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# Camp Catalog





# About Woldumar

Our History: In 1963, the nonprofit Woldumar Nature Association was founded to provide opportunities for children and adults to explore and study nature. Gladys Olds Anderson, daughter of automotive pioneer R.E. Olds, donated 180 acres of prairie, wetlands, floodplain, forests, and 1.25 miles of frontage on the Grand River to the organization. For 60 years, Woldumar has provided nationally recognized educational programs, hosted community events, and maintained trails for public use, as we fulfill our mission:

**to educate people about  
the natural environment.**



## About Camp Discovery

Woldumar Nature Center's summer Camp Discovery is open to those entering grades Pre-K through 7th grade. It is a safe place for campers to make friends, learn about nature, and participate in structured & unstructured play. This allows children to flourish in an inclusive atmosphere that values curiosity and diversity. Whether you're a returning or new camper, we welcome you to share your summer at Woldumar!



Silly songs, fun games, and STEM lessons bring nature alive during the week. Woldumar's forest, wetland, and prairie habitats serve as our playground and science lab. Campers might experience the excitement of science through pond dipping, bug catching, shelter building, bird watching, and fishing.

# What to expect:

**Our staff:** All Camp Discovery staff are screened with a background check, sex-offender registry check, and central registry clearance (for child abuse /neglect). They are certified in CPR, AED, and First Aid. They are trained in child development during staff training.

**Camp Groups:** Counselors are assigned a group of up to 10 campers, as close in age as possible. Each group does activities designed for their age group.

**Accommodations:** At Camp Discovery, we prioritize creating a positive experience for every camper. We have the ability to cater to children with different health conditions like allergies, asthma, diabetes, and more, as well as other special needs.

The level of support we can offer depends on each child's requirements. By being ready to provide additional assistance, we aim to make the camp experience unforgettable for all campers. *Please contact the Camp Director at [camp@woldumar.org](mailto:camp@woldumar.org) before registering to discuss any specific needs.*

## Pick up & drop off procedures:

Drop off at 9:00 am

Pick up at 4:00 pm

## Before & after care:

Early drop off at 7:30 am

Late pick up at 6:00 pm

**New  
this  
year!**

Camper safety is our top priority. Campers are only released to approved persons with a photo ID at the time of pick up.

**Lunch:** There are no food restrictions on what campers may bring from home. We ask that campers do not share food with each other.

**Snack:** Woldumar provides a prepackaged snack in the afternoon for every camper and water available all day. Sending a light morning snack is recommended.

**Camp Store:** Campers will be sent home with an order sheet for the Woldumarket. It has different themed bags as well as individual buttons and Camp Discovery stickers for sale.

## Example daily schedule:

7:30 AM	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	NOON	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
Before care drop off	Camper check-in	Morning game & group activities	Lunch & free time	Group activities	Camper pick up	After care pick up



### CAMPERS IN PRE-K & K:

If your little one loves to run and play outside, Camp Discovery Jr. is a perfect fit for them. The week's activities are specifically adapted for a younger audience and follows the weekly theme. Campers must be at least 4 years old, potty-trained prior to the start of camp, and have completed one year of preschool.

### CAMPERS ENTERING 1ST - 7TH GRADE:

Camp Discovery offers children time to explore, observe, and study nature through fun hands-on activities, games, outdoor recreation, and crafts. Campers will investigate Woldumar's outdoor wonderland through age-appropriate activities, based on the different weekly themes.

### TEEN CAMPS | 8TH - 10TH GRADE:

Teen programming is a longstanding tradition at Woldumar. Our goal is to assist teens in becoming great leaders and have fun while learning about the natural environment. Teens will spend time bonding and making friends while learning valuable skills that they can use for a lifetime.

## Pricing & Registration

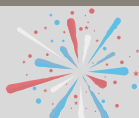
\$250 for Nonmembers | \$225 for Members  
\$25 each for AM or PM after care

Full online payment by credit card is due at the time of registration.

If you have been awarded a scholarship or need to pay with check or cash, please contact [operations@woldumar.org](mailto:operations@woldumar.org) within 24 hours to make payment arrangements. Unpaid registration and registrations without arrangements will be cancelled after seven days.

**REGISTER AT WOLDUMAR.ORG**

**4th of July Special!**  
**Session 4 is just 3 days**



**\$150 for Nonmembers**  
**\$135 for Memebers**



### CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations before June 1st will result in a 50% refund. Any cancellations after June 1st will not receive a refund.

If spaces are available, registration can be changed to a different week during the current summer camp season at no additional cost.



