

Program Goals

Our goals are to

- engage children in environmental issues, especially relating to endangered species and habitats,
- encourage research and solution-finding strategies that children can apply to their daily lives at home and school,
- encourage and provide hands-on outdoor leadership experience to youth (ages 13 to 17 who are previous campers),
- introduce children to University museums, labs, field study areas, and Saskatoon's natural areas,
- provide opportunities for researchers and University students to act as guides and role models for children.

About the Staff



Melanie is an award-winning educator who lives to share her outdoor knowledge with children and adults. She manages the Eco-education program area at the CCDE and is actively involved in wildlife and environmental community-based organizations.



Nicole Turner is an international development studies graduate, who loves to travel and meet new people. She is a self-proclaimed tree hugger, who enjoys spending as much time outside as possible with kids and teachers.



Kayla Hatzel is a fourth year biology student with a special interest in ecology and wildlife. She is an active volunteer for the Saskatchewan Wildlife Rehabilitation Society and loves to work with kids.

What's Up?

Your child will

- go on daily field trips to natural areas around Saskatoon, including the Saskatoon Natural Grasslands, Pike Lake, Chappell Marsh Ducks Unlimited Project and Meewasin Valley Authority trail,
- meet scientists who talk about fossils, insects, bird banding, polar bears and other wild animals,
- learn about Saskatchewan's endangered species and habitats, and work on projects to help protect them,
- visit the Saskatoon Zoo to study wild endangered animals,
- visit Wanuskewin to learn about Indigenous peoples past and present at a real archeological site,
- use real microscopes to study algae, crystals, insects, fossils, fur, bones and other biofacts,
- make falcon silhouettes to help migrating birds, and collect real scientific data on our bluebird/tree swallow trail,
- plant grass, flower and tree plugs to restore natural areas in cooperation with Meewasin Valley Authority, Ducks Unlimited and Tree Canada,
- work on his or her next level of bird identification,
- refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle by learning about waste free lunches, composting, worm composting and making recycled paper,
- get plenty of fresh air, fun and healthy hiking daily.



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Ecology Camps for Kids



For Children 8 to 12 years

For Junior Leaders 13 to 17 years
(One per camp at half price)

Register early—camps fill quickly!

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Summer Ecology Day Camp For Kids

Our Ecology camps take a fun, interactive approach to outdoor experiential learning. In these weeklong, full-day camps, your child will participate in an enriched program of nature study and daily field trips in and around Saskatoon. They will meet scientists and learn about rocks, fossils, plants and all kinds of living creatures—with a focus on Saskatchewan's endangered species. Your child will also take on environmentally friendly projects to help protect endangered wildlife and habitats.

Mornings start in the biology lab, where we are joined by friends like Sniffles the garter snake; Batrick and Elizabat the rescued bats, and Sally and Mander the tiger salamanders. Then we're off to places like the Saskatoon Zoo, Pike Lake, Chappell Marsh, the riverbank and Beaver Creek. The kids help band baby birds and handle all kinds of insects and animals.

Camps begin July 2 and run until August 31. Register early! We only have enough room for 16 kids (8 to 12 years) plus one junior leader (13 to 17 years) per camp. Our local travel is done in a 15-passenger van and other vehicles as required.



Registration Info Ecology Camps for Kids

**Summer Ecology Day Camp for Kids, 8 to 12 years.
One Junior Leader (13 to 17 years) per camp.**

Camp 1: Bird Banding	July 2–6
Camp 2: Dinosaur Ecology	July 9–13
Camp 3: Insect Ecology	July 16–20
Camp 4: Marine Mammals	July 23–27
Camp 5: Endangered species	July 30–Aug 3
Camp 6: Wetland Ecology (4-day camp)*	August 7–10
Camp 7: Dinosaur Ecology	August 13–17
Camp 8: Insect Ecology	August 20–24
Camp 9: Marine Mammals	August 27–31

Location: Biology Laboratory 218
Time: 9:00 am–4:00 pm
Fee: \$225 per week
 *4-day camp is \$200 (August holiday)
*Half price for Junior Leader, one per week.
 Must have attended an Ecology Camp in the past.*

Before/After Care: Add \$25 (\$20 for the 4-day camp) for care from 8:00 am or until 5:00 pm.

Camp Director: Melanie Elliott
Instructors: Nicole Turner and Kayla Hatzel

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If the camp session you have requested is fully booked, you can choose another and/or we will place you on a waiting list.

Cancellations

The registration fee less a \$25 administration fee will be returned if you cancel your registration up to seven days prior to the camp's start date. There will be a \$25 administration fee if you switch to a different camp session after the initial registration.



Registration Form

To register online go to ccde.usask.ca/eco/ecologycamps or call 306.966.5539, or fax the form below to 306.966.5567 (credit card payment only). You can also mail this form (Credit card or cheque payment. Make cheques payable to the University of Saskatchewan.) to: **237 Williams Building, University of Saskatchewan, 221 Cumberland Avenue North Saskatoon, SK S7N 1M3.** Download additional registration forms at ccde.usask.ca/eco/ecologycamps. If you are registering a Junior Leader you must call 306.966.5539 to register.

Name (First): _____
 (Last): _____
 Birthdate: _____

Check off which camp(s) and before and/or after care the above child will be attending:
 Note: There is a flat fee of \$25 (\$20 for Camp #5) for **either or both** before and after care.

<input type="checkbox"/> Camp #1 (\$225)	<input type="checkbox"/> Before Care	<input type="checkbox"/> After Care (\$25)
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp #2 (\$225)	<input type="checkbox"/> Before Care	<input type="checkbox"/> After Care (\$25)
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp #3 (\$225)	<input type="checkbox"/> Before Care	<input type="checkbox"/> After Care (\$25)
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp #4 (\$225)	<input type="checkbox"/> Before Care	<input type="checkbox"/> After Care (\$25)
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp #5 (\$225)	<input type="checkbox"/> Before Care	<input type="checkbox"/> After Care (\$25)
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp #6 (\$200)	<input type="checkbox"/> Before Care	<input type="checkbox"/> After Care (\$20)
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp #7 (\$225)	<input type="checkbox"/> Before Care	<input type="checkbox"/> After Care (\$25)
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp #8 (\$225)	<input type="checkbox"/> Before Care	<input type="checkbox"/> After Care (\$25)
<input type="checkbox"/> Camp #9 (\$225)	<input type="checkbox"/> Before Care	<input type="checkbox"/> After Care (\$25)

Total for Camps: _____ Total for Before/After Care: _____

Grand Total: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 Postal Code: _____ Phone (home): _____ Phone (work): _____
 Cell: _____ Fax: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Allergies/Medication: _____

Note: information with regard to age, allergies and medications must be provided.

Would you like to be notified of other programs via email? Yes No

Please complete the following to pay by credit card: Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number: _____ Expires: _____

CVD/CSC # (Card Verification Data/Card Security Code: the three or four number security code on your card): _____

Cardholder Name: _____ Cardholder Signature: _____

I hereby grant permission for:

- My child(ren) to travel in a 15-passenger van or car to field trips to wetlands, grasslands, MVA Trail, Saskatoon Zoo or Wanuskewin, Hershel, etc.
- Photographs taken of my child(ren) may be used for promotional purposes.
- My child(ren) to handle captive rescued amphibians, reptiles, birds and bats.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____