



# Weekly Themes Summer 2024

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# Session 1

## Discover the Colors of Nature!

**Week 1** June 10 – 14

"Nature always wears the colors of the spirit."  
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Join us for a week filled with colorful adventures, creativity, and new friendships. Let your child's imagination soar amidst the vibrant hues of nature! Camp transforms into a vibrant canvas of natural wonder as campers dive into the mesmerizing world of colors found in our environment, from the hidden hues of camouflage to the vivid shades of chlorophyll. Our young explorers will uncover the secrets of how colors serve plants, animals, and even artists. Creativity blossoms, as campers mix and blend natural ingredients to craft their very own paints. Embark on exciting adventures, aiming at colorful targets in archery or spotting turtles with shells that perfectly blend into the foliage around Long Lake during our canoeing escapades.

In our ethical angler program, campers will learn the art of responsible fishing, catching and observing colorful puffer fish and snappers in the serene intracoastal waters, and releasing them back to their aquatic homes unharmed.

Beyond exploration, friendships will bloom as children relish in beach time delights, engaging in a medley of games like twister, volleyball, badminton, surfing, swimming, and sandcastle building.

**Bonus Highlight:** Indulge in a refreshing Italian Ice treat to cool off during our colorful week of exploration!

**Guest Speaker: Digeridoo Down Under;** bringing the colors and sounds of Australia to Camp Live Oak in an interactive colorful musical experience.

## Natural Relationships; Patterns and Partners!

**Week 3** June 24 – 28

"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." -Albert Einstein

At Camp Live Oaks, we delve into the wonders of nature, where every creature plays a crucial role in our intricate ecosystem. Through hands-on exploration, campers will uncover the fascinating patterns and partnerships that sustain life around us. From creating mesmerizing sand sculptures on beach visits to creating their own camouflage pattern, to navigating Long Lake's waters in canoes, campers will learn the importance of collaboration and adaptability. Our week is filled with engaging activities that emphasize patterns and partnerships, from archery challenges to classic games like Sailor Went to Sea, Connect Four, and Four Square. Partners will pair off for games of badminton and relay races. These activities not only foster friendships but also deepen campers' understanding of nature's interconnectedness.

Bonus – Italian Ice Treat this week at camp!

**Guest Speaker: Heal the Planet;** inspiring a generation of leaders empowered to Heal the Planet one choice at a time. Campers will learn about the relationship of pollinators and native plants, releasing butterflies in the butterfly garden at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park.

## We've Got Natural Rhythm!

**Week 2** June 17 – 21

Music, nature, and creativity harmoniously converge, offering campers a symphonic summer adventure they'll cherish forever! Campers discover the melodies hidden within nature's symphony and as they create art inspired by pieces of music infused with sounds of nature. They will sing, dance, and craft their own musical instruments. As they paddle canoes across the serene waters of Long Lake, campers will develop a rhythmic cadence, mastering the art of synchronization and teamwork. Likewise, in archery, they'll hone their focus and control, learning the importance of rhythm in achieving precision and accuracy. Games like freeze dance, musical hot potato, and a camp-wide conga line will have campers laughing, playing and finding their own rhythm in the natural setting of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park.

**Extended Camp Day bonus activity;** drumming will be offered as an extended camp program from 4 -5 in the afternoon allowing children to immerse themselves further in the world of rhythmic expression!

**Field Trip:** Our exciting field trip to the **Young at Art Interactive Museum** promises a day of creativity and inspiration! Campers will unleash their artistic flair, crafting a masterpiece to proudly bring home, cherishing the memories and skills acquired during their rhythmic journey.



# Session 2

## Independence Week/ Super Hero Training Camp

**Week 4** July 1 – 5

Independence is a gift! Camp activities like canoeing, fishing and archery give children the confidence to become more independent and this week it is our guiding theme along with what it takes to be a Super Hero! There is a science to super powers, good nutrition for one will help your camper grow tall and strong, what is the science behind the Flash's ability to move through solid objects or how Elasta Girl stretches so far? Campers will run experiments to discover these powers and create polymers in science, following the scientific method and lab procedures mixing ingredients to make super stretchy slime that they will bring home. Good old fashioned field games will have the camp cheering each other on in potato sack races, tug-o-war and kick ball, teams will be made up of a mixture of ages each team deciding on their own team color- to be worn on Field-day Friday! Awards, cook-out, snow-cones and more make this a week to celebrate!

**Special Activity:** Wednesday, July 3rd, Independence Day Celebration!

**Wear your Red, White, and Blue or Super Hero Costumes for our Camp Parade, fun camp games, superhero obstacle course, BBQ, Sno-Cones, and More! No camp 4th of July**

**Starlight Sleepover at Birch State Park**

**July 12th at 6:00 pm to Saturday, July 13th at 9:00 am**

As the sun sets and the stars emerge, join us for a night filled with laughter, camaraderie, and unforgettable memories. Campers will have time to decorate their cabins, take a hike to talk to owls, paddle a canoe at dusk and enjoy cozy campfire stories and delicious S'mores! Our founder and Board members will prepare a scrumptious dinner and a hearty pancake breakfast, for us all! All campers and their friends (age 5 and above) are warmly welcomed to join in the fun! Whether you're a seasoned camper or new to the experience, this sleepover promises excitement for everyone. Don't miss this chance to bond with fellow campers, gaze at the twinkling stars, learn about nocturnal animals, and create cherished memories that will last a lifetime. Space is limited, so secure your spot today and prepare for a magical night under the starry sky!

