

CAPE COD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
KIDSUMMER 2026 — JUNIOR NATURALIST — AGES 13-15

WHERE TO GO

Cape Cod Museum of Natural History
 869 Main Street/Route 6A
 Brewster, MA 02631



Figure 1: KidSummer Flag

MONDAYS



- Look for the Registration Table and KidSummer flag at the far end of the parking lot.
- Here you will check-in, receive permits, wristbands, and t-shirts.
- After check-in, you will be directed to your child's class space.

TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS

- Park and drop off your child at their class space at 8:30 AM.

PICK-UP

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick-up 2:30 PM. • Park and meet under the tent to sign-out your child. • If you are more than 10 minutes late picking up your child, we will assess a childcare fee of \$5.00 for every 5 minutes you are late, past 2:40. • Your child will be in the KidSummer office if you are late picking up. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If someone other than the grown-up on record will be picking up your child, you will need to complete a required form at morning drop-off. • The adult picking-up the child must show a photo ID. |
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<p>WHAT YOUR CHILD SHOULD BRING EACH DAY</p> <p>Your child's first and last name should be on all their belongings.</p>  <p><i>Figure 2: KidSummer 2025 is nut-free</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backpack for child's personal belongings • Refillable water bottle • A hearty, healthy nut-free snack • Comfortable sneakers that can get dirty hiking. DUE TO THE TERRAIN AND BOARDWALKS, CROCS OR FLIP-FLOPS ARE NOT THE SAFEST CHOICE • A pair of aqua socks or old sneakers for walking in water and mud • A jacket or sweatshirt for field activities or in case of a change in weather. • Students' phones will be held in the Main Office during their volunteer time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunscreen – PLEASE APPLY BEFORE KIDSUMMER BEGINS FOR THE DAY • Insect repellent – PLEASE APPLY BEFORE KIDSUMMER BEGINS FOR THE DAY • A hat and a towel. • Your child must wear the KidSummer t-shirt given at registration every day of session. • Extra t-shirts may be purchased Monday or Tuesday for \$10.00. • Please have your Junior Naturalist wear pants. No shorts allowed.
<p>WHAT TO EXPECT</p>  <p><i>Figure 3: Junior Naturalist at Admissions</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program is part classroom and part practicum experience for middle school students • Students earn 15 volunteer hours toward school/community requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students get to go behind-the-scenes, help visitors, and use the Museums as a living classroom. • Student activities include guest services, hiking, teaching, and special Museum duties.
<p>SAFETY AND BEHAVIOR</p> <p>Our job is to keep your child safe and engaged in positive experiences with nature during their time at KidSummer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KidSummer students have two rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Be Kind * Follow directions • If a child's behavior is distracting, hurtful, or unsafe, a KidSummer staff person will redirect the behavior and/or check-in with the child • The child will be given a chance to calm their bodies before rejoining the group. • The child's grownup will be informed of the behavior at pick-up if needed. • If the negative behavior continues or escalates, or if the KidSummer staff is not equipped to keep an individual child safe and positively engaged, their grown-up will be called for immediate pick-up. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail etiquette: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * No collecting * No tasting • Staffing cannot accommodate alternative activities, special needs, Individual Education Plans (IEP), etc. • There is no nurse on property.

<p>DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES</p> <p>If your child exhibits inappropriate behavior or behavior which could cause harm to other children or themselves, the following courses of action will be taken.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KidSummer staff will speak to your child about the situation and notify parents/guardians when the child is picked up. • If negative behavior is seen a second time, a child will receive a “time out” and then return to the activity. Parent/guardian will be notified of said behavior. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depending on the severity of behavior, parent/guardian may be asked to remove the child from the program.
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<p>Prohibitions for disciplinary action towards children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporal punishment, including spanking, is unacceptable. • No child shall be subjected to cruel or severe punishment, humiliation, or verbal abuse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No child shall be denied food or shelter as a form of punishment. • No child shall be punished for soiling, wetting, or not using the toilet.
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THE CAPE COD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY HAS A POLICY OF ZERO TOLERANCE TOWARD WEAPONS OF ANY KIND, CIGARETTES, DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND BULLYING.

<p>HEALTH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before leaving home check-in with your child’s health. • If your child or anyone in your household is showing signs of illness, then they must stay home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call the Museum at 508.896.3867, ext. 133 to let us know your child will be absent.
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<p>FEE AND REFUND POLICY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration will not be processed unless accompanied by full payment. • \$50.00 of each tuition will be refunded if cancellation is made at least 5 days prior to the start of the session. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sessions are not pro-rated for missed days. • Complete refunds will be made if a program is cancelled for insufficient registration.
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