



Summer Camp 2022 Details



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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 Catalog, as well as the link to Register, are available at www.thornenature.org.

Boulder Camps

		Session Dates & Meeting Locations					
Age	Camp Name	May 31-June 10	June 13-24	June 27-July 8	July 11-22	July 25-Aug 5	Aug 8 - 16
3-6	Thorne Nature Preschool Summer Camp		East Boulder Community Center	East Boulder Community Center	East Boulder Community Center	East Boulder Community Center	
5-6	Eco-Explorers	Sombrero Marsh*	Sombrero Marsh*	Sombrero Marsh	Sombrero Marsh*	Sombrero Marsh*	Sombrero Marsh
6-8	Wanderers- The Ultimate Thorne Experience	Chautauqua Mt. Sanitas	Chautauqua Mt. Sanitas	Chautauqua Mt. Sanitas	Chautauqua Mt. Sanitas	Mt. Sanitas	
9-11	Pathfinders- The Ultimate Thorne Experience	Chautauqua	Chautauqua	Chautauqua	Chautauqua		
	Wild Skills & Creations	Mt. Sanitas	Mt. Sanitas	Mt. Sanitas	Mt. Sanitas		
12-15	Birds & Bird Banding	Various Locations	Various Locations				
	Wild Skills & Creations			Mt. Sanitas			
3-11	Early Care & Extended Care	Click here for more information on Early Care and Extended Care availability					

Boulder Meeting Location Details

- Chautauqua – 900 Baseline Road, Boulder, CO 80302
- East Boulder Community Center – 5660 Sioux Dr, Boulder, CO 80303
- Mt. Sanitas – 840 Mapleton Ave, 80304 (Mapleton Early Childhood Center)
- Sombrero Marsh – 1466 N. 63rd St. Boulder, CO 80303

* These camp dates include a visit from special guests, Jeff & Paige

Lafayette Camps

		Session Dates & Meeting Locations					
Age	Camp Name	May 31-June 10	June 13-24	June 27-July 8	July 11-22	July 25-Aug 5	Aug 8 - 16
3-6	Thorne Nature Preschool Summer Camp		S. Public Road Trailhead	S. Public Road Trailhead	S. Public Road Trailhead	S. Public Road Trailhead	
5-6	Eco-Explorers	S. Public Road Trailhead*	S. Public Road Trailhead	S. Public Road Trailhead	S. Public Road Trailhead	S. Public Road Trailhead	S. Public Road Trailhead
6-8	Wanderers- The Ultimate Thorne Experience		Coal Creek	Coal Creek	Coal Creek	Coal Creek	
9-11	Pathfinders- The Ultimate Thorne Experience			Coal Creek		Coal Creek	
	Wild Skills & Creations		Coal Creek		Coal Creek		
12-15	Wild Skills & Creations				Coal Creek		
3-11	Early Care, After Care & Extended Care	Click here for more information on Early Care, After Care, and Extended Care availability					

Lafayette Meeting Location Details

- Arts Hub - 420 Courtney Way, Lafayette 80026
- Coal Creek - 1405 Centaur Village Drive, Lafayette, 80026 (Ryan Elementary)
- S. Public Road Trailhead - 110 Old Laramie Trail Lafayette, CO 80026

* This camp includes a visit from special guests, Jeff & Paige

Camp Hours & Pricing

Thorne Nature Preschool Summer Camp (Ages 3-6)

Hours

- 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- 5 day, 3 day (M/W/F), or 2 day (Tu/Th) options
- Early Care/After Care:
 - **Boulder:**
 - Early Care 8:30 am-9:00 am
 - No After Care
 - **Lafayette:**
 - Early Care 8:30 am-9:00 am
 - After Care 1:00 pm-3:00 pm or 1:00 pm-4:30 pm

Pricing

- 5 days a week M-F - \$772 per 2-week session
- 3 days a week, M/W/F - \$476 per 2-week session
- 2 days a week, Tu/Th - \$325 per 2-week session

