

2026 MS MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE Summer Camp Schedule

	Camp(s)	Camp Descriptions
<p>Week 1: Tuesday, May 26 – Friday, May 29</p>	<p>Kindergarten</p>	<p>Ice Age Adventure Summer Camp: Kindergarten</p> <p>Step back in time with our Ice Age Adventure Summer Camp! Designed especially for rising Kindergarteners, this camp allows campers to explore the frozen past while learning about ice age fossils, giant mammals, and how animals adapt to stay warm.</p> <p>Each day at Ice Age Adventure Camp is filled with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tundra Treks & Observation: Discovering hidden trails, tracking "ancient" footprints, and observing how our local wildlife survives the changing seasons. ● Animal Encounters: Meeting live animals and discovering how they are related to the massive creatures of the prehistoric past. ● Paleo-Inspired Crafts: Creating nature-based art and fossil replicas using stones, clay, and other natural materials. ● Mammoth Games & Story Time: Enjoying high-energy prehistoric games and listening to enchanting stories about life during the Great Frost. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tuesday, May 26 – Friday, May 29 ○ 8:00 am – 3:00 pm ○ \$220.00 for members ○ \$245.00 for non-members

	1 st /2 nd	<p>Ice Age Adventure Summer Camp: 1st/2nd</p> <p>Rising 1st and 2nd graders are invited to explore the frozen past through interactive STEAM activities and WILD outdoor experiences at Ice Age Adventure Summer Camp!</p> <p>Step into the wild and experience days filled with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tundra Treks & Observation: Exploring nature trails through hikes and scavenger hunts. ● Animal Encounters: Meeting live animals and discovering how they are related to the massive creatures of the prehistoric past. ● Paleo-Inspired Crafts: Creating nature-based art including cave paintings and fossil crafts using natural materials. ● Frozen Science: Investigating the properties of ice through interactive science experiments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tuesday, May 26 – Friday, May 29 ○ 8:00 am – 3:00 pm ○ \$220.00 for members ○ \$245.00 for non-members
<p>Week 2: Monday, June 1 – Thursday, June 4</p>	Kindergarten	<p>Camp W.I.L.D. Kindergarten</p> <p>Calling all curious adventurers! Get ready for a summer of outdoor fun at Camp WILD! Our nature-based kindergarten camp is designed for curious little explorers who love adventure. This full-day program is designed to spark a lifelong love of nature by fostering curiosity, building confidence, encouraging exploration,</p>

		<p>and providing hands-on learning experiences in a fun and engaging environment.</p> <p>Each day at Camp WILD will be filled with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Forest Hikes & Nature Observation: Discovering hidden trails, identifying trees and plants, and observing local wildlife. ● Animal Encounters: Meeting live animal ambassadors and learning about native Mississippi wildlife. ● Forest-Themed Crafts: Creating nature-inspired art using natural materials. ● Games and Story Time: Enjoying fun games and listening to enchanting stories about nature. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday, June 1 – Thursday, June 4 ○ 8:00 am – 3:00 pm ○ \$220.00 for members ○ \$245.00 for non-members
	5 th /6 th	<p>Camp W.I.L.D. 5th/6th Grades</p> <p>Camp WILD (5th–6th grade) is the ultimate outdoor adventure camp for rising 5th and 6th graders eager to explore all that nature has to offer! Campers will spend the week hiking scenic trails, canoeing, fishing, and swimming, investigating forests and wetlands by observing real biologists at work, and experiencing up-close encounters with native wildlife. The adventure wraps up with an optional overnight campout at the Museum on the final day. Grab your gear, pack your sense of adventure, and get ready for an unforgettable week at Camp WILD!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday, June 1 – Thursday, June 4 ○ 8:00 am – 3:00 pm ○ \$250.00 for members

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<p>Week 3: Monday, June 8 – Thursday, June 11</p>	<p>PreK 3s-4s</p>	<p>Camp W.I.L.D. PreK 3s-4s</p> <p>Calling all curious mini adventurers! Get ready for a summer of outdoor fun at Camp WILD! Our preschool camp is designed for curious little explorers who love adventure. This half-day program is designed to spark a lifelong love of nature by fostering curiosity, building confidence, encouraging exploration, and providing hands-on learning experiences in a fun and engaging environment.</p> <p>Each day at Camp Wild will be filled with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Forest Hikes & Nature Observation: Discovering nature trails, identifying trees and plants, and observing local wildlife. ● Animal Visits: Meeting and learning about live animals from our animal ambassadors. ● Forest-Themed Crafts: Creating nature-inspired art using natural materials. ● Games and Story Time: Enjoying fun games and listening to enchanting stories about nature. <p>All campers must be potty-trained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Monday, June 8 – Thursday, June 11 o 8:00 am – 12:00 pm o \$140.00 for members o \$160.00 for non-members

