



Arkansas Audubon Society
2025 Halberg Ecology Camps
Where Young People Learn About Natural Science
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What is it?

This one-week Arkansas Audubon Society camp offers campers leaving the 5th, 6th, and 7th grades an opportunity for field studies in the natural environment. Students study mammals, snakes, birds, insects, geology, botany and aquatic biology in the beautiful Ouachita Mountains. The professional staff includes a registered nurse and a lifeguard. Adult staff are with campers at all times to ensure their safety, including overnight in cabins. Instructor background checks are made and security is emphasized at all times.

Why is this camp important?

It provides children with a special outdoor experience and helps them appreciate and understand the natural environment.

Who may attend?

Any youth who has completed 5th, 6th, or 7th grade and interested in learning about the outdoors. Forty junior students are enrolled each week plus ten senior students who have been invited back from the year before. Twelve senior students are invited to a third-year advanced ecology camp at Mt. Eagle near Clinton.

What about safety?

The Arkansas Audubon Society rents Camp Clearfork from the U.S. Forest Service for 2 weeks each June during which time the entire camp is closed to outsiders. Our staff of over 20 professionals, many of whom are school teachers, ensures that the campers each session are in a protected environment, well fed, and learning many new things about nature and its interactions.

Fill out an application when they become available in March at <https://arbirds.org/EcologyCamp/>, email ttumlison@gmail.com to be placed on the email list for camp announcements, or return this slip via mail to AAS Ecology Camps, 586 Branchwood Ave., Springdale, AR, 72764

Name (please print) _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ email _____

When and where will it be held?

Camp is usually held during the middle two weeks of June. For 2025, our tentative dates for 2025 are June 8-13 and June 15-20. The Forest Service will confirm our dates in late Feb/early March. Both sessions will be held at Camp Clearfork, in the Ouachita National Forest, on U. S. Highway 270, two miles west of Crystal Springs. It is the responsibility of the parents to bring the child to the camp and pick them up after camp is over.

What does it cost?

Each junior student pays \$450 to attend the camp for the week. Tuition pays for an incredible staff including pairs of instructors teaching classes with 8-10 students, a full-time registered nurse, an activities director, camp rental, food, insurance, and all the necessary equipment and supplies. The Arkansas Audubon Society provides the remainder of the cost per camper. Partial and full scholarships are available from local organizations and assistance is available in case of need. Anyone in need of assistance must fill out an application. Each camper receives a field guide and a T-shirt.

What about recreation?

The camp offers recreational opportunities including team sports, swimming, hiking, and canoeing.