

SUMMER CAMP

2018



New Camp Experiences,
Same Great Summer Camp!





“Thorne supports each child individually and makes sure each child is included.”

- Thorne Summer Camp Parent



“Thorne gets my kids out in nature. Not on a superficial level, but REALLY into nature, spending hours in a pond and learning about all the creatures that live there.”

- Thorne Summer Camp Parent



“Thorne integrates all campers and helps build confidence and independence in nature!”

- Thorne Summer Camp Parent



“I consider Thorne a high quality camp that has better instructors than most camps and more fun, age appropriate, unstructured activities. More of what summer should be about!”

- Thorne Summer Camp Parent

If you are looking for a summer camp that offers fun and educational experiences in nature, you've found it! Thorne Nature Experience's summer programs have connected youth to nature since the founding of our nonprofit in 1954. We were CO's first nature camp, and if you ask around town, other parents will tell you we're still the best! 97% of parents rate Thorne Summer Camp as "good" or "fantastic" compared to other camps their children have attended.



So what beyond six decades' experience has led Thorne to consistently exceed parents' and campers' expectations for safety, learning and FUN? First, our staff is the BEST! They are experienced educators who are competitively selected, expertly trained, and carefully supervised. Second, our educational philosophy is focused on three core concepts: inspiring joy, learning through hands-on activities, and building a connection to place (our home here in Colorado's foothills). Third, LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! Our camps take place in world-class parks and open spaces where campers explore prairie grasslands, evergreen forests, and wetland habitats.

At Thorne, campers leave technology behind and become immersed in nature. In addition to learning natural science and skills like biking, fishing or wilderness survival, our campers learn that being outdoors in nature is way more fun and interesting than being indoors with a computer or video game!

We cannot guarantee your children will return home clean – but we are sure they will have BIG SMILES on their faces and one or two things to teach you about a local trail, wildflower, or creature they encountered while playing and learning with Thorne!

Come explore nature with us this summer!

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BOULDER CAMP EXPERIENCES

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

Thorne has organized its Boulder Camp into six age groups. We start with Parent and Child “Camp Experiences” for 3-5 year-olds, offer drop-off “Camp Experiences” for campers ages 5-15, and continue to serve youth 16 and older with our volunteer Teaching Assistant program. Bilingual educators are available for several of Thorne’s Boulder “Camp Experiences” when requested in advance. Within each age group, we offer a variety of “Camp Experiences” crafted for safety, fun, and learning. Inside this catalog you can find general descriptions of the types of activities offered for campers in each age group as well as a listing of specific “Camp Experiences” including dates, locations, and times. The name of each “Camp Experience” describes the type of fun and learning it will provide your child. More detailed descriptions for each “Camp Experience” can be found in the online catalog at www.thornenature.org.

LOCATIONS

Boulder is blessed with a myriad of world class natural areas that allow visitors to experience prairie grasslands, wetlands, creeks, and woodlands. We want our campers to experience all the wonders Boulder’s parks and open spaces have to offer, so most “Camp Experiences” visit a different natural area each day. To keep things easy on parents, whenever possible, “Camp Experiences” have a single drop-off and pick-up location for the entire week; however, to ensure an exceptional experience for participants in some of our more specialized “Camp Experiences,” parents are asked to pick-up and drop-off campers at various locations throughout the week. Use the key and corresponding table to determine the location of each “Camp Experience.”

Hours

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| A | 9:30am-11:30am, Single day
(Check description for exact day each week) |
| B | 8:30am-2:30pm, Mon-Fri,
extended care optional until 5:30pm |
| C | 8:30am-2:30pm, Mon-Fri,
no extended care option |
| D | 8:30am-2:30pm, Mon-Fri,
w/ overnight on Thurs,
extended care optional until 5:30pm |
| E | 8:30am-2:30pm, Mon-Fri,
w/ overnight on Thurs,
no extended care option |
| F | 8:00am-12:00pm, Mon-Fri,
no extended care option |

See chart on next page.

