



## HABITAT HIKERS 2026 CAMP THEMES/DESCRIPTIONS AULLWOOD AUDUBON CENTER JUNE 8-AUGUST 7

### Week #1-June 8-12: Wild & Wonderful Art

**Littles- age 5 9:00 am-4:00pm**

**\$300**

Find inspiration in nature and create some unique art with a variety of natural objects. You'll learn about the many habitats at Aullwood as you hike the trails collecting natural materials to use in your creations. We will use sticks, leaves, acorns and seeds whatever we can find to create ephemeral art, sculptures, mosaics, woodland fairies, spinning tops, clay pots, weavings and more. As part of participating in our Habitat Hikers summer camp, each camper gets their own T-shirt and backpack. Campers will track their hiking miles with special charms and earn different "backpack bling" for every week they attend.

**Chicks- age 6-7 9:00 am-4:00pm**

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**\$325**

Join naturalist and resident artist Chris Rowlands as you learn ways to use watercolors, colored pencils, and acrylic paints to create stunning nature art. Chris will guide you on hikes to the many habitats at Aullwood to observe the textures, lines, patterns, shapes and colors you can incorporate into your own artistic creations. Your personal artwork will be added to your take home portfolio. As part of participating in our Habitat Hikers summer camp, each camper gets their own T-shirt and backpack. Campers will track their hiking miles with special charms and earn different "backpack bling" for every week they attend. Fee reflects additional supplies.

## **Week #2-June 15-19: Birds, Beaks & Bows**

**Littles- age 5 9:00 am-4:00pm**

**\$300**

They have beautiful feathers, really cool nests, colorful eggs - Birds are the best! Grab your binoculars, Jr. Ornithologists, for fun filled explorations into the world of birds. Campers will open an owl pellet to check out cool bones. Learn to use binoculars and a spotting scope and participate in archery lessons. We will have resident archers instruct campers on how to shoot safely with a bow and arrows. We will practice with suction cup arrows and try our archery skills with the targets. Be on the lookout for our special "pizza bird." If it is spotted, we celebrate with pizza! As part of participating in our Habitat Hikers, each camper gets their own T-shirt and backpack. Campers will track their hiking miles with special charms and earn different "backpack bling" for every week they attend.

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As a Junior Ornithologist, you will be joining naturalist Sam Romeo as he guides you with monitoring bluebird boxes and using birding apps like Merlin and e-Bird to complete Community Science Projects. You will learn how to use binoculars and spotting scopes to identify local birds. Campers will get to explore study skins and learn about bird behavior. Campers will also be learning about how feathers are used in archery. We will have resident archers instruct campers on how to shoot safely with a bow and arrows. We will practice with suction cup arrows and try our archery skills with the targets. Be on the lookout for our special "pizza bird." If it is spotted, we celebrate with pizza! As part of participating in our Habitat Hikers, each camper gets their own T-shirt and backpack. Campers will track their hiking miles with special charms and earn different "backpack bling" for every week they attend.

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As a Junior Ornithologist, you will be joining naturalist and resident artist, Chris Rowlands as he guides you with helping to paint a special grassland bird on our final bathroom door. You will learn surprising bird facts and create your own piece of art to take home. Campers will get to explore study skins and learn about bird behavior. Campers will also be learning about how feathers are used in archery. We will have resident archers instruct campers on how to shoot safely with a bow and arrows. We will practice with suction cup arrows and try our archery skills with the targets. Be on the lookout for our special "pizza bird." If it is spotted, we celebrate with pizza! As part of participating in our Habitat Hikers, each camper gets their own T-shirt and backpack. Campers will track their hiking miles with special charms and earn different "backpack bling" for every week they attend. Fee reflects additional art supplies.

## **Week #3- June 22-26: Fossil Rock**

**Littles-- age 5 9:00 am-4:00pm**

**\$300**

You too can become a Rockhound (an amateur collector of rocks, fossils, or minerals) this summer. Learn all about rocks and how they are formed. You will get to erupt a volcano, identify and collect Ohio's fossils, create a crystal, make your own lava toy, smash a geode, and perhaps even eat some rocks? Campers are guaranteed to get muddy as they stomp through mud puddles and create sculptures with mud, sticks and stones! As part of participating in our Habitat Hikers, each camper gets their own T-shirt and backpack. Campers will track their hiking miles with special charms and earn different "backpack bling" for every week they attend.

