Since 1976, Beaver Brook has provided summer camp so that children can experience nature through play, science, exploration, games, art, music and more!

Each of our environmental educators brings a unique approach to exploring and learning from the natural world – from scientific observation to getting dirty in the pond, it’s safe to say that no two weeks of BBA camp are the same!

Many of our campers grow up to be camp counselors, teachers, volunteers, or other vital members of the Beaver Brook community. One thing is clear, our summer camps meet children where they are to create meaningful hands-on educational experiences that last a lifetime.

Come play and learn with us this summer!

PreK – K and K – 1
Our youngest naturalists will discover the beauty, peace and wonders of the woodlands. Each day we’ll explore the fields, wetlands, and woodlands and enjoy games, stories, music and crafts related to these habitats and the inhabitants that call Beaver Brook their home.

There will be plentiful outdoor play providing opportunities for discovery, creativity and physical development. Our campers will apply all of their senses while they experience the natural world.

PreK – K
Time: 9:00 – 12:00 (half day)
Cost: $180/week

Busy Bears: 6/27 – 7/1
Awesome Owls: 7/11 – 7/15
Friendly Frogs: 7/18 – 7/22

K – 1
Time: 9:00 – 3:00 (full day)
Cost: $300/week

Mighty Moose: 7/25 – 7/29
Summer Squirrels: 8/1 – 8/5
Fantastic Foxes: 8/8 – 8/12

*Children must be four years old at the start of class, able to separate from his/her parent, and be completely toilet trained.

Grades 1 – 2
Time: 9:00 – 3:00
Cost: $300/week

After-care is available for $125 for the week. This is a mixed age group and runs from 3:00-5:00 each day.

Grasshoppers: 6/27 – 7/1
Butterflies: 7/11 – 7/15
Fireflies: 7/18 – 7/22

Dragonflies: 7/25 – 7/29
Ladybugs: 8/1 – 8/5

Nature in Art and Story 6/27 – 7/1
People have always been inspired by nature! Throughout time and place, people have told stories and used art as a way of celebrating and understanding nature. In this session, campers will learn about nature myths from around the world and make fun art creations using natural materials like dried flowers, clay, sticks and stones that we’ll collect on our hikes. We’ll work on making our own nature myths so that we too can join in the age-old tradition of campfire storytelling (and s’mores making!).
Grades 1 - 2 continued

**Nature’s Clubhouse 7/11 - 7/15**
Through art, music, hiking and storytelling campers will engage in a rainbow of outdoor adventures. Together they will explore a variety of nature-inspired yoga postures as well as other activities to energize, strengthen, balance, and find ways to be mindful. Campers will enjoy a fun-filled week of unplugged play and learning as they connect each day’s discoveries with nature.

**Nature Trails 7/18 - 7/22**
Each day we will hike and picnic as we investigate the meadows, woods, and water of Beaver Brook. We’ll search for animal signs and discover what nature can teach us. Through daily adventures, hands-on activities, games, and stories we will enjoy our time outside. Be prepared for your camper to return home each day with a new piece of knowledge or amazing discovery!

**Nature Explorers 7/25 - 7/29**
Get ready to explore the wonders of the natural world and experience what it can teach us! Whether it’s a hike through the woods, an up-close look at an insect under a magnifying glass, cooking over a campfire, or a group game that teaches the value of teamwork, your camper will learn not only the joys of being in nature but how to respect and care for it as well. As an added feature, Wednesday’s class will be held in the evening – giving campers the opportunity to experience Beaver Brook “after dark!”

**SPECIAL CAMP SCHEDULE: M, T, Th, F: 9:00 - 3:00 and Wednesday from 4:30-8:30 PM**

**Nature Scientists 8/1 - 8/5**
Nature scientists will develop a love of learning how and why things work while they explore the outdoors. Using science concepts, we might design aluminum foil boats to race down a stream or construct contraptions to keep an egg safe. We will investigate the science behind the special talents of our local animals and hike the trails to learn about their habitats. The week will be filled with new activities, games, and experiences. By the end of the week, campers will have a new found enthusiasm for both science and nature!