*Tuition for holiday weeks is pro-rated.

Age	Camp Experience	Hours	May 29 - June 1*	June 4-8	June 11-15	June 18-22	June 25-29	July 2-6*	July 9-13	July 16-20	July 23-27	July 30 - Aug 3	Aug 6-10
3-5 “Parent and Child”	Busy Bugs	A		SM		SM	SM		SM		SM		SM
	Creature Superheroes	A			SM	SM			SM	SM		SM	SM
	Critter Search	A			SP				SP		SP		SP
	Forest Fairies & Gnomes	A		EM		EM	EM			EM		EM	EM
	I Dig Dinos	A		NC	NC				NC	NC		NC	
	Nature Builders	A		MT		MT	MT			MT	MT		
	Woodland Wonders	A			SO		SO				SO	SO	
5-6 “First time campers”	Eco-Explorers	B	SM	SM		SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM		SM
	Jeff & Paige Music Camp	B			SM							SM	
6-8 “Wanderers”	At Home in the Woods	B	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC
	Colorado Creatures	B			MC	MC			MC		MC		
	Girl Ecologists	B		MC			MC					MC	MC
	Magical Images	B	MC		MC			MC		MC			
	Mud Mucking	B		MC		MC			MC			MC	
	Nature Ninjas	B		CH		CH					CH		CH
	Nature Play!	B	MC				MC			MC			
	Scrapbook of Summer	B		CH		CH					CH		CH
	Talking Stones & Fossil Bones	B						MC			MC		MC
9-11 “Pathfinders”	Aquatic Explorers	B	MC			MC			MC				
	Biking & Birding	C			VL		VL						
	Fly Fishing	C							VL	VL			
	Minecraft - Unplugged	B			MC			MC			MC		MC
	Nature Art & Photography	B		MC			MC			MC		MC	
	Wild Skills	B		CH		CH					CH		
	Beyond Wild Skills: Primitive Tool Building	B		CH							CH		CH
	Beyond Wild Skills: Overnight Adventure	D				CH							CH
12-15 “Trailblazers”	Beyond Wild Skills: Primitive Tool Building	C		CH							CH		CH
	Birds & Bird Banding	F			VL		VL						
	Advanced Bird Banding	F				VL							
	Fly Fishing	C							VL	VL			
	Survival Skills Overnight Adventure	E									CH		
16+	Teaching Assistant	B	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL

LOCATIONS

CH / Chautauqua

EM / Enchanted Mesa

MC / Mapleton Early Childhood Center

MT / Mount Sanitas Trailhead

NC / NCAR

SM / Sombrero Marsh

SO / South Mesa

SP / Sawhill Pond

VL / Various Locations

LOUISVILLE CAMP EXPERIENCES

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

Thorne has organized its Louisville Camp into three age groups. We offer drop-off “Camp Experiences” for campers ages 6-11 and continue to serve youth ages 16 and older with our volunteer Teaching Assistant program. Bilingual educators are available for several of Thorne’s Louisville “Camp Experiences” when requested in advance. Within each age group, we offer a variety of “Camp Experiences” crafted for safety, fun, and learning. Inside this catalog you can find general descriptions of the types of activities offered for campers in each age group as well as a listing of specific “Camp Experiences” including dates, locations, and times. The name of each “Camp Experience” describes the type of fun and learning it will provide your child. More detailed descriptions for each “Camp Experience” can be found in the online catalog at www.thornenature.org.



LOCATION

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Hours

A 8:30am-2:30pm, Mon-Fri,
extended care optional until 5:30pm

See chart on next page.

Age	Camp Experience	Hours	May 29- June 1	June 11-15	June 25-29	July 9-13	July 16-20	July 30 -Aug 3
6-8 “Wanderers”	At Home in the Woods	A	•	•	•	•		•
	Colorado Creatures	A			•			
	Mud Mucking	A		•			•	
	Nature Ninjas	A	•			•		
	Scrapbook of Summer	A	•				•	•
	Talking Stones & Fossil Bones	A		•			•	•
9-11 “Pathfinders”	Aquatic Explorers	A	•			•		
	Minecraft Unplugged	A					•	
	Wild Skills	A		•	•			•
16+	Teaching Assistant	A	•	•	•	•	•	•

Most of our “Camp Experiences” sell out, so please be sure to check for updated availability at www.thornenature.org.



