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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 camp family, 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). Each member of staff is certified in CPR, AED, and First Aid during our week-long staff training.

Camp Groups: Counselors are assigned a group of up to 10 campers, as close in age as possible. We can typically honor buddy requests up to two years' age difference. Group activities are designed for their age.

Accommodations: At Camp Discovery, we prioritize creating a positive experience for every camper. We have the ability to cater to children with most health concerns and many 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 before registering to discuss any specific needs.*

Pick up & drop off procedures:

Drop off at 9:00 am
Pick up at 4:00 pm

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 Woldu-market. It has different themed bags as well as Woldumar gear available. Store items range in price from \$5 to \$25.

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 starts	Camper check-in	Morning game & group activities	Lunch & free time	Group activities	Camper pick up	After care pick up ends

Activities: Counselors plan a variety of age-appropriate activities including crafts, naturalist lessons, group games, and lots of hiking and exploring the trails.

CAMPERS IN PRE-K & K:

If your little one loves to run and play outside, Camp Discovery 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, all while learning valuable skills that they can use for a lifetime.

Pricing & Registration

\$270 for Non Members | \$245 for Members

\$30 each for AM or PM after care (full week)

Woldumar accepts the following payment options, with the associated processing fees:

- Credit Card: 3% processing fee
- ACH: 1.5%
- Check: No processing fee. Can be mailed or dropped off to the administrative building.

Mail check to:

Woldumar Nature Center
5739 Old Lansing Rd
Lansing, MI 48917

If you have been awarded a scholarship or need to pay with check or cash, please contact operations@woldumar.org within 24 hours of registration to make payment arrangements. **Unpaid registrations without payment arrangements will be cancelled after 7 days.**

REGISTER AT WOLDUMAR.ORG



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. If camp sessions are cancelled for health and safety reasons as directed local, state, or national health officials, full refunds will be issued.

Teen Camp

Grades 8th-10th



June 22-26 | 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?

Campers that display excellent leadership skills may be invited back to volunteer as a teen helper.



July 13-17 | 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 Sessions for PreK - 7th



Jun 8 - Jun 12

Nature Detectives

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

Jun 15 - Jun 19

Feathered Friends

Looking high and low and keeping our ears open is key to looking for our beaky buddies that are at Woldumar. We'll explore all the things that make birds so special as we grab our field guides and binoculars to go on birding excursions, listening for our feathered friends.



Jun 22 - Jun 26

Art in Nature

The plants and animals that call Woldumar home are all beautiful in their own way. This week is all about exploring and creating art inspired by nature! We'll take to the woods with our notebooks and paintbrushes in tow to study, play, and get artsy.

Jun 29 - Jul 3

Cabin Exploration

During this session we are stepping back into the past! Join us as we journey back to 1860 and uncover the life of the Moon family and their cabin. Learn how early Michiganders survived without the comforts of the modern world.

Jul 6 - Jul 10

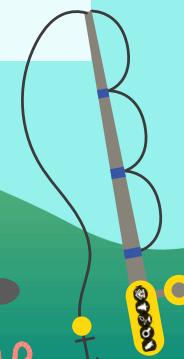
Wilderness Survival

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. We'll take inspiration from the creatures around us to learn how to survive and thrive.

Jul 13 - Jul 17

Under the Surface

Hop along and join 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.





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**Jul 20 -
Jul 24**

Water
Adventures

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 trips on the Grand River to explore its ecosystem and importance and learn about how we can take care of this essential resource and the Great Lakes.

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Jul 31**

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**Aug 10 -
Aug 14**

Buggin'
Out

Whether they are high in the sky or down on the ground, there are so many buggy friends to meet out at Woldumar. Grab your jars and butterfly nets and join us as we hit the trails for a bug safari. Let's see how many insects and bugs we can find!

**Aug 17 -
Aug 21**

Plant
Power

Wrap up the summer learning about the power of plants! Plants are vital for all organisms and have some pretty neat adaptations. From pollination to how plants move, we'll be using our roots to soak up knowledge and grow our plant ID skills.



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.



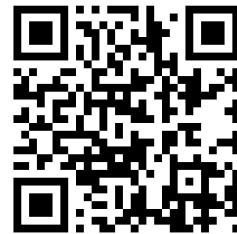
Volunteer Your Time

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 from sun rise to sun set!

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.