

NGSS-Aligned Curriculum. Extended Learning Opportunities.

NATURE'S ARCHITECTS | JUNE 29 - July 3 | AGES 8-10 | TRAIL HOUSE LAB

In this hands-on academy, young scientists will:

- Explore why animals build and how they do it
- Discover different "architects" of the Animal Kingdom
- Hike to find and analyze real animal structures
- Work in teams to design and build models inspired by nature

A perfect blend of **STEM, creativity, teamwork, and outdoor exploration.**



WILDLIFE AT NIGHT | JULY 20 - JULY 24 | AGES 8-10 | TRAIL HOUSE LAB

In this hands-on academy, young wildlife sleuths will:

- Learn how night trail cameras work through thermal energy transfer
- Hike into the forest to deploy cameras and collect real data
- Analyze scat, tracks, photos and videos to uncover animal behaviors
- Use evidence to answer research questions about their favorite species

Perfect for curious kids who love **animals, technology, and outdoor exploration.**



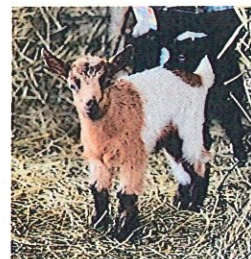
AMAZING ANIMALS | AUG. 17 - AUG. 21 | AGES 6-8 | TRAIL HOUSE LAB

Young scientists will:

- Investigate the external parts of various animals
- Learn how each structure has a function that supports survival
- Explore how an animal's shape relates to its purpose
- Compare how different species solve similar survival challenges
- Use creativity and engineering skills to design a biomimicry-inspired invention

For their final project, students become engineers: identifying a real-world problem and designing a solution.

A perfect blend of **STEM, creativity, animal science, and hands-on building.**



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2026 SUMMER ART & ADVENTURE ACADEMIES

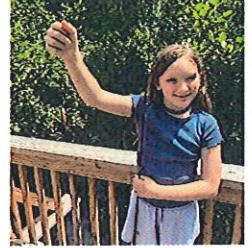
YOUNG ANGLERS, LEVEL 1 | JUNE 22 - 26 | AGES 6-10 | TRAIL HOUSE LAB

In Level 1, young anglers learn the fundamentals of freshwater fishing, along with the ethics of catch-and-release and the importance of protecting aquatic habitats.

Students will:

- Learn and practice to cast, reel, and safely operate a fishing pole
- Identify common Connecticut freshwater fish
- Explore bait selection and when to use each type
- Learn and practice essential fishing knots
- Understand how responsible anglers care for local ecosystems

A perfect week for kids who love water, wildlife, hands-on learning, and outdoor adventure.



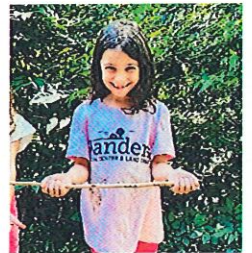
WIZARD ART | JULY 27 - 31 | AGES 6-9 | TRAIL HOUSE LAB

Step into a world of magic, marvel, and woodland mystery. Young wizards will explore the hidden powers of nature and discover the enchanted skills of the wizarding arts.

In this imaginative, hands-on academy, students will:

- Discover the power of plants used in potions and elixirs
- Investigate the owl — a wizard's most famous feathered friend
- Explore alchemy and astrology
- Craft their very own wizard wand
- Dig for a hidden philosopher's stone guarded by trolls, worms, and centipedes
- Witness real-life "metamorphosis magic" in frogs, dragonflies, and butterflies
- Learn how to protect wild spaces and woodland creatures

A magical journey filled with whimsy, creativity, nature exploration, and hidden wisdom.



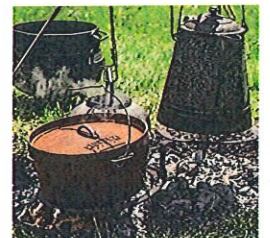
COLONIAL LIVING | AUG. 10 - 14 | AGES 8-10 | GLEBE HOUSE

Step back in time be immersed in the daily routines, challenges, and quiet perseverance of life during the 18th-century American Revolution era.

Campers will:

- Learn and practice hands-on skills using period-appropriate tools
- Try traditional crafts and household tasks
- Discover how people cooked, worked, and lived during the Revolution
- Be guided by knowledgeable historical interpreters

A unique opportunity for young historians to step into the past and experience the world of early America.



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