LITTLETON CAMP EXPERIENCES

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

Thorne has organized its Littleton Camp into six age groups. We offer drop-off “Camp Experiences” for campers ages 5-15, and serve youth 16 and older with our volunteer Teaching Assistant program. Within each age group, we offer a variety of “Camp Experiences” crafted for safety, fun, and learning. Inside this catalog you can find general descriptions of the types of activities offered for campers in each age group as well as a listing of specific “Camp Experiences” including dates, locations, and times. The name of each “Camp Experience” describes the type of fun and learning it will provide your child. More detailed descriptions for each “Camp Experience” can be found in the online catalog at www.thornenature.org.



LOCATION

Together, Chatfield State Park, the Bob Taylor Ecological Area, and Waterton Canyon create a world-class natural area that allows visitors to experience prairie grasslands, wetlands, creeks, and woodlands. Parent drop-off and pick-up for all Littleton “Camp Experiences” is conveniently located at the Kassler Center (on Waterton Road just south of the entrance to Chatfield State Park). Each day, campers venture out from the Kassler Center on local trails by foot, or in some instances, by bike, to enjoy a day of discovery and fun.

Hours

- A** 8:30am-2:30pm, Mon-Fri,
extended care optional until 5:30pm
- B** 8:30am-2:30pm, Mon-Fri,
no extended care option

See chart on next page.

Age	Camp Experience	Hours	June 11-15	June 18-22	June 25-29	July 9-13	July 16-20	July 23-27
5-6	Eco-Explorers	A	•	•	•	•	•	•
6-8 “Wanderers”	At Home in the Woods	A	•		•		•	•
	Colorado Creatures	A		•		•		
	Mud Mucking	A			•			•
	Nature Ninjas	A				•		•
	Nature Play!	A		•			•	
	Scrapbook of Summer	A	•		•			
	Talking Stones & Fossil Bones	A	•			•		
9-11 “Pathfinders”	Aquatic Explorers	A		•			•	
	Bike the Platte	A	•		•			
	Fly Fishing	A				•	•	
	Fly Fishing by Bike	A						•
	Minecraft - Unplugged	A			•			
	Wild Skills	A	•	•		•		•
12-15 “Trailblazers”	Fly Fishing	B				•	•	
	Fly Fishing by Bike	B						•
	River Ecology by Bike	B		•				
	Survival Skills	B					•	
16+	Teaching Assistant	B	•	•	•	•	•	•

Most of our “Camp Experiences” sell out, so please be sure to check for updated availability at www.thornenature.org.

PARENT & CHILD CAMP EXPERIENCES / AGES 3-5 / B

With Thorne's **one-day, two-hour Parent and Child "Camp Experiences,"** you and your preschool-age child can enjoy the adventures of Thorne Summer Camp together. Thorne instructors experienced in early childhood education will be your guides to explore the diversity of Colorado's Foothills environments. These early experiences in a mini-camp setting are designed to **instill awareness and wonder for the natural world and cultivate parents' and children's relationships with nature.** Discovery happens through arts and crafts, free exploration, and age-appropriate stories and games. **Be ready to get dirty, have fun, and safely explore the great outdoors with your child!**

Busy Bugs: 6/5; 6/22; 6/26; 7/10; 7/24; 8/10

LOCATION : Sombrero Marsh

COST : \$20

Creature Superheroes: 6/12; 6/19; 7/13; 7/17; 7/31; 8/7

LOCATION : Sombrero Marsh

COST : \$20

Critter Search: 6/14; 7/11; 7/27; 8/8

LOCATION : Sawhill Pond

COST : \$20

Forest Fairies & Gnomes: 6/6; 6/21; 6/29; 7/18; 7/30; 8/9

LOCATION : Enchanted Mesa

COST : \$20

I Dig Dinos: 6/8; 6/13; 7/12; 7/20; 8/1

LOCATION : NCAR

COST : \$20

Nature Builders: 6/7; 6/20; 6/28; 7/19; 7/25

LOCATION : Mount Sanitas Trailhead

COST : \$20

Woodland Wonders: 6/15; 6/27; 7/26; 8/2

LOCATION : South Mesa

COST : \$20



For full "Camp Experience" descriptions and up-to-date availability, be sure to visit www.thornenature.org.

