

Camp Discovery 2018



About Woldumar



Camp has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. My camp adventures helped me build lasting friendships and allowed nature to be my classroom and teacher. The lessons I learned from those experiences have shaped me into the person I am today. So many of us want to share that very experience with our next generation who seem to be less connected to nature than ever before. This is where Camp Discovery shines.

Summer Camp at Woldumar is a place where the science of the natural world comes alive and lasting friendships are built. We foster positive learning and community-building experiences where every child will have the freedom to be who they are. This allows your child to flourish in an atmosphere of curiosity where they can spread their wings and try new things. Safety is and always will be our staff's first priority as we allow campers to explore and discover new things. Camp is a time for silly songs and fun games, so along with our S.T.E.A.M. lessons, each day your camper will have an outdoor experience they soon won't forget. Whether you're a returning camper or new, we welcome you to share your summer at Woldumar.

-Daniel Auer, Program Director



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 178 acres of prairie, wetlands, floodplain, forests, and 1.25 miles of frontage on the Grand River to the organization. For over 50 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.



Membership

Woldumar is a private non-profit organization supported and governed by its members. Membership fees allow us to maintain the grounds and facilities and offer programs like Camp Discovery. Please join us!

Membership Level

Trail Sponsor (\$30)
Student/Senior (\$35)
Individual (\$40)
Household (\$50)
Lifetime (\$1000)

Benefits

Free Admission to trails, newsletter
+Discounts on gift shop items
Same as student/senior
+ 15% Camp discount
+Never have to renew!

Camp Features

Camp 2018 What to Expect: Silly songs, fun games, and S.T.E.A.M lessons bring nature alive each day. Campers are grouped by grade level for the week, with up to 10 campers per counselor. Each counselor designs age-appropriate activities for their group based on the week's theme. Campers will spend most of their day outside with group and whole camp activities. A brief outline of each group's planned activities will be available at Monday morning check-in. Daily activities may include hikes, exploration, hands-on-science, crafts, games, teambuilding, and nature discovery!

NEW THIS YEAR: Full Day Camp for Preschoolers and Before Care yoga class on Tuesday and Thursday!

Extended Care: To accommodate busy schedules, extended care is available for all campers. Extended care is supervised, unstructured playtime. Sign up for before, after, or both.

New this year: We will be offering yoga lessons on Tuesday and Thursday mornings! 7:45-8:45am Pre-registration required.

Before Care: Begins at 7:30am
After Care: campers must be picked up **no later** than 6:00pm

\$25/week for Before or After Care.

\$10/day for Before or After Care to pay as you go.

Camp Activities By Grade Level

Some activities may not be offered every week

	PreK-1st	2nd-3rd	4th-5th	6th-7th	8th-10th
Hiking	X	X	X	X	X
Fishing		X	X	X	X
Low Ropes			X	X	X
Kayaking			X	X	X
Boat Rides	X	X	X	X	X

Snack: Each day Woldumar provides a snack for every camper and water available all day.

Camping Out: Sessions 3 and 5 include an optional camp out at Woldumar! Campers must be at least 7 years old and will sleep in a tent with like-aged children. Woldumar will provide Thursday night dinner, s'mores, and Friday morning breakfast. On Monday, each camp group will organize their packing list. Each camp out is limited to the first 30 registrants, and requires an additional \$30 fee (\$45 after the camp session begins).

Day-By-Day Sessions: July 2-3, 5-6 & August 27-31, campers can attend camp for the whole week or sign up day-by-day. Please be sure to register early, as there is limited availability during this session.

Daily Packing List:

- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellant
- Water Bottle
- Sack Lunch
- Closed-toe shoes
- Towel
- Change of Clothes
- A backpack to carry it all!

Items to leave at home include trading/game cards, personal electronics, and anything else that may distract from camp activities.

Weekly Themes

June 25-29: Plants and Animals on the Move

Animals and plants do not have it easy. They must survive some of the world's most fierce natural conditions like drought, floods, and blizzards! Learn about how animals and plants move and survive nature's fury. We will start our Woldu-garden this week!

July 2-3, 5-6: Art & History (Day-by-Day)*

During the first half of the week, let your creativity soar using nature as your medium! Can you build structures, paint pictures, and tell stories about the world around you? Show us what you can create! For the second half of the week we will travel back in time to explore Woldumar's history. Experience life living in the Moon cabin and what treasures from the past lie just beneath the surface.

July 9-13: Primitive Wilderness Survival

All living things need certain things to survive. Some of these things include fire, water, food, space, and air. This week we will explore how to survive using primitive skills such as boiling water, fire bows, and fishing with limited equipment. We will also study primitive traps and learn how to make pine needle tea. **(Optional Campout)**

July 16-20: Wet n Wild I

Summertime can be HOT! We will be playing water games around the barn and along the trail. Explore all of Woldumar's water sources while cooling off in the woods.

July 23-27: Modern Wilderness Survival

Water filters, flint and steel, backpacking stoves, and fishing all play a role in modern wilderness survival. Learn about gear that makes wilderness recreation easier now more than ever! You will even have an opportunity to make and take home your very own piece of char cloth. **(Optional Campout)**

July 30–August 3: Wet n Wild II

The Grand River is home to an abundance of wildlife. We can search for geese, ducks, water bugs, snakes, and many other species in and around the river. Learn how water shapes our world and how we can take better care of this essential resource.



