

**PARENTS: PLEASE READ AND KEEP THIS PAGE AND THE FOLLOWING MAP FOR REFERENCE
ARKANSAS AUDUBON JUNIOR CAMP**

Junior session is for first-time attendees only and they must have completed 5th or 6th grade at the time of camp; Senior sessions are by invitation only.

Please return application to: AAS Ecology Camp, 586 Branchwood Ave., Springdale, AR, 72764, or ttumlison@gmail.com along with a copy of immunization records or physician proof of a **medical** exemption to immunizations, and the teacher recommendation form (teachers may prefer to mail/email separately). Students who are home schooled may substitute a recommendation from someone who is familiar with their academic and social performance.

Some local Arkansas Audubon Societies offer partial and/or full scholarships—check with the chapter in your area. Other limited tuition aid is available in case of need. Tuition assistance applicants should fill out the complete tuition assistance form along with a hand-written student essay. While tuition is \$350, that is less than it costs per camper; the Audubon Society subsidizes the rest.

Campers accepted will be notified by email (parent or teacher if the parent does not list an email). If you do not hear from me within a week, please contact me; I usually reply the day I receive a completed application packet by emailing an acceptance packet. Medical forms, signed rules, and the tuition fee of \$350.00 are to be submitted after notification of acceptance. If you cannot attend, please notify me at once so I can contact another student on the waiting list.

If accepted, report to Camp Clearfork at 3 p.m. Sunday for your assigned session, June 11—first session, June 18—second session. Closing ceremonies will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 16 for first session, and 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 23 for the second session. Everyone will leave the camp by noon on each of these Fridays. Parents are responsible for student transportation to and from camp—we **do not arrange car pools nor do we give out student information**.

Please remember that you will be given the session of your choice as far as possible since campers are assigned upon confirmation of their application. Sessions may not be switched after assignments are completed. If it is possible for you to attend on only one of the dates given, please specify which one. Additional information and a map (map is also at arbirds.org) will be sent with the acceptance letter. **Cabin requests are not taken.**

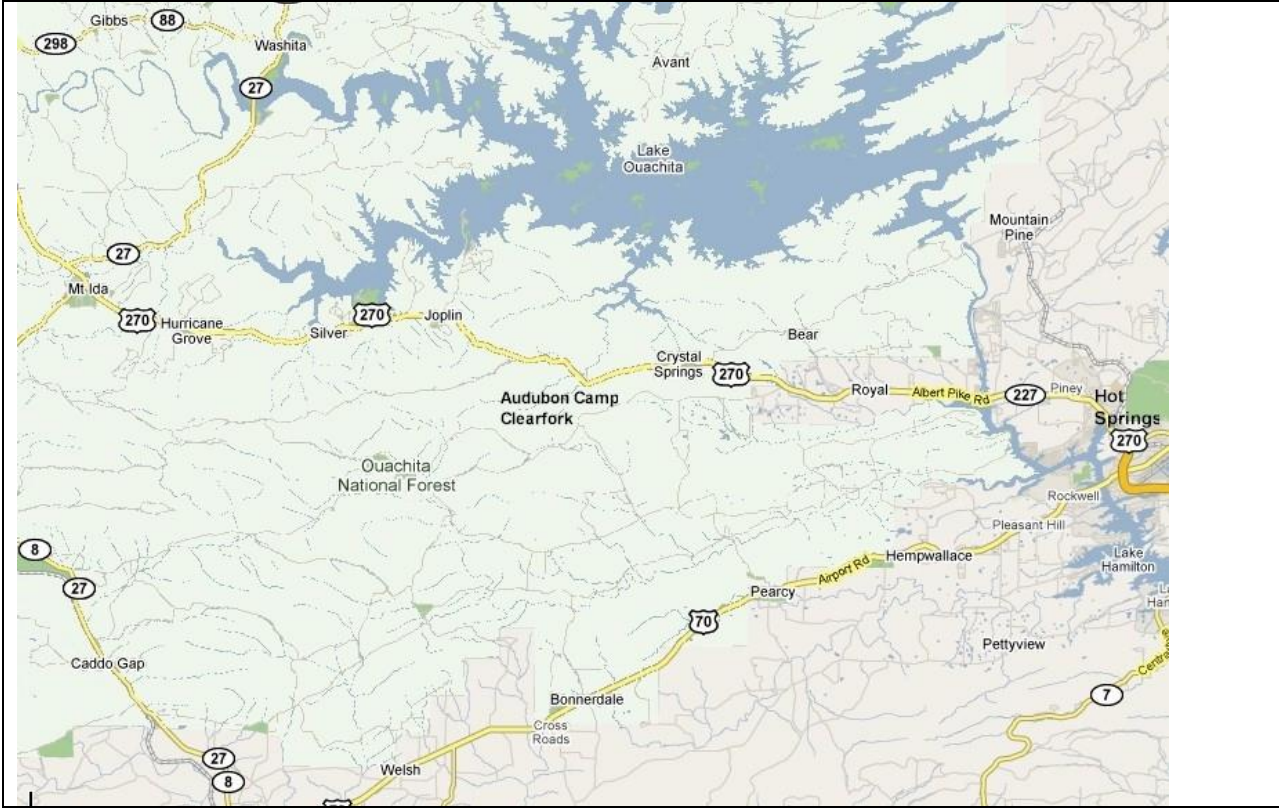
Once again, this is an outdoor, hands-on environmental camp that involves team activities, hiking on uneven ground, swimming and canoeing. Cabins have cots and fans, but no air conditioning. Cell phones do not work in this area and the camp phone (501-991-3831) is for emergency use only. Since parents are invited to visit camp on Sunday and Friday, they should not request visits during the week. This disrupts learning and takes time that staff should be devoting to students. Staff have undergone background checks. If there is a need to deliver a forgotten item to a child, a staff member will be glad to meet you at the gate. If your child is having a problem, one of the Camp Directors or the nurse will notify you.

