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### **Wild Birds Unlimited Offers Scholarships to Audubon Summer Camps**

Carmel, Indiana - For the fifth consecutive year, the Wild Birds Unlimited [Pathways To Nature for Kids](#) initiative will proudly offer scholarships to underserved children 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 about general registration, camp programs and scholarships, visit the Audubon [Web site](#) (<http://education.audubon.org/programs/audubon-camps>).

"I learned about many important things on the Audubon trips," said Darcy, a scholarship recipient and camper at Audubon Arkansas Summer Academy. "A few are habitat, water shed and diversity. They taught me how watersheds are everywhere. I learned about diversity too and that it means how everything is different, like people are."

"I like Audubon because of the fun and the outdoors," said Gabe, a scholarship recipient and camper at Randall Davey Audubon Center, New Mexico. "I learned that Barn Owls have hair balls (owl pellets) and that their skulls are very small. I learned about the trees that smell like vanilla. I would love to be a counselor next year. I would love to help out."

Pathways To Nature for Kids has granted the National Audubon Society \$210,000 for scholarships since 2007, helping more than 1,000 kids attend summer camp. In 2011, an additional \$25,000 will be awarded. With this grant, at least 125 underserved and underprivileged children will have the opportunity to connect with nature and learn more about their environment.

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