# Teen Camp

Grades 8th-10th

## June 24 - 28; Young Leaders Retreat

From the seats of kayaks and stretched out under trees, campers will develop their leadership, communication, and team building skills. "For campers, *by campers*," they will use these skills to develop an awesome end of the week, all-camp activity. They will leave better prepared to tackle the world. Whether it's school, sports, student clubs, employment, or regular life: **how will you lead?**



## July 15 - 19; Ready, Set, Adventure

Teens will spend time hiking, fishing, and working together as a team. We will fine tune our naturalist skills with hands-on science opportunities, focusing on data collection as community scientists, complete a stewardship project on the grounds, and enjoy a day-long kayaking trip on the Grand River.





# Weekly Session Themes



**June 10 -  
June 14**

Nature  
Detectives

Grab your magnifying glasses and adventure packs! We will be using all of our senses to investigate nature and get our hands dirty. Sleuth out animal sounds and follow tracks, all while feeding your curiosity at Woldumar.

**June 17 -  
June 21**

Wilderness  
Survival I

Decision-making, patience, and creativity are all critical in survival situations. Hone your map reading and plant identification skills to help you get out of prickly predicaments. Sturdy your shelter to protect you from the elements and nab necessary knowledge with need-to-know knots.

**June 24 -  
June 28**

Busy  
Beavers

We've built this week to test our spider web strength and beaver lodge logistics. We are taking notes from nature's best builders. Move over, Joanna Gaines; there are new builders on Old Lansing Road!

**July 1 -  
July 3**

\*Cabin  
Exploration

During this 3 day session we are stepping back into the past. Join us as we journey back to 1860, and uncover the life of Darius Moon and the Moon Cabin. Learn how early Michiganders survived without the comforts of the modern world. **4th of July special - \$150 nonmembers | \$135 members**

**July 8 -  
July 12**

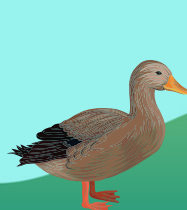
Under the  
Surface

Hop aboard our thrilling dirt-digging escapade to discover the bustling world beneath our toes! From wiggly earthworms to tunneling rabbits, gear up to witness how critters of all shapes and sizes transform the soil into their own cozy paradise!

**July 15 -  
July 19**

Animal  
Adaptations

Life isn't a walk in the park for our furry and feathered friends. They have to brave through Mother Nature's wildest challenges. We've got your back with all the juicy info on how animals construct their cozy homes, evolve to match nature's tantrums, and chow down on their favorite noms!





# Weekly Session Themes



**July 22 -  
July 26**

Wet n'  
Wild I

The Grand River is essential to an abundance of wildlife. We can search for map turtles, ducks, macroinvertebrates, frogs, and many organisms by the river. Learn the importance of watersheds and how we can take care of this essential resource to keep the lakes great.

**July 29 -  
Aug 2**

Wilderness  
Survival II

This week is all about expanding our skills to out survive the rest. Sometimes the only way to learn is by observing those who do it best. Taking cues from the animals around Woldumar, campers will put their methods to the test!

**Aug 5 -  
Aug 9**

Wet n'  
Wild II

Cure your summer fun drought with a week of aquatic adventures. Let's get hands on with aquatic life through creek and pond exploration. We'll take a trip on the Grand River to explore its ecosystem and importance like never before.

**Aug 12 -  
Aug 16**

Things with  
Wings

Whether they are high in the sky or down on the ground, there are so many winged friends to meet out at Woldumar. Grab your binoculars and butterfly nets and hit the trails. Let's see how many of our fine feathered and little critter residents we can find.

**Aug 19 -  
Aug 23**

Marvelous  
Mitten

Wrap up the summer searching for the unique symbols of Michigan! From Mammal Monday to Fishy Friday, let's dive into what makes Michigan's critters so spectacular. Come and explore why we're so smitten with this part of the Mitten.





**Woldumar is made possible by a generous community of supporters who believe in our mission "to educate people about the natural environment" and who understand the value of protecting and restoring local green space.**

There are many ways to get involved at Woldumar! In the coming year, please consider elevating your membership level, becoming a monthly supporter, joining our stewardship corps or a planning committee.

### **Become a Member**

Enjoy discounts to our programs, invitations to special activities, and free access to our trails.



### **Volunteer Your Time**

Share your time and talent in a way that matches your interests, skills and availability.



### **Donate to Woldumar**

Your gift ensures that we can continue to provide powerful experiences and opportunities for all.



## **Thank you!**

Woldumar Nature Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is run by its members. We continue to exist because of the support of our faithful members, energetic volunteers and treasured donors.

Sitting on the Grand River with more than a mile of shoreline, Woldumar maintains over 5 miles of trails on over 180 acres of Maple and Beech woodland, tall grass prairie, and a pine plantation. Trails are open 365 days each year - we invite you to hike or ski on them anytime between dawn and dusk!

Each year, Woldumar operates a day camp, Summer Camp Discovery, which serves approximately 600 children, ages 4-16. In addition, our break camps, school programs, and community outreach serve over 25,000 children and adults every year.