Tamzen Bryant, Executive Director
586 Branchwood Ave.
Springdale AR 72764
870-510-0540
ttumlison@gmail.com

Please note: Campers are required to provide a copy of immunization records or physician proof of a medical exemption from immunizations to be accepted to camp. We do not accept philosophical exemptions. Please send immunization record copy along with this application. Without this, your child will not be allowed to apply to camp.

This year we are also requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination, or a negative test within 72 hours prior to the beginning of camp to be presented at check-in.

We strongly recommend campers be fully vaccinated or have a negative Covid test within 72 hours of arrival. Camper families assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and its variants.



MAP TO CAMP CLEARFORK

ARKANSAS AUDUBON SOCIETY CAMP RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please have your teacher fill out the following recommendation and mail it to: AAS Ecology Camp, 586 Branchwood Ave., Springdale AR, 72764, or email it to ttumlison@gmail.com. (Home schoolers may use a reference from someone who is familiar with their abilities.) Junior session is for first time 5th or 6th grade attendees. This recommendation is required for acceptance to Junior Audubon Camp.

Student Name-_____

Does this student:

Display an interest in the study of the environment? _____

Show concern for environmental issues? _____

Cooperate with and show respect for fellow students? _____

Respect and listen to instructors? _____

Follow guidelines without assistance? _____

Will this student benefit from the Ecology Camp program? Why or why not? _____

Please explain any no answers you gave to the above checklist:

Briefly describe any behavioral issues or special interests:

Teacher signature _____
(Other reference for home schoolers-please describe)

School _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Teachers: If you would like to receive early notification (Feb.-March) of Audubon Camp's dates for the next year's sessions, please indicate below. You can also find up-to-date information at arbirds.org. **If the student's parent does not give an email, I will reply to yours with their acceptance packet and/or other materials. I will appreciate it if you pass this information on to the student.**

APPLICATION FOR JUNIOR TUITION ASSISTANCE
ARKANSAS AUDUBON ECOLOGY CAMP

This form must be filled out **COMPLETELY** for tuition assistance consideration. This form is not necessary for those who have already been awarded individual Audubon chapter scholarships. Return this form along with your camp application to AAS Ecology Camp, 586 Branchwood Ave., Springdale, Arkansas, 72764, or ttumlison@gmail.com.

Please do not request tuition assistance unless you will not be able to attend Audubon Camp without it. The Camp Committee receives many requests each year and our funds are limited. While tuition is \$350 the actual cost to attend camp is \$450-plus, which is subsidized by the Audubon Society. If you are awarded tuition assistance and find you will not be able to attend camp, please notify me immediately so that the money can be used by another student.

NAME _____ DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ HOME PHONE _____ - _____ - _____

WORK PHONE _____ - _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

AMOUNT OF TUITION ASSISTANCE REQUESTED:

PARTIAL TUITION IN THE AMOUNT OF _____

HALF TUITION OF \$175 _____

FULL TUITION OF \$350 _____

NUMBER IN FAMILY _____ ANNUAL INCOME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: SINCE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ARE NOT ALWAYS REFLECTED BY INCOME AND FAMILY NUMBER, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE REASON(S) THIS STUDENT NEEDS TUITION ASSISTANCE. THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATION.

STUDENT ESSAY: One question must be answered by the student in his/her own words (100 words maximum)

1. Why is it important to learn about nature?
2. Describe your favorite thing to do in nature. Why do you enjoy this?
3. What are some ways humans interact with nature?