**Nature Discoveries 8/8 - 8/12**
Who’s under that rock? What’s up in that tree? Where did that sound come from? What happens when we...? Be ready for a week filled with daily adventures as campers explore the nooks and crannies of Beaver Brook. Through hands-on discovery and camper-led explorations, each day is filled with a new adventure and is sure to send your camper home dirty, tired, and happy!

Grades 3 - 4

**Time: 9:00 - 3:00**
**Cost: $300/week**

After-care is available for $125 for the week. This is a mixed age group and runs from 3:00-5:00 each day.

**Forest Fun 6/27 - 7/1**
Come explore the wonder of Beaver Brook. Each day campers will discover something new and amazing. Have you felt the cool water of the brook in the summertime? Do you know where the labyrinth leads to? Have you turned over a log to find what might greet you there? Do you know where the porcupines live and how we know that? These are just some of the discoveries awaiting you this summer.
Grades 3 – 4 continued

**Forest Adventures 7/18 - 7/22**
What waits to be discovered in the forest? During the week, campers will travel throughout Beaver Brook exploring and observing the world around them. They may look under logs or high in trees, beneath the water or behind rocks. Each day will be filled with hands-on discoveries, team activities, nature skills, and the joy of being outside.

**Forest Days 7/25 – 7/29**
Be ready for a week of forest days filled with fun. Whether it is a hike through the woods, a closer look at an insect under a magnifying glass, cooking over a campfire, or a group game that reinforces the value of teamwork, your camper will learn not only the joys of being in nature but how to respect and care for it as well.

**Forest Secrets 8/1 – 8/5**
We all know that the woods are a magical place, filled with interesting plants and animals. While hiking and picnicking throughout Beaver Brook's campus, campers will find some of the places that make it special. Perhaps one day we'll head to the labyrinth, another to Bouchard Bridge, a third may find us exploring the fields at Brown Lane or even cooking s'mores at the campsite. To add to the wonder, Wednesday's class will be a twilight class: experiencing the magic of Beaver Brook after the rest of the campers have gone home. It is a week full of wonder and discovery.

**SPECIAL CAMP SCHEDULE: M, T, Th, F: 9:00 - 3:00 and Wednesday from 4:30-8:30 PM**

**Stories of the Forest 8/8-8/12**
People have always been inspired by nature! Throughout time and place, people have told stories and used art as a way of celebrating and understanding nature. In this session, campers will learn about nature myths from around the world and make fun art creations using natural materials like dried flowers, clay, sticks and stones that we’ll collect on our hikes. We'll work on making our own nature myths so that we too can join in the age-old tradition of campfire storytelling (and s'mores making!).

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Grades 5 – 6

**Time:** 9:00 - 3:00

**Cost:** $300/week

After-care is available for $125 for the week. This is a mixed age group and runs from 3:00-5:00 each day.

**Summer Scientists 6/27 – 7/1**
Summer is the perfect time for scientific experiments! Give your child the chance to develop a love for learning how and why things work - all while being outside and enjoying nature. We will design, build, engineer, experiment, make mistakes, rethink, and retry – all while learning how and why things work! Let’s enjoy a memorable week making new friends and learning to love science and nature!
We loved hearing “that was the BEST day ever” at pick-up everyday of the week!
~2021 summer camp parent

What Kids Said They Loved From 2021 Camp:

- Hiking!
- Learning to start a campfire
- Popsicles with new friends
- Learning uses for plants
- Catching frogs
- Nature crafts
- Roasting marshmallows
- Nature journaling
- Making survival paracord bracelets
- Exploring the trails, stream and fields
- Playing nature games
- Being outside all day
- Building a dam
- Learning outdoor survival skills
- Fort/shelter building
- Tie dying

Grades 5 – 6 continued

**Can You Survive It? 7/11 – 7/15**
Let’s learn how to survive in the woods! We will make debris shelters, learn knot tying, and safe fire-building. We’ll go over the essential items to bring on a hike and learn how to use them. The group will confidently navigate Beaver Brook’s trails using their new basic map and compass skills. This fun camp will include games, ponding, team challenges, and plenty of time to practice survival skills.

