

SUMMER CAMP 2020



NEW! Nature Preschool
Drop Off Summer Camps!





“Thorne cultivates a love of nature while learning and having fun!”
- Thorne Summer Camp Parent



“We’re a super outdoorsy family, but it’s so great to have others reinforcing the priority to spend time outdoors. It is also so great for her to hear, see, and experience new ways to be inspired by the outdoors.”
- Thorne Summer Camp Parent

“The camp was so well done. My daughter had a great time and came out of each day excited to talk about what she connected with in nature. We loved hearing about which new place you guys explored each day. It also gave us ideas for future family outings.”
- Thorne Summer Camp Parent



“After his Thorne camp, my son got out our butterfly net and started catching bugs at home. Camp gave him confidence and sparked his interest.”
- 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!



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 2-4 year-olds, offer drop-off “Camp Experiences” for campers ages 3-15, and continue to 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.

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.”



Age	Camp Experience	Hours	May 26-29*	June 1-5	June 8-12	June 15-19	June 22-26	June 29 -July 3	July 6-10	July 13-17	July 20-24	July 27-31	Aug 3-7	Aug 10-14
2-4 "Parent and Child"	Creature Superheroes	A			SO	SO			SO		SO		SO	
	Critter Search	A			SP	SP	SP			SP		SP		
	Forest Fairies & Gnomes	A		EM		EM			EM	EM		EM	EM	
	I Dig Dinos	A		NC	NC		NC			NC		NC	NC	
	Nature Builders	A			MT	MT				MT	MT		MT	
	Nature Play	A		BO			BO		BO		BO	BO		
	The Great Bug Hunt	A		SM			SM		SM		SM			
3-5 "Preschool"	Thorne Nature Preschool Summer Camp	G		SM	SM	SM	SM		SM	SM	SM	SM		
5-6	Eco-Explorers	B	SM	SM		SM		SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	
5-7	Jeff & Paige Nature Music Camp	B			SM		SM							
5-8	The Ultimate Thorne Experience	C												SM
6-8 "Wanderers"	At Home in the Woods	B	BHS	BHS			BHS		BHS		BHS	BHS	BHS	
	Nature Creations	B			CH	CH		CH		CH				
	Nature Ninjas	B			CH	CH		CH		CH		CH		
	The Ultimate Thorne Experience - Wanderers	B	BHS	BHS			BHS		BHS		BHS	BHS	BHS	
9-11 "Pathfinders"	Biking & Birding	C				VL	VL							
	Fly Fishing	C								VL	VL			
	The Ultimate Thorne Experience - Pathfinders	B		BHS			BHS				BHS	BHS		
	Wild Skills	B			CH	CH		CH				CH		
	Wilderness Creations	B	BHS						BHS				BHS	
	Wild Skills Overnight Adventure	D								CH				
12-15 "Trailblazers"	Advanced Bird Banding	F					VL							
	Birds & Bird Banding	F	VL	VL		VL								
	Fly Fishing	C								VL	VL			
	Survival Skills Overnight Adventure	E										CH		
	Wilderness Creations	C	BHS						BHS				BHS	
16+	Teaching Assistant	B	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL

HOURS

- A** / 9:30-11:30, Single Day (Check description for exact day each week)
- B** / 8:30-2:30, Mon-Fri, Extended Care Optional Until 5:30
- C** / 8:30-2:30, Mon-Fri, No Extended Care Option
- D** / 8:30-2:30, Mon-Fri w/Overnight on Thurs, Extended Care Optional Until 5:30
- E** / 8:30-2:30, Mon-Fri w/Overnight on Thurs, No Extended Care Option
- F** / 8:00-12:00, Mon-Fri, No Extended Care Option
- G** / 9:00-1:00, MWF, TR, or M-F, After Care optional at Mt View Preschool until 4

*Tuition for holiday weeks is pro-rated.