Early Care and After Care

- Early Care, 8:30 am-9:00 am
 - M-F - \$80 per session
 - M/W/F - \$48 per session
 - Tu/Th - \$32 per session
- After Care
 - 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm
 - M-F - \$319 per session
 - M/W/F - \$191 per session
 - Tu/Th - \$128 per session
 - 1:00 pm- 4:30 pm
 - M-F - \$558 per session
 - M/W/F - \$335 per session
 - Tu/Th - \$223 per session

*Prices will be prorated for holidays/shorter sessions



Thorne Summer Camp (Ages 5-15)

Hours

- 8:30 am-2:30 pm Monday-Friday
- Extended Care: 2:30 pm-5:30 pm

*Birds and Bird Banding meets from 8 am-12 pm

Pricing

Standard Camp Sessions

- May 31-June 10, June 27-July 8 (9 day sessions for holidays) - \$718 per session
- June 13-24, July 11-22, July 25-Aug 5 (10 day sessions) - \$798 per session
- Aug 8-16 (7 day session because BVSD starts Wed the 17th) - \$559 per session

Birds and Bird Banding

- May 31-June 10 (9 day session for Memorial Day) - \$538 per session
- June 13-24 (10 day session) - \$598 per session

Extended Care

- \$225 per session
- Extended Care prices will be prorated for holidays/shorter sessions
- Extended Care is enrolled for full sessions and times only. Families may pick up early or opt out of days, but will not be eligible for a refund.



Camp Descriptions – Ages 3 to 6

Thorne Nature Preschool Summer Camp

This 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 5 to 1, 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.



Parents can choose a 2, 3, or 5 day per week option in two-week sessions although we highly recommend at least four weeks for 3 year olds or new campers to the program. Multiple weeks allow young children to settle into the routines of camp, make friends, and have a successful experience.

To learn more about Thorne Nature Preschool and our educational philosophy, please visit:

www.thornenaturepreschool.org

Locations

- Boulder: East Boulder Community Center
- Lafayette: S. Public Road Trailhead

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!

During session 1 in Lafayette and Sombrero Marsh, and sessions 2, 4, and 5 at Sombrero Marsh, local performers Jeff & Paige will visit one day to share their love of music, dancing, science discovery, and the outdoors! Campers will have a chance to not only see a live concert but be a part of creating the experience!

Eco-Explorers will connect with nature through daily activities like games, songs, storytelling, art creations, and most importantly nature exploration. Each session themes and projects will be driven by student interest, and supported by skilled instructors, so kids can return for multiple sessions 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.

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

- Explore, creative play, and have fun nature-based adventures
- Search for critters on land and in the water
- Introductory activities for investigating local flora and fauna
- Nature-inspired games, music, stories, art, and much more!

Locations

- Boulder: Sombrero Marsh - *includes 4 days of field trips to nearby nature areas*
- Lafayette: S. Public Road Trailhead - *includes daily walking field trips*



Camp Descriptions - Ages 6 to 8

Wanderers- The Ultimate Thorne Experience

What is the best thing about being a kid in the summer? Getting outside in nature with friends! At Thorne, we believe every child should have a summer adventure. Whether this is building a fort, splashing in a creek, looking for wild critters, or lying in the shade of a giant tree and watching the clouds float by, these moments are priceless.

In the Ultimate Thorne Experience, our instructors will guide your child in outdoor exploration and provide mentorship in all that is wild in Colorado! The real magic happens as instructors guide campers into activities that integrate their expertise with your child's emerging passions. Tapping into the spirit of play while exploring in a variety of wilderness settings, campers will go on epic adventures. Looking for 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, and because children's passions continue to grow and develop, this "Camp Experience" can be enjoyed again and again. Each adventure will be a healthy dose of summer fun!

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?

- Explore children's passions, creative play, and have fun adventures in nature
- Search for critters on land and in the water
- Investigate the local flora and fauna
- Nature-inspired games and art
- Storytelling
- Survival Skills and crafting
- Building, creating, and much more!

