



Arkansas Audubon Society
2022 Halberg Ecology Camps
Where Young People Learn About Natural Science
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What is it?

This one-week Arkansas Audubon Society camp offers campers just completing 5th, 6th, and 7th grades (*7th grade for the 2022 year only*) an opportunity for field studies in the natural environment. Students study mammals, snakes, birds, insects, geology, botany and aquatic biology around a campsite surrounded by nature. The professional staff includes a registered nurse and a lifeguard. Adult staff are with campers at all times to ensure their safety, including overnight in cabins. Instructor background checks are made and security is emphasized at all times.

Why is this camp important?

It provides children with a special outdoor experience and helps them appreciate and understand the natural environment.

Who may attend?

Any youth who has just completed 5th, 6th, or 7th grade and interested in learning about the outdoors. In 2022, we will be accepting 48 campers, with deference given to 6th and 7th graders who have missed the opportunity for camp the past two years.

What about safety?

The Arkansas Audubon Society normally rents Camp Clearfork (see When and where will it be held?) from the U.S. Forest Service for 2 weeks each June during which time the entire camp is closed to outsiders. Our staff of over 20 professionals, many of whom are school teachers, ensures that the 62 camp youth each session are in a protected environment, well fed, and learning many new things about nature and its interactions.

Download an application blank when dates are confirmed from www.arbirds.org/ , email ttumlison@gmail.com, or return this slip to AAS Halberg Ecology Camp, 586 Branchwood Ave., Springdale, AR, 72764

Name (please print) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ email _____

Age at time of camp _____ (must have just completed 5th, 6th, and 7th grade)

When and where will it be held?

Camp dates will be June 19-24. Camp is typically held at Camp Clearfork, in the Ouachita National Forest, on U. S. Highway 270 two miles west of Crystal Springs. Currently we are waiting to hear if they have fixed significant water leak issues at the campsite. If the leaks are not fixed in time (we will know well before the start of camp), we will hold this year’s camp at the Ozark Natural Science Center in Huntsville, AR. It is the responsibility of the parents to bring the child to the camp and pick them up after camp is over.

What does it cost?

Each junior student pays \$350 to attend the camp for the week. Tuition pays for an incredible staff including pairs of instructors teaching classes with 8-10 students, a full-time registered nurse, an activities director, camp rental, food, insurance, and all the necessary equipment and supplies. The Audubon Society provides the remainder of the \$450-plus cost per camper. Some partial and full scholarships are available from local organizations and assistance is available in case of need. Anyone in need of assistance must fill out a tuition assistance form included in the application. Each camper receives a field guide and a T-shirt.

What about recreation?

There will be opportunities for hiking, sports, and fun games and activities outside of class time!