



# Summer Camp Descriptions 2021



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This document contains descriptions for each unique “Camp Experience” offered by Thorne Nature Experience. Please check Thorne’s Online Catalog for current availability, FAQ’s and more. The Online Catalogue, as well as Registration, are available at [www.thornenature.org](http://www.thornenature.org).

# Camps by Age, Date, and Location

Age	Camp Name	Session					
		June 1-11	June 14-25	June 28-July 9	July 12-23	July 26-Aug 6	Aug 9 - 17
3	Thorne Nature Preschool Summer Camp		Sombrero Marsh, Arts Hub (4 week session)		Sombrero Marsh, Arts Hub (4 week session)		
4-5	Thorne Nature Preschool Summer Camp		Sombrero Marsh Arts Hub	Sombrero Marsh Arts Hub	Sombrero Marsh Arts Hub	Sombrero Marsh Arts Hub	
5-6 ("Explorers")	Eco-Explorers	Sombrero Marsh	Sombrero Marsh	Sombrero Marsh	Sombrero Marsh	Sombrero Marsh	
5-8	Thorne Nature Camp						Sombrero Marsh
6-8 ("Wanderers")	Thorne Nature Camp - Wanderers	Chautauqua Mt. Sanitas	Chautauqua Mt. Sanitas Ryan Elementary	Chautauqua Mt. Sanitas Ryan Elementary	Chautauqua Mt. Sanitas Ryan Elementary	Chautauqua Mt. Sanitas Ryan Elementary	
9-11 ("Pathfinders")	Thorne Nature Camp - Pathfinders	Mt. Sanitas	Mt. Sanitas	Mt. Sanitas Ryan Elementary	Mt. Sanitas	Mt. Sanitas Ryan Elementary	
	Wild Skills & Creations	Chautauqua	Chautauqua Ryan Elementary	Chautauqua	Chautauqua Ryan Elementary	Chautauqua	
12-15 ("Trailblazers")	Wild Skills & Creations	Chautauqua	Chautauqua Ryan Elementary	Chautauqua	Chautauqua Ryan Elementary	Chautauqua	

## Primary\* Locations:

- Sombrero Marsh - 1466 N. 63rd St. Boulder, CO 80303
- The Arts Hub - 420 Courtney Way, Lafayette 80026
- Chautauqua - 900 Baseline Road, Boulder CO 80302 (the lawn near the ranger cottage)
- Mt. Sanitas - 345 Mapleton Ave, 80304 (in front of the 7th Day Adventist Church)
- Ryan Elementary - 1405 Centaur Village Drive, Lafayette, 80026

\*Some camps drop off at a different location 1 or 2 days a week, to give campers the chance to experience a new environment. More info below.

## Thorne Nature Preschool Summer Camp

- 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 3 day (M/W/F), 2 day (Tu/Th), or 5 day options
- After Care - Lafayette: 1:00-3:30 pm
- After Care - Boulder: Thorne can transport campers to Mt. View Preschool which runs till 4pm. Application to Mt. View required.

## Thorne Summer Camps

- 8:30 am -2:30pm
- Monday - Friday
- Due to COVID-19, we will not be offering Extended Care in 2021

# Camp Pricing

## Preschool Summer Camp (Ages 3-5)

Age 3 (4-week sessions, 9:00am-1:00pm)

- 5 days a week M-F - \$1240 per session
- 3 days a week, MWF - \$768 per session
- 2 days a week, T/Th - \$512 per session

Age 4-5 (2-week sessions, 9:00am-1:00pm)

- 5 days a week, M-F - \$620 per session
- 3 days a week, MWF - \$384 per session
- 2 days a week, T/Th - \$256 per session

**Aftercare - Lafayette (1:00pm-3:30pm)**

Age 3 (4-week sessions)

- 5 days a week, M-F - \$660 per session
- 3 days a week, MWF - \$413 per session
- 2 days a week, T/Th - \$275 per session

Age 4-5 (2-week sessions)

- 5 days a week, M-F - \$330 per session
- 3 days a week, MWF - \$206 per session
- 2 days a week, T/Th - \$138 per session

**Aftercare - Boulder (1:00pm-4:00pm)**

If full day care is needed, Thorne will provide optional transportation to nearby Mt. View Preschool at additional cost of \$7.50/day. Separate registration for Mt. View is required.

