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Wild Birds Unlimited Offers Scholarships to Audubon Summer Camps

CARMEL, INDIANA – For the third consecutive year, the Wild Birds Unlimited [Pathways To Nature for Kids](#) initiative will proudly partner with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to offer scholarships to children for attending [National Audubon Society](#) summer camps across the United States.

Parents and caregivers should [apply now](#) to give their children the opportunity to attend one of these camps. Scholarship eligibility is determined by each Audubon Center. For more information on details about general registration, camp programs and scholarships visit the [Audubon website](http://www.audubon.org/educate/cw/index.php) (www.audubon.org/educate/cw/index.php).

“We are committed to bringing kids and nature together,” shared John Schaust, Chief Naturalist at Wild Birds Unlimited. “While attending these camps, young people connect with nature, learn to respect it and gain a desire to preserve it for future generations. This is the third year we’ve been able to offer scholarships, and this year’s recipients will have just as much fun as those in the past.”

“I am now a faithful Get Swamped camper,” said Meagan, a scholarship recipient and camper at the Beidler Forest Audubon Center in South Carolina. “It’s a fun learning experience. I hope to become a junior counselor so I can help teach other kids what Beidler Forest has taught me.”

“There was a sleepover, and at night we went out to call the coyotes,” said Kaitlen, a scholarship recipient and camper at the Starr Ranch Audubon Center in California. “We learned the different barks of coyotes. We only heard one coyote but it was still fun.”

The Wild Birds Unlimited Pathways To Nature for Kids initiative, in conjunction with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, has granted the National Audubon Society \$100,000 for scholarships since 2007. In 2009, an additional \$50,000 will be awarded for young people to attend summer camps at National Audubon Society Centers. With this grant, at least 200 underserved and underprivileged children will have the opportunity to connect with nature and learn more about their environment.

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