*Tuition for holiday weeks is pro-rated.

FIRST TIME CAMPERS / AGES 5-6 / \$349 / **B** **LT**

ECO-EXPLORERS | M-F | 8:30am-2:30pm

This “Camp Experience” for First Time Campers is a great way for children to transition into summer camp and begin to find joy in nature! **Throughout the week, campers will search for critters and play games, all designed around a weekly theme like insects, reptiles, water, and more!** Weekly themes ensure that these “Camp Experiences” remain fun and exciting, no matter how many times your little one has attended in the past. These camps have a small 10:1

camper to adult ratio to ease the transition into camp for our youngest campers. Morning drop-off is flexible between 8:30am-9am and afternoon pickup is between 2:30pm-3pm. **Extended Care** is available until 5:30pm for parents needing full-day care for their child.



BOULDER: Sombrero Marsh Environmental Education Center

Trails, boardwalks, and a mini-wetland have been carefully designed to allow young campers to safely get close to nature. The Center also has indoor learning and play spaces, so that campers can escape heat or inclement weather, with plenty of room to explore our interactive nature-themed exhibits! Twice a week, after campers have acclimated to being away from parents in a camp environment with new friends, we will venture out on field trips to nearby Open Space ecosystems via a BVSD school bus. **New this summer, Jeff and Paige proudly unite with Thorne for two one-week Camps.** See p.19 for more info!

LITTLETON: Kassler Center

The nature center is just a short walk from a variety of incredible natural areas, like River Island. The Center itself provides an engaging indoor space for learning and play in the event of inclement weather. The diversity of ecosystems directly adjacent to the Kassler Center, at the Bob Taylor Ecological Area and Waterton Canyon, offer a myriad of natural environments that pique campers' curiosity and leave them excited to return week after week for more exploring with Thorne!

WANDERERS / AGES 6-8 / B LV LT

WANDERERS | M-F | 8:30am-2:30pm

“Camp Experiences” for the Wanderers age group are **playful, experiential, and discovery-based**. Experienced environmental educators will help your child foster a personal connection to the natural world **through lively games, nature crafts, and exploration of different ecosystems each day**. To accommodate the needs of some of our youngest campers, these “Camp Experiences” involve less than one mile of hiking per day and remain close to bathroom facilities, shade, and water. With a variety of themes for this age group, campers can focus on the aspect of nature that they love most, or **spend an entire summer exploring diverse topics like bugs, amphibians, mammals, and more!** The Wanderers age group even includes art-themed “Camp Experiences” as well as the ever-popular At Home in the Woods, which teaches campers how humans and other animals live safely in nature. Extended Care is available until 5:30pm for parents needing full-day care for their child.

BOULDER Wanderers “Camp Experiences” meet each day at Mapleton Early Childhood Center or Chautauqua. Boulder campers travel from Mapleton on a BVSD school bus to a different natural area each day including Chautauqua, South Mesa Trail, Heil Ranch, and Walden Ponds.

LITTLETON Campers set out on foot from the Kassler Center to enjoy the diversity of natural environments within Bob Taylor Ecological Area and Waterton Canyon.

LOUISVILLE Wanderers “Camp Experiences” meet each day at Cottonwood Park in Louisville. Campers travel from Cottonwood Park on a BVSD school bus to a different natural area each day including Coal Creek Trail, Chautauqua, South Mesa Trail, and Walden Ponds.

