



CAMP

Live Oak

Nonprofit 501(c)(3)

THANKSGIVING CAMP

AGES 5-13

2026

November 23, 24, 25, 27
(Closed Thanksgiving Day)

Location: **Hugh Taylor Birch State Park**

Time: **9:00 AM - 3:30 PM** (morning and after care available)

Groups: **Otters (Ages 5-8) • Osprey (Ages 9-13)**



Day One

Monday, Nov 23

Thankful for Nature

Campers spend the day discovering how Florida's plants, animals and waterways help create the natural world we are thankful for. Through canoeing, hands-on science, and creative art, campers explore, investigate, and celebrate the outdoors. Campers will compete in team based relay races for fun prizes.

Otters (5-8)

Set out on a nature adventure with beginner-friendly canoeing with supervised exploration of the park lake. Campers will search for wildlife along the lake, learn fun facts about Florida's animals, and participate in simple science activities exploring how everything in our world is connected. They will finish the day by creating a Thankful Tree displaying things they are grateful for.

Osprey (9-13)

Take on the role of Florida Nature Explorers as they navigate the park lake, observe wildlife, and investigate how different parts of an ecosystem work together. Older campers may take on leadership roles during canoeing activities. Campers will complete hands-on science challenges while considering the resources and ecosystems that make Florida special. They will finish the day by creating Thankful for Florida Postcards displaying something they love about Florida.



Day Two

Tuesday, Nov 24

Target the Wild

Campers spend the day developing accuracy, coordination, and outdoor skills while exploring how archery connects to the science of motion. Campers will compete against each other in fun challenges and games testing their accuracy. Through target challenges, nature-inspired activities, and team games, campers practice focus, problem-solving, and teamwork.



Otters (5-8)

Take aim with beginner-friendly archery as campers learn proper form, practice shooting at colorful nature-themed targets, and participate in fun accuracy games. Campers will explore the science of motion through simple hands-on activities investigating how force, direction, and movement affect where an object travels. They will finish the day by creating their own perfect outdoor adventure, designing pictures of themselves participating in their favorite outdoor activity.

Osprey (9-13)

Take on a series of archery challenges as campers practice accuracy, distance, and precision while exploring the science behind each shot. Campers will conduct hands-on experiments investigating how angle, force, and distance influence the path of a projectile, then apply what they learn during an archery accuracy challenge. They will finish the day by creating Florida through their own eyes, depicting a meaningful part of Florida of their choosing.



Day Three

Wednesday, Nov 25

Cast, Explore & Discover

Campers spend the day learning fishing skills while exploring the life and ecosystems found in and around Florida's freshwater habitats. Through hands-on activities, campers will practice patience, observation, and teamwork while discovering how fish interact with their environment. Campers will get to enjoy fun games such as predator and prey tag.



Otters (5-8)

Learn basic fishing skills through supervised casting and simple fishing challenges. Campers will explore what fish need to survive, search for signs of aquatic life, and learn how to safely observe and release their catches. They'll also participate in outdoor games and create a nature-inspired art project based on the plants and animals found around the water.

Osprey (9-13)

Build their fishing skills by practicing casting, knot tying, baiting, and safe fish handling. Campers will investigate fish habitats, make observations about the water and wildlife they encounter, and record their findings during a hands-on ecology challenge. Older campers will be given opportunities to assist younger campers in learning basic fishing and equipment safety.



Day Four

Friday, Nov 27

Adventure & Appreciation

The day is centered around exploring the outdoors, discovering hidden details in nature, and celebrating the campers' experiences together. Campers will investigate their surroundings, complete outdoor challenges, and enjoy a fun camp wide relay race. Campers will finish the day with a Camp Live Oak celebration, where campers will get to share their favorite discovery from the week and one thing in nature they are thankful for.

Otters (5-8)

Set out on a guided nature adventure through the park, searching for interesting plants, insects, animal signs, and other hidden discoveries along the trail. Campers will participate in simple hands-on nature science activities and outdoor scavenger hunts before creating a Nature Discovery Craft using drawings, textures, and safe natural materials. The day will finish with fun outdoor games and team challenges.

Osprey (9-13)

Take on the role of Nature Detectives, exploring the park's trails while identifying plants, animals, tracks, and other signs of wildlife. Campers will complete hands-on challenges involving observation, species identification, and environmental problem-solving. Older campers can take on leadership roles by helping guide younger campers and leading portions of the outdoor activities. The day will conclude with a camp-wide outdoor challenge and celebration where campers share their favorite discoveries from the day.