Locations

- Boulder: Chautauqua, Mt. Sanitas - *both include 5 days of field trips to nearby nature areas*
- Lafayette: Coal Creek - *includes 5 days of field trips to nearby nature areas*

Camp Descriptions - Ages 9 to 11

These camps are best suited for rising 4th-6th graders and deepen their skills and sense of connection with the natural world. These camps venture further from trailheads so that they can see and experience more.

Pathfinders- The Ultimate Thorne Experience

Let's get outside with our friends and explore! With over 60 years of expertise leading nature programs, The Ultimate Thorne Experience combines all the things that youth love to do most in nature into one camp!

The Ultimate Thorne 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, team challenges, and crafting 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 campers' discoveries and emerging interests. Because there is always more to discover in nature, this is a "Camp Experience" to enjoy again and again. Each adventure will be a healthy dose of summer fun!



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

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

Locations

- Boulder: Chautauqua - *includes 5 days of field trips to nearby nature areas*
- Lafayette: Coal Creek - *includes 5 days of field trips to nearby nature areas*

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. Wild Skills and Creations 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. Each adventure will be a healthy dose of summer fun!

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 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

- Boulder: Mt. Sanitas - *includes 5 days of field trips to nearby nature areas*
- Lafayette: Coal Creek - *includes 5 days of field trips to nearby nature areas*



Camp Descriptions - Ages 12 to 15

Birds and Bird Banding

Join Thorne's Founder and Master Bird Bander, Dr. Oakleigh Thorne, II for a two-week "Camp Experience" focused on one of his greatest passions – birds! Under the guidance of our founder and an additional Thorne educator, Gwen, campers will develop knowledge of Colorado birds and gain skills in bird banding research. The emphasis in week one is on watching birds, identifying birds, catching and handling live birds using a variety of techniques, and practicing banding birds. In week two, the emphasis is on gaining proficiency in bird banding by maximizing time spent handling birds and contributing to Oak's long-term research project banding Cliff Swallows. Birds & Bird Banding is a prerequisite for joining Thorne's Bird Banding Club, which is held during the school year.

This "Camp Experience" is best suited for rising 7th-11th graders who possess the maturity and patience to handle wild birds.



Locations

- Meets at various locations around Boulder County
- Specific sites cannot be determined before migrating birds return, so the Thorne educator will send an email before camp finalizing most meeting sites

Times

- Camp runs from 8:00 am-12:00 pm

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Locations

- Boulder: Mt. Sanitas - *includes 5 days of field trips to nearby nature areas*
- Lafayette: Coal Creek - *includes 5 days of field trips to nearby nature areas*

Early Care & After Care - Ages 3 to 6

Early Care: 8:30 am-9 am

As an extension to Nature Preschool Summer Camp, Early Care offers opportunities for early drop-off at East Boulder Community Center's lawn in Boulder or Arts Hub in Lafayette. Children will play and join their groups at the 9 am camp start time.

Locations

- Boulder: East Boulder Community Center
- Lafayette: Arts Hub

After Care: 1 pm-3 pm or 1 pm-4:30 pm

As an extension to Lafayette Nature Preschool Summer Camp, After Care offers opportunities for rest and play in the Arts HUB classroom and outdoor play areas adjacent to the building. Parents can choose between a 1:00-3:30pm or a 1:00pm-4:30pm option and can pick up any time after 1:30pm.

Locations

- Lafayette: Arts Hub
- *After Care is not available in Boulder*



Extended Care - Ages 5 to 11

Extended Care 2:30 pm-5:30 pm

Thorne's session-long 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 3:15-5:30 PM, 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 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.



Extended Care is limited and frequently reaches capacity, so if you think you might need to register your child, it is best to register in advance! Prorating is not available for partial sessions.

Locations

- Boulder- Sombrero Marsh
 - Campers from Chautauqua and Mt. Sanitas are transported by BVSD school bus each day following their morning "Camp Experience." Pick up is at Sombrero Marsh.
- Lafayette
 - Ryan Elementary- Coal Creek groups, all sessions; Eco-Explorers, session 1.
 - Arts Hub- Eco-Explorers groups, sessions 2-6.