

2018 EcoTarium Summer Discovery Camp

Animal Treats and Training July 2-6

Training time for a skunk? Giant boxes filled with shredded paper and treats for a fox? Ever wonder what the river otters' favorite toys might be? For many animals, living under human care is much different than living on their own in the wild. Come find out what zookeepers do to ensure that these creatures are well taken care of and healthy. Watch our wildlife staff conduct animal training, and then design and build puzzles and toys to engage our resident animals. Take on "Animal Challenges" as you discover how animals think, play and survive in the natural world.

Wild about Nature July 9-13

If you've got dirt under your nails, mud on your boots, or a sore neck from star-gazing, this camp is for you! During this week for nature lovers and curious collectors, we'll bring out intriguing natural history specimens from behind the scenes. We'll explore outer space in the planetarium, collect and analyze samples from our ponds, learn to identify natural objects, and discover how different creatures adapt to survive. From plants, animals, rocks and minerals to the stars and beyond, we'll investigate our world, play games, and engage in a week of wonder and fun!

Outdoor Adventures July 16-20

Get to know the woods of Massachusetts and make yourself at home outside as you practice the current and traditional skills you need to enjoy the great outdoors. From primitive survival to modern recreation, you'll have a blast constructing a shelter, catching a frog, exploring nature, and learning skills that will prepare you for all kinds of outdoor adventures!



Spies and Mysteries July 23-27

Put on your detective caps--there's something not quite right at the EcoTarium! Campers will go deep undercover while they practice the art of espionage and use imagination, technology, and forensic science to investigate clues, spy on questionable characters, and send messages to fellow operatives. Join us as we work together to unmask the villain and unravel the secrets of the EcoTarium!

Solve It with STEM July 30-August 3

Are you ready to think like a scientist? During this week, campers will integrate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (known as STEM) as we explore natural science. From the solar system to our back yard, campers are encouraged to solve problems, ask questions, and use their creativity. We will use real-life scientific tools, learn the engineering design process, and conduct experiments. Imagine what we can accomplish when we work together as a team!

Creature Features August 6-10

If you are curious about how animals "talk" to each other, or find yourself wondering how your five senses compare to those of an owl or otter, get ready for a week of all things animals! From feathers and scales to paws and claws, discover how different animals talk, eat, move and play as we explore the EcoTarium's ponds, forest and meadow. Campers will also get a sneak peek behind the scenes to meet our resident wildlife. Learn what makes each group of animals unique as you investigate animal adaptations. Make sure to bring your curiosity and a sense of wonder!

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About Our Camp:

EcoTarium Summer Discovery Camp offers extraordinary explorations and awesome adventures for ages 5-14 in an indoor and outdoor setting. Campers become immersed in hands-on science and nature activities alongside friends old and new. A mix of traditional camp songs and games adds to the weekly fun that ends with campers showcasing their week to their family with EcoTarium tours, plus a camp-wide pizza party and slideshow!



Current openings at EcoTarium Summer Discovery Camp as of 4/27/2018

	Animal Treats & Training 7/2 – 7/6	Wild about Nature 7/9 – 7/13	Outdoor Adventures 7/16 – 7/20	Spies and Mysteries 7/23 – 7/27	Solve It with STEM 7/30 – 8/3	Creature Features 8/6 – 8/10
Ages 5 & 6 (half day)	✓	Limited availability	✓	✓	Limited availability	✓
Ages 5 & 6 (full day)	✓	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL
Ages 7 & 8	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL
Ages 9 & 10	Limited availability	✓	Limited availability	FULL	Limited availability	✓
Ages 11 & 12	✓	✓	FULL	FULL	✓	✓
Ages 13 & 14	✓	Limited availability	✓	Limited availability	✓	✓