At Home in the Woods B LV LT

COST : \$349

Colorado Creatures B LV LT

COST : \$349

Girl Ecologists B

COST : \$349

NEW: Jeff & Paige Music Camp B

COST : \$349

See page 19 for more information

Magical Images B

COST : \$349

Mud Mucking B LV LT

COST : \$349

NEW: Nature Play! B LT

COST : \$349

NEW: Nature Ninjas B LV LT

COST : \$349

Scrapbook of Summer B LV LT

COST : \$349

Talking Stones & Fossil Bones B LV LT

COST : \$349

**Tuition for holiday weeks is pro-rated.*

PATHFINDERS / AGES 9-11 **B** **LV** **LT**

PATHFINDERS | M-F | 8:30am-2:30pm

These “Camp Experiences” focus on **skill-building** and build upon campers’ earlier experiences with the natural world to **develop new tracking, identification, and observation skills as naturalists and adventurers.** These “Camp Experiences” are more in-depth, allowing campers to learn new skills in areas like biking, fly fishing, photography, and outdoor survival. Our Pathfinders’ campers venture further from trailheads, on foot or by bike, so that they can see and experience more of the natural world. Campers in the Pathfinders age group also have the opportunity to participate in **Adventure Camps**, where they spend a Thursday night away from home camping with Thorne’s expert instructors! **Extended Care** is available for most “camp experiences” until 5:30pm for parents needing full-day care for their child.



For full “Camp Experience” descriptions and up-to-date availability, be sure to visit www.thornenature.org.

Aquatic Explorers **B** **LV** **LT**

COST : \$349

Beyond Wild Skills: Primitive

Tool Building **B**

COST : \$369

Bike the Platte **LT**

COST : \$369

Biking & Birding **B**

COST : \$369

Fly Fishing **B** **LT**

COST : \$419

Fly Fishing by Bike **LT**

COST : \$419

Minecraft-Unplugged **B** **LV** **LT**

COST : \$349

Nature Art & Photography **B**

COST : \$349

Wild Skills **B** **LV** **LT**

COST : \$349

Beyond Wild Skills: Overnight

Adventure **B** **C**

COST : \$519

*Tuition for holiday weeks is pro-rated.

TRAILBLAZERS / AGES 12-15 B LT

TRAILBLAZERS | M-F | 8:30am-2:30pm

OR 8:00am-12:00pm*

“Camp Experiences” for our **Trailblazers** age group enable campers to sharpen specific adventure and natural science skills. Beyond expanding knowledge and proficiency in activities like biking, fly fishing, and bird banding, **these “Camp Experiences” help campers deepen their connection to the natural world and learn how they can be stewards of nature.** While these “Camp Experiences” offer no shortage of fun, we make sure that emphasis is placed on educating our most experienced campers



to make informed decisions as stewards of the Earth. Campers in the Trailblazer age group in Boulder have the opportunity to participate in **Adventure Camps**, where they spend a Thursday night away from home camping with Thorne’s expert instructors!

For full “Camp Experience” descriptions and up-to-date availability, be sure to visit www.thornenature.org.



Beyond Wild Skills: Primitive

Tool Building B

COST : \$349

Birds & Bird Banding* B

COST : \$279

Advanced Bird Banding* B

COST : \$279

Fly Fishing B LT

COST : \$419

Fly Fishing by Bike LT

COST : \$419

River Ecology by Bike LT

COST : \$369

Survival Skills LT

COST : \$349

Survival Skills: Overnight Adventure B C

COST : \$519

*Bird Banding camps meet from 8:00-12:00.

EXTENDED CARE / Ages 5-11 / \$75 / B LV LT



Thorne's flexible, low-cost Extended Care option allows campers to spend the whole day with Thorne in a safe, fun, and educational environment. Parents can pick up their kids any time between 3:15pm and 5:30pm, leaving time to run errands, work, exercise, or simply relax knowing that their children are having fun with friends.

