

Program Goals

- 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 12–17 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 Elliott is an award winning educator who lives to share her outdoor knowledge with children and adults. She manages the ecological program area for the College of Education ED Foundations and is actively involved in wildlife and environmental community-based organizations.

Ecology Camp Instructors:

Senior Education, Biology, Geography or Agriculture students



Major Funders



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2017 Summer Ecology Camps for Kids



For Children ages 8 to 11

For Junior Leaders ages 12 to 17
(One per camp, must be signed up by June 1)

Register early—camps fill quickly!

Visit **kidscamps.usask.ca** or
phone **306.966.5539** to register



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Summer Ecology Day Camp For Kids

Our Ecology camps take a fun, interactive approach to outdoor experiential learning. In these week-long, full-day camps, your child will participate in an enriched program of nature study and daily field trips in and around Saskatoon. They 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, Ducks Unlimited Chappell Marsh, the NE Swale, the Meewasin Valley Authority riverbank trail and Beaver Creek Conservation Area. The kids help band baby birds and handle all kinds of insects and animals.

Camps begin July 4 and run until August 30. Register early! We only have enough room for 12 kids (ages 8–11) plus one junior leader (ages 12–17) per camp. Our local travel is done in a 15-passenger van.



Activities

While activities vary by camp theme, your child will

- go on daily field trips to natural areas around Saskatoon
- meet scientists who talk about fossils, plants, 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,
- visit Herschel for Dino Camp
- use real microscopes to study algae, crystals, fossils, insects, fur, bones and other biofacts,
- make falcon silhouettes to help migrating birds, and collect real scientific data on our bluebird/tree swallow trail, a 50 year project,
- plant grass, flower and tree plugs to restore natural areas in cooperation with Meewasin Valley Authority,
- work on bird identification skills,
- refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle by learning about waste free lunches, composting, worm composting and making recycled paper, our camp is waste free,
- get plenty of fresh air, fun and healthy hiking daily.



2017 Camp & Registration Info

Summer Ecology Day Camp for Kids, ages 8–11.

Week 1: Bird Banding*	July 4–7
Week 2: Dinosaur Ecology	July 10–14
Week 3: Insect Ecology	July 17–21
Week 4: Marine Mammals	July 24–28
Week 5: Endangered Species	July 31–August 4
Week 6: Wetland Ecology*	August 8–11
Week 7: Dinosaur Ecology	August 14–18
Week 8: Marine Mammals	August 21–25
Week 9: Endangered Species**	August 28–30

Camp Fee: **\$295** (per camp)
\$250 (per 4-day camp)*
\$200 (per 3-day camp)**

Junior Leaders: *Only one junior leader (ages 12–17) per camp. Junior leader must have previously attended Ecology Camp. Fees are the same as camp fees above, however junior leader will receive a t-shirt, training and a reference.*

Before/After Care: Add \$40 (\$32 for 4-day camps) for care from 8:00 am or until 5:00 pm

Camp Location: Biology Laboratory 218
Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Camp Director: Melanie Elliott
Instructors: Senior Education, Biology, Geography or Agriculture students

To Register: Visit kidscamps.usask.ca, or call 306.966.5539, or register in person: Room 232 Williams Building 221 Cumberland Ave. North, Saskatoon

Register early—camps fill quickly!

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 \$50 administration fee will be returned if you cancel up to seven days prior to the camp's start date. A \$50 administration fee applies if you switch to a different camp after the initial registration.



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