



2025 Summer Day Camps

Experience, Discover & Explore the Great Outdoors!



Our camp sessions focus on different nature-related themes with hands-on science investigations!

Limited scholarships available.Á

Camp Dates & Themes:

Date	Theme	Time
June 17 & 18 (2 days)	Counselor Training (ages 13+)	9:30am-12pm
June 24-26 (3 days)	Dirt Made My Lunch (ages 6-12)	9am to 1pm
July 1-3 (3 days)	Pollinators, Pests and Predators (ages 6 –12)	9am to 1pm
July 8-10 (3 days)	Howlers (ages 6-12)	9am to 1pm
July 15-17 (3 days)	Dino Days: Prehistoric Creatures (ages 6-12)	9am to 1pm
July 22-24 (3 days)	Geology Rocks (ages 6-12)	9am to 1pm
July 29-31 (3 days)	Water Worlds (ages 6-12)	9am to 1pm

Camp Fees: Due at the time of registration

General admission

3-day session: \$200-250 sliding scale (need-based)

PNC members

3-day session: \$175

(See the Membership page on our website to learn about Membership perks!)

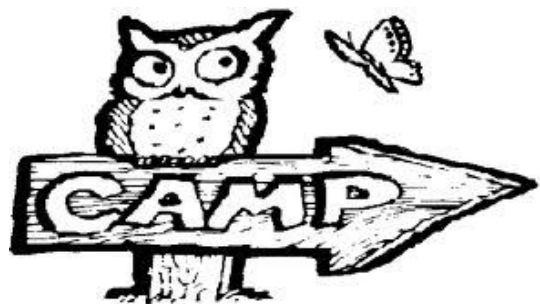
Small Groups: *Small camper to counselor ratio to ensure safety and engagement with counselors.*

Inclusive Environment: *Each camper gets individualized attention and encouragement.*

Fun Learning: *Each camp incorporates art, structured and unstructured play, music, and theme-related science experiments.*

For each day of camp, make sure your child:

- dresses appropriately for playing outside - clothes that can get dirty; comfortable closed-toed shoes for light hiking and playing
- brings a reusable, durable water bottle
- brings a sack lunch (we provide snack)



2025 SUMMER CAMPS - PLACER NATURE CENTER

DIRT MADE MY LUNCH (Ages 6-12)

June 24 - 26, 9am-1pm

Come learn about the flora and fungi that sustain us and the ecosystem, and all the ways they benefit our lives.

We will get our hands dirty in the garden, learning about different plant parts, how plants transform solar energy into chemical energy, and how we can help plants grow with sustainable (and regenerative) practices.



POLLINATORS, PESTS AND PREDATORS (Ages 6-12)

July 1 - 3, 9am-1pm

Do you know the order of the honeybee hive? Or what their dance means? Get your insect nets and bug viewers, because we're going on a scavenger hunt! We will learn about life cycles, inspect insects and explore the pollinators' habitats. We'll also be learning about other important invertebrates: the predators and decomposers! We will trap insects to study but always release them.



HOWLERS (Ages 6-12)

July 8 - 10, 9am-1pm

Can you howl like a coyote or walk like a fox? Explore with our local foothill mammals! Learn to identify animal trails,

tracks, scat and more! Examine different mammal skulls, teeth and adaptations. Feel the fur of our mammals big and small! Predator vs. Prey, who is best equipped to survive in the Sierra Foothills?

DINOSAUR DAYS: PREHISTORIC CREATURES (Ages 6-12) July 15 - 17, 9am-1pm

Dinosaurs are everywhere - and not just on the land, but in the sea and in the air! And they're not just a thing of the past - dinosaur descendants may be living in your backyard! Come learn about the prehistoric creatures that once roamed the land. We will investigate their behaviors, adaptations and habitats on ancient Earth.



GEOLOGY ROCKS (Ages 6-12)

July 22 - 24, 9am-1pm

Dig this! From earthquakes to erupting volcanoes, and meteorites to crystals, rocks are all around us. We will dig into geological studies of the rock cycle, fossils and minerals, and how they have shaped the living world around us. Geology will rock your world!