## Aquatic Robotics vs Art Robotics

**Week 5** July 8 – 12

Join the mission to save our oceans with hands-on robotics activities! Campers will learn about how robots are currently being used to clean trash out the ocean, explore space and create clean water. They will be challenged to create and build their own robots to help make our world a better place. Of course, they will still paddle themselves along Long Lake in our canoes, learn to focus and aim in archery, and how to relax and enjoy ethical angling as we fish the intracoastal waters. Games like Robot Tag, Robot Walk and Simon Says will continue the theme of robotics while beach time every day will help campers develop a connection to the ocean and each other as we swim, surf and play.

**Special Activity:** Tinkering!!! Campers will have access to tools, and guidance on taking apart and putting back together computers, phones and other objects as they develop coordination and concentration.

**Field Trip:** Bowling and Pizza Party

**As a bonus activity,** Yoga will be offered as an extended camp program from 4-5 in the afternoon!

## The Rivers of Grass, Estuaries Around the World

**Week 6** July 15 – 19

We will wade into the heart of nature's superheroes: estuaries! These ecosystems are special places where rivers meet the sea, creating homes for many plants and animals. Our hands-on activities will captivate young explorers as they dip net to uncover tiny creatures, test water samples, and craft artistic estuary models. Embark on a canoe journey across Long Lake to explore the freshwater wonders of Hugh Taylor Birch State Park.

Engaging games like The Heron and Minnows, Capture the Feather, and The Great Plankton Race will have campers laughing, racing, and forging new friendships while gaining invaluable insights into these remarkable ecosystems. Join us for an unforgettable week of adventure, discovery, and eco-friendly fun, beach time, archery, swimming and more!

**Special Activity:** Campers interested in performing arts, will work in small groups to write, produce props and perform a play about the Everglades with the help of a professional Theater Group!

**Guest Speaker:** The Museum of Discovery and Science Brings the Everglades to Camp!

**Bonus – Italian Ice Treat this week at camp!**





# Ocean Quest

## Science of the Sea

**Week 7** July 22 – 26

Here is your chance to find out how certain marine organisms tick as we look inside some real specimens, through dissection! Do you love sharks or do they make shake? Take a big chomp out of the fear and learn about these wonderful creatures of the deep as well as some of the smaller creatures like coral reefs. Learn or practice your snorkeling skills at the beach this week. Relax as we drift along Long Lake in our canoes looking for turtles, dragonflies and bass. Sharpen your focus as campers take aim in archery shooting fins on our targets and learn more about fish as campers become ethical anglers fishing the intracoastal waters at Birch State Park. Don't forget the traditional t-shirt silk screening project in art!

### **Ocean Quest Field Trips**

Field Trip to Carpenter House Marine Center in Hollywood (ages 5 – 8)

Snorkel Day Trip to John Pennekamp S. P., Key Largo, FL (ages 9 – 13)  
& The Coral Reef Restoration Foundation Education Center

# Session 3

## Life Cycle Detectives

**Week 8** July 29 – August 2

This week at camp, young detectives will embark on thrilling investigations to uncover the secrets of nature's life cycles. Campers will gather data while canoeing, counting fish, and examining plants in the vibrant pollinator gardens. In archery, they'll aim at special targets, honing their skills and earning points along the way.

Engaging games like Clue, Mystery Substance, and Beach Detective will challenge campers' powers of observation, deductive reasoning, and data-gathering abilities. Sports, beach time and arts and crafts will balance out this week of exciting exploration, where every discovery brings us closer to solving nature's intriguing puzzles!

**Bonus** – Italian Ice Treat this week at camp!

**Special Activity:** Campers don their Detective Gear as they Challenge an Escape Room and Solving a Mystery and enjoy a camp wide cookout for lunch on Thursday!

## Dynamic Earth Forces, Physics and Fairytales

**Week 9** August 5 – 9

This week, campers will delve into the captivating world of physics and earth sciences through a creative fairytale storyline. From understanding the nuances of color, reflection, refraction, and electromagnetic waves to exploring earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and animal migrations, campers will embark on a thrilling journey of discovery. Activities like canoeing, archery, and surfing will allow campers to apply their newfound knowledge of forces and physics in action-packed adventures. Beach time will offer opportunities to build sandcastles, catch waves, and enjoy the sun-kissed shores, adding a touch of seaside magic to our week. Engaging games such as "The Floor is Lava," "Earth Quake," and the "Jenga Challenge" will inspire campers to push their limits while forging lasting friendships, laughing while solidifying physics and earth forces. Join us for an unforgettable week of fun-filled learning, where imagination meets science in a spectacular camp experience!

**Field Trip:** Frost Science Center



## Space Odyssey

**Week 10** August 12 – 16

This week at camp, young explorers will venture into the fascinating realm of space exploration and astronomy. From measuring moon craters to understanding the mysteries of eclipses, campers will unravel the celestial wonders that surround us. On the freshwater lake, campers will master the art of canoeing, connecting the moon's influence with the thrill of fishing in the intracoastal waters. In archery, they'll set their sights on different planets, mirroring NASA's historic rocket launches. Engaging games like "Man on the Moon," "Contemplating the Universe," and "Rocket Launch Build Off" will reinforce the space theme, blending science and art in natural outdoor settings. Join us for a stellar week of exploration, where science meets imagination under the vast canopy of the cosmos!

**Special Activity:** Delicious Summer BBQ & Ice Cream Sundaes!