LOCATIONS

- BHS** / Boulder High School
 MT / Mount Sanitas Trailhead
 SO / South Mesa Trailhead
- BO** / Bobolink Trail
 NC / NCAR
 SP / Sawhill Ponds
- CH** / Chautauqua
 SM / Sombrero Marsh
 VL / Various Locations
- EM** / Enchanted Mesa

LAFAYETTE CAMP EXPERIENCES

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

Thorne has organized its Lafayette 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. 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

Boulder County 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 County’s parks and open spaces have to offer, so most “Camp Experiences” visit a different natural area each day. Parent drop-off and pick-up for all Lafayette “Camp Experiences” is conveniently located at Ryan Elementary School.



Age	Camp Experience	Hours	June 8-12	June 15-19	June 22-26	July 6-10	July 13-17	July 20-24
6-8 “Wanderers”	At Home in the Woods	A		•			•	•
	Nature Creations	A	•					
	Nature Ninjas	A		•	•	•	•	
	The Ultimate Thorne Experience - Wanderers	A	•		•	•		•
9-11 “Pathfinders”	The Ultimate Thorne Experience - Pathfinders	A		•	•		•	
	Wild Skills	A	•			•		•
16+	Teaching Assistant	A	•	•	•	•	•	•

HOURS

A / 8:30-2:30, Mon-Fri, Extended Care Optional Until 5:30



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 five 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.

Age	Camp Experience	Hours	June 15-19	June 22-26	July 6-10	July 13-17
5-8	At Home in the Woods	A			•	
	The Ultimate Thorne Experience - Wanderers	A	•	•		•
6-8	Nature Ninjas	A	•			•
9-11 “Pathfinders”	Bike the Platte	A	•			
	Fly Fishing	A			•	•
	The Ultimate Thorne Experience - Pathfinders	A	•	•		•
	Wild Skills	A			•	
	Wilderness Creations	A		•		
12-15 “Trailblazers”	Fly Fishing	B			•	•
	River Ecology by Bike	B		•		
	Wilderness Creations	B		•		
16+	Teaching Assistant	A				

HOURS

A / 8:30-2:30, Mon-Fri, Extended Care Optional Until 5:30

B / 8:30-2:30, Mon-Fri, No Extended Care Option

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 2-4 / 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!**

Creature Superheros: 6/11; 6/19; 7/7; 7/22; 8/6

LOCATION: South Mesa

COST: \$20

Critter Search: 6/12; 6/18; 6/24; 7/14; 7/30

LOCATION: Sawhill Ponds

COST: \$20

Forest Fairies & Gnomes: 6/5; 6/17; 7/9; 7/15; 7/28; 8/7

LOCATION: Enchanted Mesa Trail

COST: \$20

I Dig Dinos: 6/3; 6/9; 6/26; 7/16; 7/31; 8/5

LOCATION: NCAR

COST: \$20

Nature Builders: 6/10; 6/16; 7/17; 7/23; 8/4

LOCATION: Mt. Sanitas Trailhead

COST: \$20

Nature Play: 6/4; 6/23; 7/8; 7/24; 7/29

LOCATION: Bobolink

COST: \$20

The Great Bug Hunt: 6/2; 6/25; 7/6; 7/21

LOCATION: Sombrero Marsh

COST: \$20



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

NATURE PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP / M-F / 9:00AM-1:00PM

This 2-week, drop-off “Camp Experience” is an extension of Thorne Nature Preschool, and is built on the simple belief that kids grow better in nature! With a child to adult ratio of 4 to 1, Thorne’s early childhood qualified staff foster the growth of the whole child (cognitive, physical, social, emotional, creative), while cultivating a profound connection to nature. Through play in nature, children explore, imagine, solve problems, cooperate with others, and build empathy for the natural world, all while developing skills in early literacy, science, math, and social emotional learning. Parents can choose a 2 (T/Th) or 3 (M/W/F) day per week option, or combine both for a 5 day per week option. If choosing 2 or 3 days per week, we encourage participating in at least 4 weeks of this “camp experience” to allow children to adjust and gain the most from the program.

Thorne Nature Preschool Summer Camp runs from 9am-1pm and meets at the Sombrero Marsh Environmental Education Center at 1466 N. 63rd St. Boulder, CO 80303. This program includes occasional field trips via Thorne’s 14-passenger school bus to a nearby natural area. If full day care is needed, Thorne will provide optional transportation to nearby Mt. View Preschool, which runs until 4:00pm. Enrollment in Thorne’s school-year Nature Preschool is not required for this “Camp Experience,” but children must be 3 years old and fully potty trained to attend.