WATER WORLDS (Ages 6-12)

July 29 - 31, 9am-1pm

Immerse yourself in the world of water! We will learn about how humans are a part of the water cycle, and how we influence the Earth's most limited resource. Exploring our local watershed, we gain insight into how we can help protect and conserve the water that gives us life. Our water fight is in the garden!



TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Placer Nature Center is looking for teens to help at our Summer Day Camps!

- Are you 13 to 18 years old?
- Do you want to enrich your leadership skills?
- Do you want to earn community service hours?
- Do you want experience working with children?
 - Do you want to have fun and learn at the same time?
- Do you want to spend your summer outdoors?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then consider being a teen counselor at Placer Nature Center this summer.

Teen camp counselors guide the camp participants through nature investigations, nature games and crafts, and lead nature songs and puppet shows for the children. We will explore the foothill ecosystems so we can share Earth's natural phenomena with younger generations!

2025 TEEN COUNSELOR TRAINING:
June 17th & 18th, 9:30am-12pm (required)
Learn about camp activities, the nature trail, and your role as camp counselor.

SIGN UP!

Email: programs@placernaturecenter.org
Or call: (530) 878-6053

2025 Summer Camp: Registration Form

Please fill out a separate form for each child. Photocopies are acceptable.

Return form by:

Mail: Placer Nature Center
3700 Christian Valley Road
Auburn, CA 95602

Email: programs@placernaturecenter.org

Child's Name _____ Child's Age _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Primary Phone (_____) _____ Other Phone (_____) _____

In case I can not be reached, my child's Emergency Contact Person is:

Name _____ Relationship to child _____

Primary Phone (_____) _____ Other Phone (_____) _____

Weekly Camp Fees:

Early bird registration is \$150/child (PNC members) and \$200/child (non-members) by May 31st.

Prices increase to \$175 for PNC members and \$250 for non-members on June 1st.

We offer a sliding scale and scholarships for families in need - contact us for details.

Payment Type:

Volunteer Counselor (no cost)

My check/money order is enclosed, made out to PNC in the amount of \$ _____

For Paypal and Venmo payments, please include the camper name, program name, and date of camp with your payment

Send Venmo payments to:
@PlacerNatureCenter

Send PayPal payments to:
programs@placernaturecenter.org

Please add the 3% service fee for PayPal

Indicate the session(s) you would like to attend:

Date	Session Theme	Time	X
June 5 & 6	Counselor Training (ages 13-18)	9:30am-12pm	
June 11-13	Dirt Made My Lunch (ages 6-12)	9am-1pm	
June 18-20	Pollinators, Pests and Predators (ages 6-12)	9am-1pm	
June 25-27	Howlers (ages 6-12)	9am-1pm	
July 9-11	Dino Days: Prehistoric Creatures (ages 6-12)	9am-1pm	
July 16-18	Geology Rocks (ages 6-12)	9am-1pm	
July 23-25	Water Worlds: In the Flow (ages 6-12)	9am-1pm	

T-shirt size: Youth S M L Adult S M L XL XXL

RELEASE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM

I, the parent or guardian of _____ agree to have my child participate in Placer Nature Center's Summer Camp. I assume all risks to my child associated with the program held at the Placer Nature Center (PNC). The program may include hiking and other outdoor activities. All natural areas contain animals, poisonous plants as well as other hazards. I agree to hold harmless PNC, their Board of Directors, staff, any co-sponsors or volunteers leading this activity, both personally and in their respective capacities, from and against all liability for accident or injury to my child or their belongings arising out of participation in Summer Camp. If my child should become sick or injured, and either of their parents cannot be contacted, a licensed physician has my permission to treat the sickness or injury. I also understand that if my child is unable to attend camp, I must request the partial refund within 72 hours of the start of camp.

Please note any allergies, physical limitations or special conditions your child has that we should be made aware of:

I AUTHORIZE I DO NOT AUTHORIZE my child to be photographed or videotaped during activities for promotional materials (social media, brochures, newspaper articles) PNC may send out to local media and schools.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

PNC Staff Use Only

Date Received: _____/_____/_____ Initials _____ Paid Y/N? _____