Weekly Themes

August 6-10: Eco-Warriors

This is an action packed week of exploring Woldumar and becoming a super hero to protect our plants and animals. We will learn about our super powers and go out into the world to do good! If you don't have a cape, that's okay, we will make one with recycled materials and learn to be a zero waste camp.



August 13-17: Naturally Engineered

Join us this session to learn about all the many ways you can Engineer fun! Learn to build a bridge and even a boat to a better future as we explore the importance and implementation of structural engineering by humans and animals. Don't forget your thinking caps this week.



August 20-24: Out of this World

"To infinity and beyond" is a perfect way to describe this week. From Earth and into outer space prepare for your mission to learn about our solar system. Our closest star will be blazing down on our adventure. It will be out of this world!

August 27-31: Adventure Week (Day-by-Day)*

If you love all things outdoors, this is the week for you. From fishing, hiking, tracking, kayaking, fort building, and even team building we will do a little of everything. The best way to end summer is with a bang and you bet we will!

***Day-by-Day: Half Day - \$30/camper; Full day \$50/camper**

Full Week: Half Day - \$110/camper; Full day \$195/camper

Members receive 15% off!



Morning Mindfulness & Yoga

Tuesday and Thursday 7:45-8:45am

Your camper will be able to learn yoga through fun themes that will help them gain physical stability as well as flexibility to help prevent sports injuries. In addition to practicing yoga, each session will conclude with a short Mindfulness Meditation, in which visualizations will improve concentration, manage big emotions, and become more mentally strong.

Our instructor Jess is a 500 RYT certified yoga teacher in the Original Hot Yoga and also certified in Yin Yoga. In addition to teaching several classes each month, having daily asana and meditation practice, she enjoys hiking barefoot with her dog, photography, running, camping, and sharing her love of yoga and meditation with others.

Pricing & Registration

Grade 8th-10th

July 9-13 & July 16-20: Counselor In Training

The Counselor in Training (CIT) program is a longstanding tradition at Woldumar. CIT prepares teens to assume some of the responsibility of guiding younger campers through their experience at summer camp. CIT's leave our program prepared to do great things with youth, whether that's tutor, coach, babysit, or even become a counselor right here at Woldumar.

In week one, CIT's will spend time bonding, developing leadership skills, and having fun learning games, crafts, and what it takes to be a summer camp counselor. In week two CIT's shine by leading the games and crafts they have mastered. Following the completion of CIT training, participants will be offered opportunities to continue their development by participating in a Community Eco-Career Speaker series throughout the summer. Volunteer opportunities at Camp Discovery for the remainder of the summer will be determined by Camp Staff and is reserved for those who excel in the program.

Eco-Career Series

Woldumar partners with experts in our community to showcase their passions and talents at camp.

This year CIT's can return once a week throughout the summer for a 1-hour Professional Development opportunity, allowing them to have new experiences in the S.T.E.A.M fields.



Counselor-in-Training (CIT)

9am-4pm, Monday-Friday (2 weeks)

\$350/camper; Members: 15% off per camper!

New in 2018: Full Day Preschool Option!

Camp Discovery Jr.

1/2 day 9am-12pm, Monday-Friday
\$110/camper; Members: 15% off per camper!

Full day 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday
\$195/camper; Members: 15% off per camper!

Camp Discovery Jr. is for young campers who would enjoy a half or full day of camp. If your little one loves to run around and play outside this is a perfect fit for them. The week's activities are specifically adapted for a younger audience and follows camp weekly themes. Campers must be at least 4 years old, potty trained prior to the start of camp, and are recommended to have completed one year of preschool or daycare. Camp will benefit your student by providing them with high quality environmental education at an early age, making them more likely to have positive interactions with nature later in life.

Example Daily Schedule

8:30-9	9-12	12-12:30	12:30-1	1-4	4-4:30
All campers drop off	Morning activities with snack	Lunch AM only campers pickup	Story and Break time	Afternoon activities with snack	PM Campers pickup



Grade PreK -1st

Pricing & Registration

Grade 1st-7th

Camp Discovery

9am-4pm, Monday-Friday

Members: \$195/camper; Members: 15% off per camper!

Camp Discovery offers children time to explore, observe, and study nature through fun hands-on activities, games, and crafts. Campers will investigate Woldumar's outdoor wonderland through age-appropriate activities based on weekly theme. Every session will end with an all-camp "Family Festival" which parents, guardians, and other family members are encouraged to attend.

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Campers drop off	Morning activities	Lunch	Break time	Afternoon activities with snack	Campers pickup

Thank You!

Woldumar is supported by organizations, businesses, and individuals throughout the Greater Lansing Area. To learn how you can sponsor a program or event at Woldumar, please email director@woldumar.org

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Steps to Register

- 1) Explore this brochure to learn about the sessions your child might be interested in.
- 2) Visit woldumar.org to complete a registration form.
- 3) Make a \$30/camper/session down payment at the time of registration. The total weekly balance must be paid in full 7 days before camp begins to be guaranteed a spot.

Scholarships Available!

Our scholarship program aims to help families with financial needs. We want all children to experience the benefits of spending a week outdoors at Woldumar.

For more information or an application form, contact:

programs@woldumar.org

Refund/Cancellation Policy: Cancellations which occur more than 7 days prior to a camp's start date will be refunded but charged a \$30 processing fee. The \$30 may be applied to any future session during the 2018 summer camp season. Cancellations which occur less than 7 days prior to the camp's start date will be refunded 50%. The other 50% is forfeited and cannot be applied to any future sessions.

If full payment is not received 7 days prior to the start of the camp week, your spot may be forfeited.

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