**Wonderful Water 7/18 – 7/22**
While hiking the trails of Beaver Brook we will explore streams, ponds, and wetlands. You will be amazed at how many bodies of water exist just on our campus! How many times do you think you can cross the same brook in a single hike? Where does the water in Spatterdock Pond come from? Where does it go? These are just some of the discoveries waiting for you! Along the trail, we will enjoy picnics, games, and adventures. Be sure to wear footwear and clothes that can get wet or muddy each day, as we get up close and personal with the water world.

**Earth Keepers 7/25 – 7/29**
Young people can learn how their actions impact this lovely planet while developing a greater awareness of the problems our environment faces and learning strategies to make for a greater future. In fact, we find that they understand it faster than adults! Campers will explore a multitude of Beaver Brook’s trails - giving them time to examine and inquire about nature up close. Campers will then brainstorm and practice skills that will help reduce their carbon and waste “footprints.” What better way to learn than by playing outdoors and experimenting this summer?

**A Week in the Woods 8/1 – 8/5**
Discover and learn some basic outdoor skills; how to use a compass, build a safe and effective campfire, tie knots, build forts, and try to minimize the distractions of the outside world while maximizing the attractions of the natural world! We will practice survival skills, go ponding, play games, and enjoy team challenges.

**Forest Forts 8/8 – 8/12**
What could be better than building a fort in the woods? One of our all-time favorite camps returns! Campers will design and build survival shelters and a fort as well as explore the forest, the creeks, and the ponds. Activities include scavenger hunts, looking for animal signs, and basic tree, plant, and wildlife identification. We will learn to walk quietly in the woods and observe more!
Backcountry Bouldering 6/27 - 7/1
Are you up for a more adventurous summer camp? Do you like to scramble up boulders and hop from rock to rock? Then let's go bouldering! Bouldering is a form of rock climbing. We will teach you different gripping techniques and how to safely spot each other in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Don't worry grown-ups, climbs are low. We'll go over all the safety rules and provide a very large crash pad. We will also spend time on the ground doing rock-related activities such as starting fires with flint and steel, smashing geodes, creating with clay, and playing games. Join us as we hike, climb, and explore Beaver Brook's less traveled trails. No prior experience is necessary. This camp will be an adventure for novice and experienced climbers alike. Come try it out!

May the Forest Be With You 7/18 - 7/22
Are you ready for a week filled with a little of everything? We will head into Beaver Brook's forests for an experience unlike any you have had. You may spend the days learning compass and survival skills, building campfires, or engineering shelters. Perhaps you will find animal dens, catch frogs and turtles, or find an owl's nest. The fun is limited only by your curiosity. Be prepared for a week full of discovery. . .and may the Forest be with you.

Hike It All 7/25 - 7/29
Spend the week hiking attempting to hike all the trails at Beaver Brook! Your name will be added to the official list of Beaver Brook Hikers who have hiked every mile of every trail on campus. AND you will get a coveted trail map bandana as well! This class is for campers who are up to spending all five days outdoors and hiking approximately 6 miles each day. Along the way, we will explore and highlight many features that make Beaver Brook the incredible environment that it is. We will investigate the Old Rattlesnake Den Area, cellar holes, porcupine dens, beaver dams, fields, forests, wetlands and more! Learn what it means to be a prepared and responsible hiker and to enjoy the nature around you respectfully. Sturdy waterproof hiking boots, rain gear and a backpack of food, water and extra clothing are necessary to make this week outdoors a great experience.
2022 SUMMER CAMP