June 1-12 session*

Tu/Th option: \$240

M/W/F option: \$360

M-F option: \$600

June 15-26 session

Tu/Th option: \$240

M/W/F option: \$360

M-F option: \$600

July 6-17 session

Tu/Th option: \$240

M/W/F option: \$360

M-F option: \$600

July 20-31 session

Tu/Th option: \$240

M/W/F option: \$360

M-F option: \$600

*Mt. View is closed June 8-12

To learn more about Thorne Nature Preschool and our educational philosophy, please visit:
www.thornenaturepreschool.org

EXPLORERS / AGES 5-6 / \$369 / B

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

This “Camp Experience” is the perfect introduction to Thorne Camp for budding nature lovers. Campers will become Eco-Explorers by tuning in to observations and using all five senses. Curiosity and love of learning abound as campers discover what it is that excites them about being outside! In this introduction to exploration campers will connect with nature through daily activities like games, songs, storytelling, art creations, and most importantly nature exploration. Each week will focus on a different nature theme, so kids can return for multiple weeks and learn new things each time!

A 10:1 maximum camper-to-instructor ratio will ensure your child receives all the attention and care they need while they get used to attending camp and learning and playing in nature. Morning drop-off is flexible between 8:30am-9am. 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. **This summer, Jeff and Paige proudly unite with Thorne for two one-week Camps.** See p.19 for more info!



WANDERERS / AGES 6-8 / B LF 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 our young 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 Boulder High School or Chautauqua. Boulder campers travel from BHS on a BVSD school bus to a different natural area each day including Chautauqua, South Mesa Trail, Heil Ranch, Walden Ponds, and more!

LAFAYETTE Wanderers “Camp Experiences” meet each day at Ryan Elementary in Lafayette. Campers travel on a BVSD school bus to a different natural area each day including Coal Creek Trail, Chautauqua, South Mesa Trail, Walden Ponds, and more!

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.

At Home in the Woods B LF LT*

COST : \$369

Jeff & Paige Nature Music Camp B

COST : \$399

See page 19 for more information

Nature Creations B LF

COST : \$369

Nature Ninjas B LF LT

COST : \$369

The Ultimate Thorne Experience

- Wanderers B LF LT*

COST : \$369

*These camps for 5-8 year olds in Littleton



PATHFINDERS / AGES 9-11 B LF 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, art 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 in Boulder also have the opportunity to participate in an **Adventure Camp**, 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.



Bike the Platte LT

COST : \$389

Biking and Birding B

COST : \$389

Fly Fishing B LT

COST : \$439

The Ultimate Thorne Experience- Pathfinders B LF LT

COST : \$369

Wild Skills B LF LT


COST : \$369

Wild Skills Overnight Adventure B LT

COST : \$539

Wilderness Creations B LT

COST : \$369



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

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 outdoor skills. Beyond expanding knowledge and proficiency in activities like biking, fly fishing, art 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 an **Adventure Camp**, where they spend a Thursday night away from home camping with Thorne’s expert instructors!



Birds & Bird Banding* B

COST : \$299

Advanced Bird Banding* B

COST : \$299

Fly Fishing B LT

COST : \$439

River Ecology by Bike LT

COST : \$389

Survival Skills Overnight Adventure B LT

COST : \$539

Wilderness Creations B

COST : \$369

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

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

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



Thorne's flexible, low-cost, week-long Extended Care option allows campers to spend the whole day with Thorne in a safe, fun, and educational environment. Campers participating in Extended Care spend the first portion of the day at their morning "Camp Experience," then continue their explorations in the afternoon Extended Care program. Extended Care offers camper-driven outdoor investigations as well as respite from the elements indoors. Extended Care campers explore nature, play games, tell stories, and make nature crafts, all under the guidance of an experienced Thorne instructor. **Please note, snack is not provided by Thorne and families should plan to send an extra snack for Extended Care.**

BOULDER In Boulder, Extended Care takes place at Thorne's Sombrero Marsh Environmental Education Center. Parents can pick up their kids any time between 3:15-5:30PM, leaving time to run errands, work, exercise, or simply relax knowing that their children are having fun with friends. Campers are transported to Sombrero Marsh by a BVSD school bus each day following their morning "Camp Experience."

