

**CAPE COD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**  
**KIDSUMMER 2026 — Ages 4-12**

**WHERE TO GO**

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



Figure 1: KidSummer Flag

**MONDAYS**

- Park, bring your child and their backpack, and join the Registration line.
- 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.

**WHAT TO BRING:**


- Backpack for child's personal belongings.
- A refillable water bottle
- **A hearty, healthy NUT-FREE snack.**
- Comfortable sneakers that can get dirty hiking. (No crocs or flip flops allowed).
- 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.


**TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS**

- Park and drop off your child at their class space at 8:30 AM.
- PLEASE DROP OFF ON-TIME
- Call the Museum at 508.896-3867, ext. 133, if your child will be absent or late. Your child's group may be leaving to start activities outside the classroom.

**PICK-UP**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gravel pick-up starts at about 12:20 PM.</li> <li>• Stay in your vehicle.</li> <li>• You will be directed to a line-up lane.</li> <li>• Your parking permit should be displayed on your dashboard.</li> <li>• Your KidSummer wristband should be on your wrist.</li> <li>• Your child will be brought to your vehicle.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The adult picking-up the child must show a photo ID.</li> <li>• If you have not picked up your child by the time gravel pick up is complete, we will assess a childcare</li> </ul> |
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		<p>fee of \$5.00 for every 5 minutes you are late.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child will be in the KidSummer office if you are late picking up.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WHAT YOUR CHILD SHOULD BRING EACH DAY</b></p> <p><b>Your child's first and last name should be on all their belongings.</b></p>  <p><i>Figure 2: KidSummer 2025 is nut-free</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Backpack for child's personal belongings</li> <li>A refillable water bottle</li> <li>A hearty, healthy nut-free snack</li> <li>Comfortable sneakers that can get dirty hiking. DUE TO THE TERRAIN AND BOARDWALKS, CROCS OR FLIP-FLOPS ARE NOT THE SAFEST CHOICE</li> <li>A pair of aqua socks or old sneakers for walking in water and mud</li> <li>A jacket or sweatshirt for field activities or in case of a change in weather</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunscreen – PLEASE APPLY BEFORE KIDSUMMER BEGINS FOR THE DAY</li> <li>Insect repellent – PLEASE APPLY BEFORE KIDSUMMER BEGINS FOR THE DAY</li> <li>A hat and a towel</li> <li>A change of clothes, especially on Mud Kitchen days</li> <li>Your child must wear the KidSummer t-shirt given at registration every day of session</li> <li>Extra t-shirts may be purchased Monday or Tuesday for \$10.00</li> </ul>

<p><b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b></p>  <p><i>Figure 3: Heading to the Butterfly House</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students begin each day with guided, behind-the-scenes experiences in the Museum before it opens to the public.</li> <li>Experiences include the Butterfly House, Aquarium, Mud Kitchen, Science Rocks! and the Earth and Space Lab.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The remainder of the day will be spent engaging in hands-on nature-based and science-related projects in our outdoor classroom spaces.</li> <li>Outdoor classroom spaces include the Brewster Flats, Wing Island Trail, Wildflower Garden, and Lee Baldwin Trail.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>SAFETY AND BEHAVIOR</b></p> <p><b>Our job is to keep your child safe and engaged in positive experiences with nature during their time at KidSummer.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KidSummer students have two rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Be Kind</li> <li>* Follow directions</li> </ul> </li> <li>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</li> <li>The child will be given a chance to calm their bodies before rejoining the group.</li> <li>The child's grownup will be informed of the behavior at pick-up if needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail etiquette: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* No collecting</li> <li>* No tasting</li> </ul> </li> <li>Staffing cannot accommodate alternative activities, special needs, Individual Education Plans (IEP), etc.</li> <li>There is no nurse on property.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KidSummer staff will speak to your child about the situation and notify parents/guardians when the child is picked up.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depending on the severity of behavior, parent/guardian may be asked to remove the child from the program.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Prohibitions for disciplinary action towards children</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporal punishment, including spanking, is unacceptable.</li> <li>• No child shall be subjected to cruel or severe punishment, humiliation, or verbal abuse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No child shall be denied food or shelter as a form of punishment.</li> <li>• No child shall be punished for soiling, wetting, or not using the toilet.</li> </ul>
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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><b>HEALTH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before leaving home check-in with your child’s health.</li> <li>• If your child or anyone in your household is showing signs of illness, then they must stay home.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call the Museum at 508.896.3867, ext. 133 to let us know your child will be absent.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>FEE AND REFUND POLICY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration will not be processed unless accompanied by full payment.</li> <li>• \$50.00 of each tuition will be refunded if cancellation is made at least 5 days prior to the start of the session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sessions are not pro-rated for missed days.</li> <li>• Complete refunds will be made if a program is cancelled for insufficient registration.</li> </ul>
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