Campers participating in Extended Care spend the first six hours of their day at their morning "Camp Experience," then get a healthy snack before they continue their nature explorations. Extended Care offers camper-driven outdoor investigations as well as respite from the elements in one of our environmental education centers that are chock-full of interactive exhibits and nature books and games.

Extended Care campers explore nature, play games, tell stories, sing eco-tunes, and make nature crafts, all under the guidance of an experienced Thorne instructor.



BOULDER In Boulder, Extended Care takes place at Thorne's Sombrero Marsh Environmental Education Center. Campers are transported to Sombrero Marsh by a BVSD school bus each day following their morning "Camp Experience."

LOUISVILLE In Louisville, Extended Care takes place at Coal Creek Elementary School.

LITTLETON In Littleton, Extended Care takes place at the Kassler Center.

*Tuition for holiday weeks is pro-rated.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN MY CHILD AND HIS/HER FRIEND BE IN THE SAME “CAMP EXPERIENCE”?

Yes, if you register for the same “Camp Experience” for the same week, they will be together. When you register and complete forms online, please be sure to record friends’ names in the space provided. If an Experience fills, Thorne will sometimes double a “Camp Experience” and split them into A and B sessions and the friend information you report will be considered when dividing the sessions.

DO YOU PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION?

In Boulder and Louisville, a Boulder Valley School District bus transports campers enrolled in First Time Camper, Wanderer, and some Pathfinder “Camp Experiences” to various field sites and to Extended Care at the Sombra Marsh Environmental Education Center. Parents provide transportation to camps meeting at various locations other than Mapleton Early Childhood Center or Cottonwood Park. At Thorne’s site in Littleton at Waterton Canyon, all camps meet at the Kassler Center and campers walk on foot to various nature spots via trails. Thorne Staff does not transport campers in personal vehicles nor does Thorne own company vehicles to transport campers.

WHAT IS THE CAMPER-TO-INSTRUCTOR RATIO IN EACH “CAMP EXPERIENCE”?

Thorne’s camper/instructor ratio is most typically 12:1 but we strive for 6:1—one instructor and one volunteer Teaching Assistant. For some specialized “Camp Experiences,” we plan for an 6:1 or 10:1 camper to teacher ratio for safety and/or learning reasons.

WHO ARE THE INSTRUCTORS?

All Thorne Instructors have passed background checks through the State of Colorado. All are trained in First Aid, CPR, Universal Precautions, and Medication Administration. Most are over the age of 25 and are elementary or middle school teachers, and all have a minimum of two years education experience with children, in addition to strong outdoor skills.

ARE YOU A LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDER & WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Yes. We are licensed by the State of Colorado as a child care provider. We are supervised by the State and adhere to all of its regulations while carrying out our programs. A copy of our State of Colorado Child Care license and inspection reviews are available upon request.

MY CHILD IS ALMOST 5 OR 6 YEARS OLD - CAN S/HE ATTEND A “CAMP EXPERIENCE” FOR 5-6 OR 6-8 YEAR OLDS?

Thorne’s Child care License is for children ages 5 and older. Your child must be 5 years old at the start of a 5-6 year-old First Time Camper “Camp Experience” to participate. Thorne’s Mobile Child Care License is for children ages 6 and older. Your child must be 6 years old at the start of a 6-8 year-old Wanderer “Camp Experience” to participate. Children who are 6 years old can participate in a “Camp Experience” for 5-6 or for 6-8 year olds, and parents can decide which is best.

MY CHILD HAS ALLERGIES AND/OR ASTHMA BUT RARELY NEEDS TO USE MEDICINE - CAN I PACK IT IN HIS/HER BACKPACK JUST IN CASE? DO I STILL NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR MEDICAL FORMS?

ALL medication (including over-the-counter medicine) requires medical forms to be completed and signed by the child’s physician. Medicine should never be placed in a child’s backpack; rather, it should be given directly to the instructor, and the instructor must be informed of any medication the child may need to be administered during camp hours. Thorne is not able to accept medication without a physician-signed form. The forms and instructions on how to complete them can be found in your CamplnTouch account after you register.