## Thorne Summer Camp (Ages 5-15)

By session:

- June 1-11 (9 days, because of Memorial Day) - \$665
- June 14-25, June 28-July 9, July 12-23, July 26-Aug 6 (10 days each) - \$738 per session
- Aug 9-17 (7 days, because BVSD starts Wed the 18th) - \$517



# Camp Descriptions - Ages 3 to 5

## Nature Preschool Summer Camp

This drop-off "Camp Experience" is modeled on our school-year preschool program, which is built on the simple belief that kids grow better in nature! With our low child to adult ratio, Thorne's 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 social emotional skills. While predictable rituals and routines guide children into learning, this "Camp Experience" allows children's interests and curiosity to direct the day's activities.



This "Camp Experience" is best suited for preschool-aged campers. Children must be 3 years old and fully potty-trained to attend.

Parents can choose a 2, 3, or 5 day per week option in four-week sessions if your child is three years old or two-week sessions if your child is four or older. Multiple weeks allow young children to settle into the routines of camp, make friends, and have a successful experience. Camps run from

Enrollment in Thorne's school-year Preschool is not required for this "Camp Experience." To learn more about Thorne Nature Preschool and our educational philosophy, please visit:

[www.thornenaturepreschool.org/](http://www.thornenaturepreschool.org/)

## Locations

Thorne Nature Preschool Summer Camp runs at two locations, Sombrero Marsh in Boulder and the Arts Hub in Lafayette.



# Camp Descriptions - Ages 5 and 6

## Eco-Explorers

This "Camp Experience" is the perfect introductory 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 sessions and learn new things each time! The chart below describes the two Themes for each session (one per week.)

Session	Theme	Description
Session 1: June 1-11	Nature Detectives & Habitat Hunters	Discover the magic of the natural world using all 5 senses. Explore pond habitats and the animals that call them home.
Session 2: June 14-25	Water Wonders & Little Worlds	Get wet while discovering the importance of water and who calls a wetland home. Get a glimpse into the world of the crawling and flying insects all around us.
Session 3: June 28- July 9	Reptile Round-Up & Pond Muckers	Discover the creepy, crawly, slithering world of snakes, turtles, lizards, and other reptiles. Explore life in ponds - plants, animals, and insects.
Session 4: July 12-23	Geology Rocks & Tracks and Trails	Digging into time to discover who lived here in prehistoric times. Use our detective work to figure out what mammals call Sombrero Marsh home.
Session 5: July 26- Aug 6	Feathered Friends & Plants and Pollinators	Let learning take flight while we discover how birds are unique. Explore the magnificent world of plants and their pollinators.

This "Camp Experience" is best suited for rising K-1st graders. Low 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.

### Locations

This "Camp Experience" meets at the Sombrero Marsh on M/W/F. On Tu/Th, the camp pick-up and drop-off will be at an alternative field trip location, like Chautauqua or Bobolink trail.

Based on COVID restrictions, this schedule is subject to change and you will be notified in advance of any schedule changes.

# Camp Descriptions - Ages 6 to 8

## Thorne Nature Camp - Wanderers

At Thorne, we see summer adventures as a rite of passage that every kid should get a chance to experience. Whether this is building a fort, splashing in a creek, catching wild critters, or just lying in the shade of a giant tree and watching the clouds float by, these moments are priceless. Our knowledgeable nature mentors make magic happen by guiding campers into activities that integrate learning with "children's passions"- the universal stuff that kids the world over love to do outside. Tapping into the spirit of play while exploring in a variety of wilderness settings, campers will go on epic adventures where catching a water insect could lead to a lesson on life cycles, building a dam in a creek may develop into an experiment, or an encounter with a deer will lead the group to see new places through the eyes of an animal. Because there is always more to discover in nature this Camp can be enjoyed again and again, getting a healthy dose of summer fun each time!

This "Camp Experience" is best suited for rising 1st-3rd graders. To accommodate the needs of younger campers, these "Camp Experiences" involve less than one mile of hiking per day and remain close to bathroom facilities, shade, and water.



### What are some of the things we will do in this camp?

- Catch critters
- Storytelling
- Survival Skills
- Investigate the local flora and fauna
- Nature inspired games and art
- Building, creating, and much more!

### Locations

- Chautauqua - pick up and drop off are at Chautauqua on M/W/F and at Mt. Sanitas on Tu/Th
- Mt. Sanitas - pick up and drop off are at Mt. Sanitas on M/W/F and at Chautauqua on Tu/Th
- Ryan Elementary - pick up and drop off are at Ryan Elementary on M/Tu/Th/F and at Waneka Lake (1600 Caria Dr., Lafayette, CO 80026) on Wednesdays. From Ryan Elementary we walk to the nearby Coal Creek corridor.

