

What makes Sandy Creek Day Camp unique?

Designed as an outdoor oriented and active camp for 7-15 year olds, campers will swim, enjoy outdoor games, hike, and much more. If your children love the outdoors and lead an active lifestyle, this camp is for them. Summer is a great time to learn, especially when learning is fun!

Sandy Creek Nature Center and Sandy Creek Park host the day camp and offer both outdoor recreation activities and nature exploration.



Day Camp Information

Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Early Care (7:30-8:45 am) & Late Care (4:15-5:30 pm) are available.

See reverse side of flyer for fee details.

Scholarships do not cover early/late care fees.

Member discount does not apply to Early/Late care.

Group size: Max. of 12 children/group

Children spend a half day each at Sandy Creek Park and Sandy Creek Nature Center.

Teen Camp participants follow their own schedule and utilize both places.

Limit 10/group for Teen Camp.

Sessions for Campers Ages 7-12

Limit of 4 weeks per camper

June 4- 8

Animal Antics

Animals have amazing lives & abilities – look into curious creatures during this wild week. Learn about animal adaptations & meet a new critter each day. Have a blast at the animal dance party and show off your best moves!

June 11-15

Forest Magic

Discover what's special about our forests. Find the biggest trees, hike a mystery trail, and learn how to find your way in the woods. Build shelters and create natural crafts. Make your own paper and help wildlife habitat in the Managed Forest.

June 18-22

Walk Along the Watershed

Follow the waterway from Lake Chapman to the Oconee River. Check out the Claypit Pond and see who lives there. Wade into Sandy Creek and look for aquatic animals. Use microscopes & view tiny creatures. Hike the Cook's Trail along Sandy Creek.

June 25-29

Rock Stars of Nature

We'll look at the earth under our feet and up to the skies during this week. Explore the heavens in the planetarium. Search our sites for unusual rocks and mine clay from the Claypit Pond for a unique art project. Meet an archaeologist too and learn how we use natural items both long ago and today.

July 2-July 6

(No camp on July 4)

WET-Water Exploration Time!

Get wet during this week of exploration. Catch a fish in the creek or pond and learn to use a seine net to sample our wetlands. Be part of a canoe challenge and a beachfront sandcastle contest. Learn where Athens' water comes from & how to protect this resource.

July 9-13

Living on Our Earth

The earth provides everything we need and we can help care for nature. Learn to compost and discover items from nature that are part of our lives every day. Check out the 1815 Log House and what life was like back then. Take the Cook's Trail to Sandy Creek Park and watch for wildlife along the way.

July 16-20

Outdoor Adventures

Go wild outside during this active week. We'll explore fun outdoor activities from disc golf to an Outdoor Olympics Day. Take the Lakeshore Trail around Lake Chapman to the beaver swamp. Try your hand at making a campfire snack & see if you can find your way in the woods. Close out the summer with a beach party!



SCDC is the only camp in Athens that is accredited by the American Camp Association.

Sessions for Campers Ages 13-15

Limit of 2 weeks per camper

June 4-8

Pick A Park

Athens features some special parks and natural areas. Campers select their favorites and visit a different park each day. Check out a unique natural site and take a hike on the new Firefly Trail. Build a fire & enjoy a cookout on the Greenway.

June 11-15

Mysterious Science

Become an amateur scientist as we examine both science & myth. From popular movies to unusual places in town, chase down and solve local mysteries. Visit some "haunted" sites and learn about their stories. Discover how local scientists look for solutions to community issues and make life better for all of us.

June 18-22

Creature Conservation

Animals around the planet need our help & find out what you can do to make a difference. Visit an animal rehabilitation center and meet creatures at our local zoo that need us to survive. Create new animal habitats and learn how art and other projects are part of wildlife conservation.

June 25-29

Tech Week

Technology helps us discover the world around us. Use a GPS to find your way and a microchip scanner to identify animals. Learn how drones help us today.

Use telescopes and other devices to observe nature and beyond. Find out how primitive technology helped early humans survive.

July 2-July 6

(No camp on July 4)

Wading Into Water

Delve into local waterways around Athens. From fishing to kayaking, we'll explore a lake, creek, & river. Help with a lakeshore cleanup project and use instruments to test the health of our waters. Use underwater cameras to search for aquatic life.

July 9-13

Living Green

Learn to live lightly on the earth as we find ways to be a good citizen of the planet. Create artwork and useful items from recycled materials. Visit local places that make the most of our natural resources. From solar energy to locally grown food, we'll see how we can make a difference and have fun at the same time!

July 16-20

Around Amazing Athens

What's your favorite place in Athens? Create a city-wide travel map for a fun and unique experience in the Classic City and follow it to some special destinations. Visit our highest spot for a geocaching adventure. Check out our newest parks and travel to some hidden spaces.

Refund/Cancellation policy:

- All refunds will be assessed a 25% administrative fee.
- If a program is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment or other reason, Leisure Services will issue a full refund to all registered individuals.
- No refunds will be issued after the start of a program.
- Refund requests must include a Refund Form and must be approved by the Dept. Director.
- Refunds will not be granted less than 7 business days before a program begins without a written medical excuse from a licensed physician.
- No refunds will be granted for violations of the Code of Conduct.



Sandy Creek Park & Nature Center offer more than 1000 acres of diverse Piedmont woodlands, wetlands, and fields. The Park & Nature Center provide campers with an ideal atmosphere in which to learn about and explore nature.

Activities include wetland and woodland adventures, ecology exploration, and nature crafts.

All camp sessions include: swimming, canoeing, hiking, archery, crafts, and outdoor games (weather permitting).