HOW CAN I DROP OFF MY CHILDREN WHO ARE ATTENDING CAMPS AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN BOULDER THAT START AT THE SAME TIME?

To accommodate parents who are picking up and dropping off campers at different locations, Thorne offers pick-up and drop-off windows. For camps meeting at Mapleton Early Childhood Center parents can drop off as early as 8:15am and as late as 8:45am with pick up at 2:30pm. For camps meeting at Sombra Marsh, Chautauqua, or Various Locations parents can drop off as early as 8:30am and as late as 9:00am and pick up between 2:30pm and 3:00pm.

In Louisville, all camps meet at Cottonwood Park. Drop off is between 8:15am-8:45am, and pick-up is at 2:30pm.

In Littleton, all camps meet at the Kassler Center. Drop-off is between 8:15am-8:45am, and pick-up is at 2:30pm.

If your camper is enrolled in Extended Care at either location, pick-up must occur by 5:30pm.

If you did not find the answers you were looking for, please read Thorne’s Parent Handbook at www.thornenature.org/programs/summer-camps or contact us at 303-499-3647 or info@thornenature.org

REGISTRATION

TO REGISTER:

Registration is first come, first served. Nearly all of our “Camp Experiences” fill several weeks in advance and 50% or more fill several months in advance, so don’t delay and register today! Online registration at www.thornenature.org is the quickest and easiest way to register.

If you need help registering, or don’t have computer access, please contact us by e-mail at info@thornenature.org or phone at **303-499-3647**.

WAITLIST:

If the “Camp Experience” you’ve selected has already filled, you can join our free waitlist. If a space becomes available in that “Camp Experience,” or if we add another section of that camp, we will inform you and ask if you want to register at that time.

PAYMENT:

Payment is required in full at the time of registration. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, AmEx, and e-checks for payment. If a payment plan is needed please contact the office by e-mail at info@thornenature.org or phone at **303-499-3647**.

DISCOUNTS:

Early Bird: Register by February 28 and save 15% on tuition! Use the coupon code **EB2018** to receive this discount at checkout.

Register one or more children for multiple “camp experiences” and receive 5% off tuition for each camp when you use the coupon code **MULTI2018** at checkout.

Discounts do not apply to Extended Care Experiences. Discounts may not be combined.

*Multi-Experience and Multi-Child Discounts do not apply for Parent and Child (3-5 year old) or Extended Care Experiences. Discounts may not be combined.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Scholarship assistance is available after March 1st and it is easy to apply. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Thorne awarded more than \$150,000 in scholarships in 2017, and we plan to offer even more this coming summer. To apply for a scholarship, fill out the scholarship application through the registration page at www.thornenature.org.

REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY:

Transfers: To make a transfer, e-mail info@thornenature.org with your child’s name, and the names and dates of the “Camp Experiences” you desire to transfer to and from. Prior to April 30: All “Camp Experiences” can be transferred at no cost. After April 30 and up to 21 days prior to the “Camp Experience” start date: Full Day “Camp Experiences” can be transferred for a \$10 fee; and, Extended Care and Parent and Child “Camp Experiences” can be transferred at no cost. Within 20 days of the start of a “Camp Experience”: Full Day “Camp Experiences” can be transferred for a \$45 fee, depending on availability; and, Extended Care and Parent and Child “Camp Experiences” can be transferred at no cost. Within 7 days of the start of a “Camp Experience”: Transfers will not be made; refer to the cancellation policy. All transfers are dependent on availability. If desired “Camp Experiences” are not available within the current year, refer to cancellation policy.

Cancellation: If you must cancel, e-mail info@thornenature.org as soon as possible. Prior to April 30: Full Day “Camp Experiences” will receive a full refund less a \$45 administrative fee per program; and, Extended Care will receive a full refund less a \$10 cancellation fee per program; and, Parent and Child “Camp Experiences” will not be refunded, but are transferable at no charge. After April 30 and up to 21 days prior to the “Camp Experience” start date: Full Day “Camp Experience” will receive a full refund less a \$45 administrative fee per program if we can fill the spot, or a 50% refund if we cannot fill the spot; and, Extended Care will receive a full refund less a \$10 cancellation fee; and, Parent and Child “Camp Experiences” will not be refunded, but are transferable at no charge. Within 20 days of the start of a “Camp Experience”: Refunds will not be given.

