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Wild Birds Unlimited Offers Scholarships to Audubon Summer Camps

Carmel, Indiana – For the fourth consecutive year, the Wild Birds Unlimited [Pathways To Nature for Kids](#) initiative will proudly offer scholarships to underserved children for attending [National Audubon Society](#) summer camps across the United States.

While attending these camps, young people connect with nature, learn to respect it and gain a desire to preserve it for future generations. 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 [Web site](#) (www.audubon.org/educate/cw/index.php).

“We are committed to bringing kids and nature together to overcome ‘nature deficit disorder’,” said John Schaust, Chief Naturalist at Wild Birds Unlimited. “We want to inspire the next generation of naturalists and stewards of the natural world.”

“Audubon camp means making friends, going on adventures and going hiking,” said Alejandro, a scholarship recipient and camper at Debs Park Audubon Center in Los Angeles, California. “I saw different kinds of birds like ravens and a Cooper’s Hawk.”

“My favorite part of the day was the Bird Hurdles obstacle course that taught me how hard it is for birds to migrate,” said Julian, a scholarship recipient and camper at Audubon Wyoming in Casper. “We also walked the Garden Creek trail to figure out what kind of foods birds eat. I love my binoculars and bird book.”

The Wild Birds Unlimited Pathways To Nature for Kids initiative has granted the National Audubon Society \$150,000 for scholarships since 2007, enabling almost 800 kids to attend summer camp. In 2010, an additional \$35,000 will be awarded. 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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