LAFAYETTE In Lafayette, Extended Care takes place at Ryan Elementary School. Parents can pick up their kids any time between 2:30-5:30PM, leaving time to run errands, work, exercise, or simply relax knowing that their children are having fun with friends.

LITTLETON In Littleton, Extended Care takes place at the Kassler Center. Parents can pick up their kids any time between 2:30-5:30PM, leaving time to run errands, work, exercise, or simply relax knowing that their children are having fun with friends.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

When you register, please be sure to record friends' names in the space provided. If an Experience fills, Thorne will sometimes split a “Camp Experience” into A and B sessions and the friend information you report will be taken into account when dividing the sections.

HOW ARE CAMPERS TRANSPORTED FOR THORNE “CAMP EXPERIENCES” THAT REQUIRE VEHICLE TRANSPORT TO FIELD SITES?

In Boulder and Lafayette, a Boulder Valley School District bus and driver transports campers on field trips and to Extended Care (Sombrero Marsh only, Lafayette Extended Care does not require vehicle transport). For the Nature Preschool Camp, trained staff will drive children in a 14-passenger bus to nearby natural areas for field trips, on occasion. Thorne Staff do not transport campers in personal vehicles.

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

Thorne's camper/instructor ratio in most daytime “Camp Experiences” is 12:1 but we strive for 6:1- one instructor and one volunteer teaching assistant. Some “Camp Experiences” may have a lower maximum number of campers or multiple instructors to provide the optimal environment for safety and specialized instruction. The Nature Preschool Camp has a ratio of 4:1.

WHO ARE THORNE'S INSTRUCTORS?

All Thorne Instructors have passed background checks through the State of Colorado. All are trained in First Aid, CPR, Standard Precautions, and Medication Administration. Thorne Instructors have diverse professional backgrounds ranging from school year educators to environmental scientists to environmental education and summer camp professionals. All Thorne Instructors have a minimum of 460 hours of experience working with children and most importantly, all have a passion for connecting youth to nature!

Many “Camp Experiences” have the support of volunteer Teaching Assistants (ages 16+) and Student Teaching Assistants (ages 13-15). Some of our volunteers are high school and college students, some are retired teachers, and some are even alumni of Thorne camps! All volunteers have passed background checks and have completed our required volunteer training.

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

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

Yes, Thorne is 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.

DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO MEET THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT?

For the drop-off Nature Preschool Camp, children must be 3 years old by the first day of camp and potty trained to attend. If your child is 5 years old or will be 5 by October 15, they may attend all “Camp Experiences” for 5 year olds. For children ages 6 and older, it is best to register for the “Camp Experiences” that are designed for your child's age range. See the age specific FAQs on Thorne's website for additional information.

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 CampInTouch 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 in Boulder, Thorne offers pick-up and drop-off windows. For camps meeting at Boulder High School, parents can drop off as early as 8:15 am and as late as 8:45 am with pick up at 2:30 pm. For camps meeting at Sombrero Marsh, Chautauqua, or Various Locations parents can drop off as early as 8:30 am and as late as 9:00 am and pick up between 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm.

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

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:

Super Early Bird: Register by January 31 and save 15% on tuition! Use the coupon code **SUPER2020** to receive this discount at checkout.

Early Bird: Register by February 29 and save 10% on tuition! Use the coupon code **EB2020** 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 **MULTI2020** at checkout.

Discounts do not apply to 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 2019, 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.

JEFF & PAIGE NATURE 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 8-12 and June 22-26.

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-2nd graders, ages 5-7, and meets at Sombrero Marsh Environmental Education Center in Boulder. Register now to secure your spot!



"One day, he returned from camp grinning and bubbling-over with excitement. "I pulled three leeches off myself today, mom!" He was so pleased with himself, and I absolutely loved that it was a positive experience for him. Kudos to his instructor for somehow making leeches fun!"

- Thorne Summer Camp Parent



"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



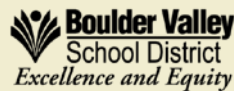


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