Last-Minute Medical Transfer/Credit: In the event of illness or injury prior to the start of a “Camp Experience,” please e-mail info@thornenature.org as soon as possible. Thorne will transfer the camper to another available “Camp Experience” or issue a credit good for up to 1 year for a future “Camp Experience” for the same camper for a \$45 administrative fee (free for Parent and Child “Camp Experiences”). A doctor’s note stating the camper’s inability to participate will be required. Requests for a medical cancellation will not be granted after a “Camp Experience” has ended.

CONFIRMATION:

You will receive an e-mail confirmation once your registration is processed. It will include a registration receipt and instructions to complete additional required forms before camp starts.

NATURE FOR ALL, All Year Long



Thorne Nature Experience is more than just a summer camp. During the school year, we offer award winning in-school and field trip programs to more than 10,000 Boulder and Denver Metro Area students. The program we are most proud of is our NATURE FOR ALL Initiative.

Thorne believes that all youth, regardless of race, ethnicity, or family income, deserve the opportunity to connect with nature. Unfortunately, within our community and across the country, low-income and Latino youth have less access to nature and the outdoors. Through the NATURE FOR ALL Initiative, Thorne awards more than \$400,000 in camp scholarships and subsidized school programs to more than 7,000 youth from low-income and Latino families each year (approximately 50% of Thorne's total participants). For more information about Thorne's School Programs and the NATURE FOR ALL Initiative including how you can make a contribution towards connecting underserved youth to nature, please visit www.thornenature.org. Thorne needs your support in order to ensure NATURE FOR ALL!



NATURE FOR ALL

Connecting Underserved Youth to Nature

**A bridge to nature is a bridge to a brighter future - for
our community's underserved youth and for our planet!**

JEFF & PAIGE MUSIC CAMP



Oo-Ah-Ah, Oo-Oo-Ah-Ah it's Summer Camp! Jeff and Paige proudly unite with Thorne Nature Experience to present a unique day camp, available for two one-week Camps this summer. Thorne instructors team up with the dynamic duo for: nature explorations, music, field trips, science experiments, theater and concerts this summer: June 11-15 and July 30-August 3.

Kids will spend time outdoors oo-ah-ah-ing their way through songs, skits, hikes, nature awareness activities and more, all connected through Jeff and Paige's original science and nature-based music. Campers will get the chance to dance with Paige, write songs with Jeff, and at the end of the week they'll have the opportunity to perform with Jeff and Paige during our closing concert (participation in the performance is optional!). Jeff & Paige will visit camp throughout the week to engage in activities, a song-writing workshop, rehearsal, and more!

This "Camp Experience" is best suited for rising K-3rd graders, ages 5-8, and meets at Sombrero Marsh Environmental Education Center in Boulder. Register now to secure your spot!



"The staff at Thorne all seem to have great energy and interest in the kids. I always felt my child was safe and well cared for."

- Thorne Summer Camp Parent



"Thorne allows children to play and learn in a natural environment. It teaches them to respect nature, enjoy it, and appreciate the goodness it brings. The instructors are caring and patient individuals who put positive energy and time into the children. I'm so happy that my kids were able to enjoy outdoor time in an environment that they don't normally have access to."

- Thorne Summer Camp Parent



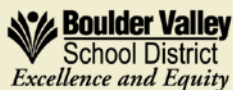


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For more than 60 years, Thorne Nature Experience has connected youth to nature through its hands-on Summer Camp. During the school year, Thorne offers In-School and Field Trip programs to nearly 10,000 Boulder and Denver Metro area students. Thorne's NATURE FOR ALL Initiative helps to ensure all youth have access to nature through our award winning programs!