Week-by-Week

Register your child for the grade they will be entering in the 2022-2023 school year

Week 1: June 27 – July 1
- PreK-K: Busy Bears (half day)
- K-1: Grasshoppers
- Grades 1-2: Nature in Art and Story
- Grades 3-4: Forest Fun
- Grades 5-6: Summer Scientists
- Grades 7-9: Backcountry Bouldering

Week 2: July 11 – July 15
- PreK-K: Awesome Owls (half day)
- K-1: Butterflies
- Grades 1-2: Nature’s Clubhouse
- Grades 3-4: Forest Friends
- Grades 5-6: Can you Survive It?
- Grades 7-9: none

Week 3: July 18 – July 22
- PreK-K: Friendly Frogs (half day)
- K-1: Fireflies
- Grades 1-2: Nature Trails
- Grades 3-4: Forest Adventures
- Grades 5-6: Wonderful Water
- Grades 7-9: May The Forest Be With You

Week 4: July 25 – July 29
- PreK-K: Mighty Moose (half day)
- K-1: Dragonflies
- Grades 1-2: Nature Explorers
- Grades 3-4: Forest Days
- Grades 5-6: Earth Keepers
- Grades 7-9: Hike it All

Week 5: August 1 – August 5
- PreK-K: Summer Squirrels (half day)
- K-1: Ladybugs
- Grades 1-2: Nature Scientists
- Grades 3-4: Forest Secrets
- Grades 5-6: A Week in the Woods
- Grades 7-9: none

Week 6: August 8 – August 12
- PreK-K: Fantastic Foxes (half day)
- Grades 1-2: Nature Discoveries
- Grades 3-4: Stories of the Forest
- Grades 5-6: Forest Forts
- Grades 7-9: None

After-care is available all six weeks of camp from 3:00 – 5:00 PM for full day campers. Slots are first come first served. This is a mixed age group of up to 12 children.
Frequently Asked Questions

Beaver Brook Association has been offering summer camp since 1976. We are a very popular destination for local campers who wish to experience a nature-based day camp. Our experienced staff, small group size and quality of programs align with our mission to create connections to the natural world. We believe in creating interactive hands-on learning opportunities and spending as much time outside as possible. Below are some answers to commonly asked questions.

Can I register for camp if I am not a member of BBA?
Yes, you can register for camp if you are non-member. Registration opens to non-members on Monday, March 7th. A perk of being a BBA member is access to early signups (March 1st) and 10% off tuition for members who are Community Level Members or above. Individual Level memberships do not qualify for the discount.

What is your COVID-19 policy?
The Beaver Brook team seeks to provide a healthy and safe environment for our campers and will continue to actively monitor the status of COVID-19 in New Hampshire and adapt our policy as necessary adhering to CDC guidelines. As of 2/18/22 masks will be optional for program participants. Please see the full current policy below. Please understand that these policies may change at any time prior to or during camp.

What age group should I register my child for?
Register your child for the grade they will be entering in the 2022–2023 school year.

Can I get a refund if I cancel my registration?
Pre-registration is required and all paperwork including health and immunization forms must be submitted before your child attends camp. Registrations will not be processed without payment in full. Please register online through our website. All major credit cards are accepted. Please call the office to make payments with cash or check. Refunds are available until May 1st, minus a $50 processing fee. After May 1st, there are no refunds for any reason unless the program is canceled or rescheduled by Beaver Brook Association. These fees will be considered a donation. If the minimum number for a camp is not met, the program may be canceled or rescheduled. Spaces are limited and registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. A waiting list will be established if a program fills.

What is your group/class size for camp?
Small groups allow for close engagement with our educators, nature, and more opportunity for peer connections. Our older camp sizes are kept under 15 campers with a teacher and counselor and our younger camp sizes are kept under 12 campers with a teacher and a counselor.

