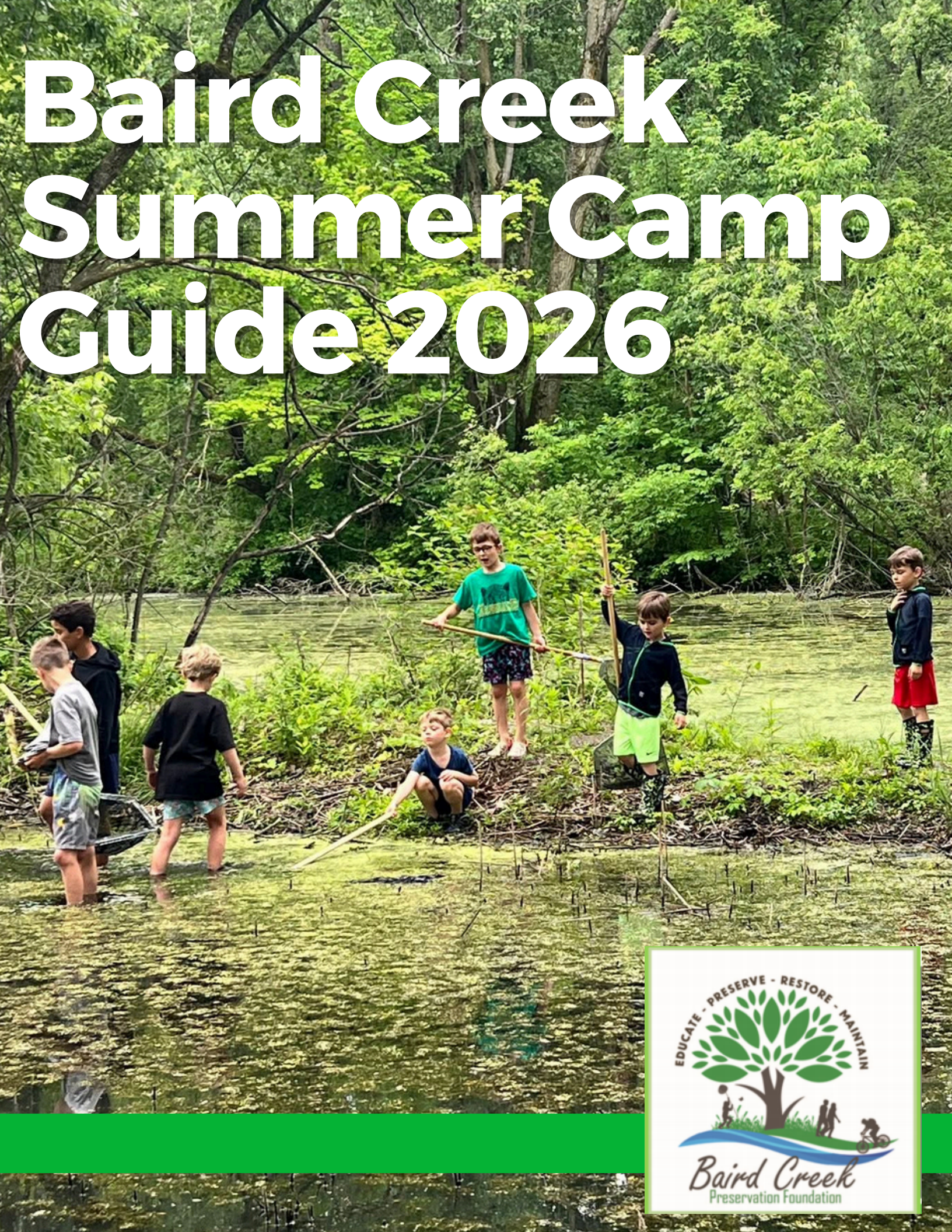
Baird Creek Summer Camp Guide 2026



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2026 Summer Camp Schedule

$95 for each 4-day camp (morning OR afternoon)

Dates	Ages	Morning (9-11:30)	Afternoon (12:30-3)
June 1-4	5 - 6	Eco-Explorers	Creek & Critters
June 8-11	9 - 13	Creek & Critters	Survivor Camp
June 15-18	6 - 11	Creek & Critters	Eco-Explorers
June 22-25	5 - 6	Creek & Critters	Trail Trackers
June 29-July 2	6 - 11	Nature Adapters	Creek & Critters
July 6-9	6 - 11	Trail Trackers	Eco-Explorers
July 13-16	5 - 6	Trail Trackers	Creek & Critters
July 20-23	9 - 13	Eco-Experts	Creek & Critters
July 27-30	6 - 11	Creek & Critters	Nature Adapters
Aug 3-6	9 - 13	Survivor Camp	Eco-Experts

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 $30 for the week. Payment should be made when purchasing camp tickets.*

Extended Camp Care 3-4pm

We have extended care from 3:00-4:00pm. 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 should be made when purchasing camp tickets.*

Summer Camp Descriptions

ALL CAMPS ARE MONDAY-THURSDAY, 2.5 HOURS WITH THE OPTIONS TO STAY FOR LUNCH 11:30-12:30 PM AND TO EXTEND AN HOUR AFTER AFTERNOON CAMP 3:00-4:00PM.

