

# 2017 Summer Day Camps

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## **New Camp Themes**

This year we are launching an exciting new camp theme schedule that offers our most popular themes several times throughout the summer so that everyone can have their first-choice of activities. Camp themes that repeat will be very similar so we strongly suggest that families register for different themed weeks. Field trips and staff for each theme may vary week to week.

## **About our Staff**

LSNC's Camp staff is a diverse, qualified, and experienced team of educators who work together to design activities that are creative, fun, and educational while providing ample opportunities to build meaningful relationships with our campers.

## **Member Pricing and Registration**

One of the benefits of being a member at LSNC is a discounted rate and early registration for your child at Summer Day Camp. Visit [www.lesliesnc.org/membership](http://www.lesliesnc.org/membership) for more information.

## **Camp Cool Down Extended Care**

Camp Cool Down (3:30-5:30pm) is designed to accommodate working families' schedules, and provides campers with an opportunity to unwind from the standard camp day (8:30-3:30) by playing games, making art, and otherwise relaxing outside. Please be advised that Tykes (preschool and young fives) campers are not eligible for Camp Cool Down.

**[Teen volunteer opportunities are available every week!](#)**

## LSNC Summer Camp 2017

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<b>Week 1: June 19- 23</b>		Splatter, Mix, and Sculpt	Lost!	The Art of Survival	Camp Cool Down
<b>Week 2: June 26- 30</b>		Ecosystem Explorers*	Nature Detectives	Alien Invaders	Camp Cool Down
<b>Week 3: July 5-7</b>		Nature's Superheroes	Whiz Kids	Myth, Legend, and Lore	Camp Cool Down
<b>Week 4: July 10- 14</b>		Michiganology*	Make a Splash	Into the Wild	Camp Cool Down
<b>Week 5: July 17- 21</b>	Sensational Summer	Splatter, Mix, and Sculpt*	Lost!		Camp Cool Down
<b>Week 6: July 24- 28</b>		Ecosystem Explorers*	Nature Detectives	The Art of Survival	Camp Cool Down
<b>Week 7: July 31- August 4</b>		Nature's Superheroes	Whiz Kids*	Alien Invaders	Camp Cool Down
<b>Week 8: August 7-11</b>	Bug-tastic	Michiganology*	Make a Splash		Camp Cool Down
<b>Week 9: August 14-18</b>		Splatter, Mix, and Sculpt*	Lost!	Myth, Legend, and Lore	Camp Cool Down
<b>Week 10: August 21-25</b>		Ecosystem Explorers*	Nature Detectives	Into the Wild	Camp Cool Down
<b>Week 11: August 28-31</b>	Animal Homes	Nature's Superheroes	Whiz Kids	The Art of Survival**	Camp Cool Down

\* Two camp sessions of the same age group will be offered

\*\* Does not include a Thursday overnight

Three day week due to Fourth of July

Four day week—last day of camp is Thursday, 8/31

## **Tykes: Camps**

***For Four and Five year olds, including Young Fives graduates***



**\$260/non-member; LSNC members receive \$10 off every camp!**

**\*\*Week of August 28 is a 4-day camp: \$210**

**Camps run 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

*Dip your toes into camp in a full-day session for first-time campers! We will use our senses, hike the trails, and visit live animals. Tykes campers are not eligible for Camp Cool Down extended care sessions.*

### **Sense-sational Summer – July 17-21**

Move like a mole, taste like a butterfly, and hear like a deer in this camp all about the five senses. Meet local animals and explore the ways they use their senses to survive in the wild. Practice your sensing skills when you make music and art. This camp is perfect for anyone who wants to get messy and explore the great outdoors.

### **Bug-tastic! – August 7-11**

Dress up, dance, sing, and play as you explore the world of insects—and beyond. Learn about how and what insects eat, hike in search of insect homes, and meet live insect predators like turtles and birds up-close. Study the flowers and trees and learn about how to help insects living in your neighborhood.

### **Animal Homes – August 28-31\*\***

Get to know nature's greatest builders from the tree tops to the ground beneath our feet. Practice shaping clay, weaving, stacking, and digging, as you discover the interesting and unusual homes that animals build. Explore different habitats as we hike on the trails and discover what's in Black Pond.

## **K/1 Camps**

### ***For students who have completed Kindergarten and First Grade***



*Each week is a different adventure as we explore and discover the woods, pond, prairie, and animals here at LSNC. Most weeks we offer two camp groups with the same theme for campers who have completed Kindergarten and first grade. See page two or visit our website for details: <http://www.lesliesnc.org/camps/summer-camps>.*

**\$260/non-member; LSNC members receive \$10 off every camp!**

**\*Week of July 3 is a 3-day camp: \$160/camper for non-members**

**\*\*Week of August 28 is a 4-day camp: \$210/camper for non-members**

**Camps run 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

### **Splatter, Mix, and Sculpt – June 19-23, July 17-21, or August 14-18**

Get outside as you make paintings of trees, craft clay animals, and more! Let your artist's eye help you discover more about plants and animals. Challenge yourself to find new ways to create art with treasures you find walking in the woods, and exhibit your creations as part of an end-of-the-week art show.

### **Ecosystem Explorers – June 26-30, July 24-28, or August 21-25**

How do animals and plants survive in water, dirt, or high up in a tree? Explore, observe, and play as you follow your own curiosity in this adventure from soil to sky. Through nature hikes, games, and live animal encounters, you'll discover the wide diversity of plants and animals living in Ann Arbor's backyard.

### **Nature's Superheroes – July 5-7\*, July 31-August 4, or August 28-31\*\***

Discover the superpowers of animals and plants at LSNC, and unleash your own heroic abilities at this exciting camp. Rescue plants and animals from invasive supervillains. Learn how animals achieve super speed, invisibility, and night vision, and practice using those powers in your own life. We'll provide capes and masks, or you can bring your own!