Based on COVID restrictions, this schedule is subject to change and families will be notified in advance of any schedule changes.

# Camp Descriptions - Ages 9 to 11

For this age group, Thorne's "Camp Experiences" focus on skill-building. These camps are best suited for rising 4th-6th graders and build upon campers' earlier experiences with the natural world to develop and deepen their skills and sense of connection. Our Pathfinders venture further from trailheads, so that they can see and experience more of the natural world. There are two "Camp Experiences" for this age group: "Thorne Nature Camp - Pathfinders" and "Wild Skills & Creations."

## Thorne Nature Camp - Pathfinders

This "Camp Experience" focuses on exploration in the wilderness of Boulder County and brings in adventure, skill-building, teamwork, and leadership. Through these experiences outside kids will build a lifelong foundation of nature connection and self-confidence. Middle childhood provides the opportunity to go deeper with learning, build lasting friendships, and tap into kids' universal love of play. Daily themes such as nature investigation, quests, and creation are woven throughout activities that are designed to inspire curiosity and engagement, but the real magic happens as instructors guide campers into activities that follow the discoveries and interests of the group. Because there is always more to discover in nature, this is a "Camp Experience" to enjoy again and again, getting a healthy dose of summer fun each time!



### What are some of the things we will do in camp?

- Explore the wilderness with fun nature-based adventures and quests
- Track and catch critters on land and in the water
- Investigate and learn about the local flora and fauna
- Nature inspired games, teambuilding, art, and storytelling
- Survival and scouting skills
- Building, creating, and much more!

### Locations

- Mt. Sanitas - Meets at Mt. Sanitas on M/W/F and at Chautauqua on Tu/Th
- Ryan Elementary - Meets at Ryan on M/Tu/Th/F and at Waneka Lake on Wednesdays

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## Wild Skills and Creations

Thorne's Wild Skills and Creations camp takes love of outdoor adventures to the next level! Campers will take on the wild as they practice essential survival skills, learn to live primitively, and use nature as an inspiration for creative projects. Through interacting with nature to find the things humans need to survive, campers will develop self-confidence and an appreciation for the bounty that the natural world provides. Wilderness Living is for campers who love to work with their hands, create, and share their nature experiences in inventive ways. Because there is always more to discover in nature and skills to hone, this is a "Camp Experience" to enjoy again and again, getting a healthy dose of summer fun each time!

### What are some of the things we will do in camp?

- Primitive fire and tool building
- Build debris shelters
- Wilderness cooking and water filtration
- Track and catch critters on land and in the water
- Identify plants and local wildlife
- Creative projects with natural materials
- Wilderness navigation
- Learn from native cultures of this region and much more!

### Locations

- Chautauqua - Meets at Chautauqua on M/W/F and at Mt. Sanitas on Tu/Th
- Ryan Elementary - Meets at Ryan Elementary on M/Tu/Th/F and at Waneka Lake on Wednesdays

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# Camp Descriptions - Ages 12 to 15

## Wild Skills and Creations

Thorne's Wild Skills and Creations camp takes love of outdoor adventures to the next level! Campers will take on the wild as they practice essential survival skills, learn to live primitively, and use nature as an inspiration for creative projects. Through interacting with nature to find the things humans need to survive, campers will develop self-confidence and an appreciation for the bounty that the natural world provides. Wilderness Living is for campers who love to work with their hands, create, and share their nature experiences in inventive ways. Because there is always more to discover in nature and skills to hone, this is a "Camp Experience" to enjoy again and again, getting a healthy dose of summer fun each time!



### What are some of the things we will do in camp?

- Primitive fire and tool building
- Build debris shelters
- Wilderness cooking and water filtration
- Track and catch critters on land and in the water
- Identify plants and local wildlife
- Creative projects with natural materials
- Wilderness navigation
- Learn from native cultures of this region and much more!

### Locations

- Chautauqua - Meets at Chautauqua on M/W/F and at Mt. Sanitas on Tu/Th
- Ryan Elementary - Meets at Ryan Elementary on M/Tu/Th/F and at Waneka Lake on Wednesday

Based on COVID restrictions, this schedule is subject to change and families will be notified in advance of any schedule changes.

# **Extended Care - Ages 5 to 15**

Due to ongoing challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic, Thorne will not be offering Extended Care in 2021.