	Field Camp @Leroy Percy	<p>MMNS Field Camp</p> <p>Students entering grades 9–12: Are you interested in science, the outdoors, and learning more about the world around you? Have you ever wondered what it's like to spend a day in the field with a real research biologist?</p> <p>If so, the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science's High School Field Camp is the perfect opportunity for you. Campers will spend an exciting week in the Mississippi Delta at Leroy Percy State Park in Hollandale, MS, exploring the Mississippi Valley Alluvial Ecoregion and its surrounding landscapes.</p> <p>Guided by professional research scientists, participants will study some of Mississippi's most fertile lands—areas rich in soil, wildlife, and natural resources. Campers will hike, explore land and water habitats, and experience firsthand what makes this region an ecological treasure. This camp is not for the faint of heart, but it is truly a one-of-a-kind experience that offers a behind-the-scenes look at the daily work of field researchers.</p> <p>Join us to explore Mississippi's beautiful habitats, discover its incredible wildlife, and gain a new perspective on science in action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday, June 8 – Friday, June 12 ● Mon 8:00am-Fri 4:00pm ● \$575.00 for members ● \$625.00 for non-members
Week 4: Monday, June 15 – Thursday, June 18	Jr. Naturalist	MMNS Jr. Naturalist Camp – 7th/8th Grades

		<p>Get ready for an adventure! Jr. Naturalist Camp is an awesome outdoor experience for rising 7th and 8th graders who love exploring, asking questions, and trying new things.</p> <p>Each day, campers will explore the great outdoors alongside some of our most knowledgeable biologists and educators, discovering ecology, conservation, and the natural world through hands-on experiences. Junior Naturalists will enjoy the ultimate camp experience—hiking, collecting specimens, conducting fieldwork, and canoeing—while building friendships and creating unforgettable memories in the wild. This exciting week will wrap up with an overnight campout at one of Mississippi's beautiful state parks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday, June 15 – Thursday, June 18 ● 8:00 am – 3:00 pm ● \$320.00 for members ● \$360.00 for non-members
	1 st /2 nd	<p>Camp W.I.L.D. 1st/2nd Grades</p> <p>Get ready for a WILD adventure! Camp W.I.L.D. (1st – 2nd Grade) is designed for rising 1st and 2nd graders who love exploring, discovering, and having fun in the great outdoors. Every day is packed with exciting outdoor adventures, hands-on wildlife encounters, and creative nature crafts that spark curiosity and imagination. Campers get to learn, play, and discover while building confidence, curiosity, and friendships along the way!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday, June 15 – Thursday, June 18 ○ 8:00 am – 3:00 pm ○ \$220.00 for members ○ \$245.00 for non-members

<p>Week 5: Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25</p>	<p>3rd/4th</p>	<p>Camp W.I.L.D. 3rd/4th Grades</p> <p>Get ready to return to the W.I.L.D. this summer at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science! Rising 3rd and 4th graders will Wander, Investigate, Learn, and Discover as they explore the amazing outdoors of Mississippi. Campers will spend their days adventuring in and around the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and LeFleur’s Bluff State Park alongside experienced conservation educators. From canoeing and archery to trail hikes, wetland exploration, nature crafts, and up-close critter encounters, this action-packed week is full of fun and discovery across the ecosystems that make our state so special!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25 ○ 8:00 am – 3:00 pm ○ \$220.00 for members ○ \$245.00 for non-members
	<p>Mad Scientist</p>	<p>MMNS Mad Scientist Camp</p> <p>Calling all budding scientists! Get ready for a summer of bubbling concoctions, explosive experiments, and mind-blowing discoveries at Mad Scientists Camp! Through exciting hands-on experiments, campers will learn about chemical reactions, lab safety, and the scientific method, all while having a blast.</p> <p>Get ready for a summer filled with fizz, bang, and plenty of "aha!" Moments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25 ○ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm ○ \$140.00 for members ○ \$160.00 for non-members

<p>Final Week: Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 10</p>	<p>Splash Camp</p>	<p>MMNS Splash Camp</p> <p>Calling all water lovers! Splash Camp is the perfect place for 1st-4th graders to cool off, have fun, and learn about the amazing properties of water. Get ready for a summer filled with playful science adventures!</p> <p>Each day at Splash Camp is filled with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conducting cool water experiments ● Splashing and playing in exciting water games ● Learning about the science behind the fun <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 10 ● 8:00 am – 12:00 pm ● \$140.00 for members ● \$160.00 for non-members ● Come dressed to get messy