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## **Week #4-July 6-10: Trees, Trails & Trolls**

**Littles- age 5 9:00 am-4:00pm**

**\$300**

Lace up those hiking boots as we hike the trails of Aullwood searching for Trolls. We will study the artistry of Thomas Dambo, world famous recycling artist, then create our own trolls from recycled materials. Campers will learn to identify trees by their leaves. Build shelters with sticks and participate in archery lessons. We will have resident archers instruct campers on how to shoot safely with a bow and arrows. We will practice with suction cup arrows and try our archery skills with targets. Grab those hand lenses and field notebooks to get up close and personal with numerous animal skulls, pelts, and more! You'll also get to identify different animal tracks and scat (yes that's the scientific word for poop) while learning interesting facts about Ohio animal species. As part of participating in our Habitat Hikers, each camper gets their own T-shirt and backpack. Campers will track their hiking miles with special charms and earn different "backpack bling" for every week they attend.

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## **Week #5- July 13-17: Butterflies, Beetles & Bees**

**Littles-- age 5 9:00 am-4:00pm**

**\$300**

Did you know butterflies can taste with their feet, some wasps sleep while hanging by their teeth and some crickets have ears on their front legs? Those are just a few of the fun facts you, as a Jr. Entomologists, will learn while exploring various habitats observing insects and other cool critters. Using nets, hand lenses and other entomology tools, you will experience collecting and identifying these fascinating creatures. Campers will meet a local beekeeper and sample some natural honey. They will participate in a Butterfly Life Cycle Maze becoming very hungry caterpillars doing their best to dodge predators as they try to successfully complete their metamorphosis. Hands-on activities include a variety of crafts and even an edible insect life cycle! As part of participating in our Habitat Hikers, each camper gets their own T-shirt and backpack. Campers will track their hiking miles with special charms and earn different "backpack bling" for every week they attend.

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## **Week #6- July 20-24: Scutes, Scales and Slimy Tails**

**Littles- age 5 9:00 am-4:00pm**

**\$300**

Have you been hunting for salamanders or tried to net a frog? Did you know there is a salamander whose nickname is the SNOT OTTER? As a Jr. Herpetologist, you'll explore the fascinating world of amphibians and reptiles that hang out at Aullwood. Have you ever touched a turtle or a snake? Our naturalists will provide turtle talks and snake encounters. As part of participating in our Habitat Hikers, each camper gets their own T-shirt and backpack. Campers will track their hiking miles with special charms and earn different "backpack bling" for every week they attend.

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## **Week #7- July 27-31: Hooves & Spurs**

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**\$300**

Perissodactyls, Artiodactyls, and Theropods! Oh My! You might think we're learning about dinosaurs this week. Well, almost. This week is all about understanding more about our farm animal ambassadors and the products they provide. Campers will be visiting and helping tend to the "ungulates" (hoofed mammals such as horses, cows, goats, sheep and pigs). Some are odd-toed (perissodactyls) and some are even-toed (artiodactyls). Then they are those chickens, descendants of theropod dinosaurs, that come complete with "spurs"! We will collect some chicken eggs for an "Eggciting Eggventure" where we create containers for our first Aullwood Egg Drop Challenge! Farm activities include loom weaving, making butter and ice cream, stall mucking, and taking a wagon ride around the pastures. As part of participating in our Habitat Hikers, each camper gets their own T-shirt and backpack. Campers will track their hiking miles with special charms and earn different "backpack bling" for every week they attend.

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## **Week #8- Aug 3-7: Creek Critters**

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**\$300**

There's something "fishy" about this week. Calling all Jr. Ichthyologists, as a scientist that studies fish you'll want to grab your water gear and come join us to explore the magic of water and water creatures. Try your hand at casting with a fishing rod to see what you can catch. Play water games, use nets to catch aquatic insects, learn about the water cycle, explore Allwood's different water habitats and best of all-get WET!! I mean soaked to the bone wet. Wear clothes that can get wet, muddy or soapy as you increase what you know about our Creek Critters. As part of participating in our Habitat Hikers, each camper gets their own T-shirt and backpack. Campers will track their hiking miles with special charms and earn different "backpack bling" for every week they attend.

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