Do you provide food for my camper?
No, we do not provide lunch or snacks for campers. We ask that families provide a healthy snack and lunch daily. Campers will have access to water bottle filling stations. We are a carry-in, carry-out facility and we challenge everyone to pack a “waste” free lunch. We sometimes provide popsicles, s’mores or watermelon as a special treat. Please be sure to notify your teacher of any food-related allergies.

How much does camp cost?
For half-day programs (Prek–K) the cost is $180 per week. For full-day camp (K–1–9th grade) the cost is $300 per week. The aftercare program costs $125 per week. Members will receive 10% off their tuition.

Do you have scholarships available?
Yes, we do offer scholarships to campers. If you are interested in finding out more information about our scholarships, please email: bkellner@bbbanature.org or call (603) 465-7787.

Do you offer after or before care?
Yes, this is our first year offering after camp care. We do not offer before camp care. This program will be offered each week M–F from 3pm–5pm. The fee of $125 is a flat fee for the week, we are not able to prorate for unused days or offer single-day sign-ups. It will be a mixed age group of 12 children with a teacher and counselor. After care sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis and is open for full day campers.
Frequently Asked Questions

What does my child need for camp?
Our camps take place mostly outdoors, so appropriate clothing for various weather conditions is key! All registered campers will receive information prior to the start of their session to help them “Get Ready for Camp”.

What types of activities will my child be participating in?
Our goal at camp is to create a positive interaction with nature. Some of our teachers have specific specialties and interests and those are often highlighted, but most campers will experience: ponding, fort building, game playing, hiking, exploring, and learning about native species and their habitats. Campers should be prepared to get dirty!

Will campers be swimming?
No. We do not allow children to swim in the ponds as a matter of safety. However, campers will go ponding and may wade up to their knees. We always recommend packing a full change of clothes each day should a camper get uncomfortably wet!

Can my child be picked up early or by other people?
Campers are often off hiking or exploring some nook and cranny of Beaver Brook. As such, early pickups or late drop-offs are not permitted as they restrict the rest of the groups’ activities. Camp begins at 9:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm. Your child can be picked up by someone other than his or her parents but be sure to communicate this with your child’s teacher.

How will I receive communication from BBA and the Teachers?
You will receive communication via email and through our registration software ACTIVE. Please be sure you register your camper using the email address you wish to receive communication on. You may also call with questions. Our office is open M–F from 9am–3pm.

How will I receive my membership discount?
BBA Members will receive an email with a discount code a few days prior to registration. Be sure to check your junk and spam filters in case the email gets caught there!
The staff at Beaver Brook actively monitors COVID-19 in the state of New Hampshire and follows CDC guidelines. The following is our policy for program participants:

Masking: Our programs take place either entirely, or primarily, outdoors where the CDC does not, in general, recommend that masks be worn. Mask wearing indoors will be optional for all program participants and staff. Please keep in mind that the CDC recommends anyone 2 years or older who is not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines wear a mask indoors. Our staff is not able to monitor adherence on an individual basis and it’s important that your child understands your family’s choice and is able to manage their own mask-wearing.

Sick and exposure guidelines: Please do not participate in our programs if you have any signs of illness including those associated with COVID-19. Anyone who is ill with a non-COVID illness must stay home until symptoms subside and they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication. At the sign of any sickness please notify your instructor. If you have been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19 within ten days prior to your BBA class, please refer to the CDC quarantine and isolation guidelines and contact your instructor. The act of coming to our programs is your attestation that you are feeling well and have no signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

COVID-19 symptoms: Symptoms of COVID-19 may include: fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose or nasal congestion, muscle or body aches, fatigue, headache, new loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.

Communication is essential to provide participants and staff with information to make important health decisions. The Beaver Brook team seeks to provide a healthy and safe environment for our participants and will continue to actively monitor the status of COVID-19 in New Hampshire and evolve as necessary. Please understand that these policies may change at any time.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we navigate these changes together.