### **Michiganology – July 10-14 or August 7-11**

Hike in the paths of glaciers, explore the plants and animals of legends, and discover what makes our state so great! Learn how animals survive the seasons, and study the soil beneath your feet to unearth mysteries of Michigan's past. Don't miss a thing when you create your very own Michigan scrapbook.

## 2/3 Camps

***For students who have completed Second and Third Grade***



*Our Camps offer creative and inventive opportunities for youth to learn about science and nature through a mix of activities, art projects, games, and more. In addition to the exploration and fun on-site at LSNC, all 2/3 campers will travel off site for an exciting field trip.*

**\$280/camper for non-member; LSNC members receive \$10 off every camp!**

**\*Week of July 3 is a 3-day camp: \$172/camper for non-members**

**\*\*Week of August 28 is a 4-day camp: \$226/camper for non-members**

**Camps run 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

### **Lost! – June 19-23, July 17-21 or August 14-18**

Have you ever noticed a stick bug hiding in plain sight? Have you taken a wrong turn and ended up somewhere unexpected? Use maps, compasses, and camouflage to find your way or keep from being found! Get “lost” and find your way back to camp, and meet live animals to study their navigation and survival strategies.

### **Nature Detectives – June 26-30, July 24-28, or August 21-25**

Why is a box turtle’s tail so short? How come baby salamanders have gills? How do some animals survive completely underground? Discover the answers to these questions, and more, as you study organisms from the pond, prairie, woods, and soil. Hike our trails and explore the Critter House as you investigate amazing animals and the adaptations that make them special.

### **Whiz Kids – July 5-7\*, July 31-August 4, or August 28-31\*\***

LSNC is the laboratory where you build things that float, fly, and even explode! Learn to think like a scientist and design like an engineer as you set out on daily excursions to conduct fun experiments. Building boats, engineering rockets, and making things glow in the dark are just a few examples of the fun that awaits you!

### **Make a Splash – July 10-14 or August 7-11**

Dive into this camp and investigate the water all around us. Explore water from every angle as you dip, measure, and splash. Study wetlands to design your own water filter, and observe aquatic animals in the wild.

## 4/5 Camps

***For students who have completed Fourth and Fifth Grades***



Camps at LSNC offer creative and inventive opportunities to learn about science and nature through a mix of activities, art projects, an offsite day trip, games, and more. All sessions except the last week (noted below) include an overnight at LSNC on Thursday night. Campers in overnight sessions will enjoy a campfire cooked dinner after setting up their group tents outside, and LSNC will provide breakfast and lunch cooked over the campfire on Friday.

**Overnight weeks: \$300/camper for non-member; LSNC members receive \$10 off every camp!**

**\*Week of July 3 is a 3-day camp: \$184/camper for non-members**

**\*\*Week of August 28 is a 4-day camp with NO overnight: \$226/camper for non-members**

**Camps run 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., and include a Thursday night overnight at LSNC (except the last week)**

### **The Art of Survival – June 19-23, July 24-28, or August 28-31 \*\***

Learn how to succeed in a wilderness adventure at this survival camp with an artistic flair. Build a fire and create art from clay, make skits as you practice wilderness first aid, and harness the creative power of your group as you complete challenges in the woods and on the river.

### **Alien Invaders – June 26-30 or July 31-August 4**

Join the fight against garlic mustard, honeysuckle, carp and more as you battle invasive species that threaten the delicate ecosystems of Southeast Michigan. Explore Ann Arbor by foot, bus, and kayak as you search for “aliens” hidden in the river, pond, prairie, and forests. Learn how experts manage invasives through controlled burns, and help restore habitats to create strong, diverse ecosystems at LSNC and beyond.

### **Myth, Legend, and Lore – July 5-7\* or August 14-18**

Uncover the truth behind the disappearances of Black Pond and solve the mysteries of metamorphosis as you weave tall tales and follow trails across Ann Arbor. Meet live animals from legend and lore, and complete team challenges to accomplish mythological feats. Only YOU can decide where your adventure leads and how the story ends.

### **Into the Wild – July 10-14 or August 21-25**

You’ll never make discoveries sitting at home! Get off the couch and into the wild as you encounter animals, explore the Huron River, and learn to survive the elements while conducting your important research. Apply your skills as you identify wildlife from camera traps across the state and work with professionals to care for captive animals that help humans learn about their wild counterparts.

## Camp Cool Down – offered every week!



3:30 – 5:30 p.m. (Extended Day Care)  
5-day week: \$75/week per child, or \$60/week for 4/5 campers attending an overnight camp.  
\*Three-day week: \$45/\$30  
\*\*4-day week: \$60/\$45  
Preregistration is required and is for the full-week only.

Unwind from an action-packed day of exploration by playing games, reading, making art, or otherwise relaxing outside. Campers get an extra two hours of fun and parents have the benefit of a later pick-up time. Registration is required. Please be advised that Tykes campers are not eligible for Camp Cool Down.

## Volunteer Opportunities for Teens

Volunteers must be 13-17 years old in the 2017 summer and are asked to commit to working at least two weeks of camp.



Spend some of your summer in the great outdoors when you volunteer at LSNC's Summer Camp! Join other teens from the Ann Arbor area as you develop new leadership skills, gain valuable work experience, and learn about Michigan's natural history and ecology. That's not all—camp volunteers also get to hike the trails, participate in field trips, and play camp favorites like Wolf Pack, Camouflage, and Scatterball!

Applications will open in early Spring. Sign up to receive an application and read more about our volunteer program on our website: <http://www.lesliesnc.org/camps/summer-camps/volunteers>