TRAIL TRACKERS

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 ensure your kiddo becomes an official Baird Creek explorer!

CREEK & CRITTERS

A camp favorite...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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SURVIVOR CAMP

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 their basic needs: shelter, food, water, medicine, heat, and navigation. Let's see if they can survive Baird Creek!

NATURE ADAPTERS

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? Join us & discover how species have adapted to 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

This camp is for our older kids who 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 playing team-building games, hiking the trails, using charts to identify macroinvertebrates and plants, checking the 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 Building no more than 10 minutes before the start of camp. This allows our instructors to set up for a fun day! Campers should be picked up at the building promptly at the end of camp & must be checked out with a teacher! They may ask for IDs & will be giving a handout to the pickup guardian each day.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations can be made one month before the start of their registered 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 one month's notice. To cancel, please email lexi@bairdcreek.org.

Photo Release

When registering for camps, guardians consent if their child(ren) may be photographed and that the photos may be used in future BCPF publications and promotions. We also share all the fun we experienced that week in a Facebook album for parents to see what their camper(s) were up to!

Camper Expectations

Be Respectful – of others and use attentive listening. Be Responsible for your own items, camp equipment, and others' space. Be Safe – listen to teachers 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!

Weather Info

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

Special Health Needs

If your child has special health needs, please let us know during registration. It is the parents' responsibility to provide all necessary information to the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation before your child(ren) attending camp.

What to Bring to Camp...

We require your child to 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 for refills.
- Complete change of clothes, including underwear and socks – our campers are likely to get wet & muddy.
- A plastic/separate bag for wet and/or muddy clothing that they change out of to go into
- 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. We only recommend boots when we go to the pond. Teachers will alert you the day before when we plan on going to the pond.
- 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.
- Hat (optional) – to protect from sun & insects.
- Backpack to hold all of the above belongings.

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-teacher ratio?

We have a 6:1 camper-to-teacher ratio. We have a capacity of 15-18 campers for our 3 full-time staff. We often have volunteers join us for camp, making that ratio lower on those days or weeks. We keep our ratios small to ensure the safest environment for exploring outdoors together.

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 two staff members are certified in first-aid and CPR for both adults and children. All 3 staff members carry a first-aid kit and a cell phone in case of an emergency. Staff also carry the emergency contact information for all campers with them 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 may look 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to:

Lexi Angemi
Director of Programs & Operations
920-328-3505 or lexi@bairdcreek.org

Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability

Please read carefully before registering for a Baird Creek program. By registering for and participating in a Baird Creek program, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

Assumption of Risk
I understand that participation in Baird Creek educational programs involves inherent risks, including but not limited to personal injury, illness, disability, death, or property damage. I voluntarily assume all such risks for myself and/or my child(ren) and accept full responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage that may occur in connection with participation.

Release and Waiver of Liability
On behalf of myself and my child(ren), I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation, including its employees, agents, volunteers, and representatives, from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or related to participation in Baird Creek programs.

Medical Responsibility and Insurance
I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or illness that I or my child(ren) or I may suffer or cause while participating. I agree to bear all costs related to any such injury or illness. I further affirm that neither I nor my child(ren) nor I have any medical or physical condition that would interfere with safe participation, or that I voluntarily assume all risks and associated costs related to any such condition.

Legal Jurisdiction
I agree that any legal action related to this waiver or participation in Baird Creek programs shall be brought in the state in which the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation is located, and that the laws of that state shall govern. If any portion of this waiver is found to be unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Cont.

Minors
If I am registering a minor, I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child(ren) and that I consent to their participation. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation from any claims, including those alleging negligence, brought by or on behalf of the minor in connection with participation.

Emergency Medical Care
In the event of an emergency, I authorize the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation and its representatives to obtain emergency medical treatment for myself and/or my child(ren) if I cannot be reached. I agree to be financially responsible for any medical care provided.

Outdoor & Environmental Risks
I understand that Baird Creek educational programs may take place outdoors and may involve uneven terrain, weather conditions, insects, plants, wildlife, use of tools or natural materials, and other natural or man-made hazards. I voluntarily assume all risks associated with these conditions.

Program Conduct
I understand that the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation reserves the right to remove any participant whose behavior is unsafe or disruptive, without refund.

Acknowledgement and Agreement
I acknowledge that I have had sufficient time to read and understand this waiver and that I am voluntarily agreeing to its terms. I understand that participation in these programs may not be permitted without agreeing to this waiver, and I agree that this is a reasonable condition of participation.

Electronic Agreement
I understand that by checking the acknowledgment box during registration, I am providing my electronic signature and agreeing to be legally bound by this waiver.