



2024 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

DEERASSIC PARK

IMMERSE YOURSELF
IN THE OUTDOORS



WELCOME TO SUMMER 2024!

**To reconnect youth and families
with the outdoors through activities and
recreation that help foster and develop a
life long appreciation for the outdoors.
- Deerassic Park Mission -**

Camp is a wonderful time that every child should experience. Born and raised in Cambridge, there were few options to make this experience a reality for myself growing up unless it meant traveling a great distance, for a great price. Camp should be an opportunity that EVERYONE can experience. That's why here at Deerassic Park our goal is to provide a variety of camps at a reasonable price for the local communities.

My first summer here in 2017 really took me back to those experiences I had when I was a kid at camp. It really opened my eyes to the incredible impact that camp has on our youth, and I have been 'living the dream' ever since; helping to create positive learning experiences that you can only have at camp.

Here at Deerassic, we're proud of our history, our staff, and our culture. Our aim is do whatever it takes to ensure that every child has a safe, fun and meaningful experience with us. Every child deserves a summer camp memory, and we hope you choose Deerassic to help make that memory last a lifetime.

See you at Camp!

Luke Fabian
Education Director
Deerassic Park Education Center

2024 CAMP SCHEDULE

TASTE OF DEERASSIC #1	JUNE 3-4
TASTE OF DEERASSIC #2	JUNE 5-6
ARCHERY CAMP	JUNE 10-13
ART CAMPS	JUNE 18 & 20
JUNIOR CAMP SESSION 1	JUNE 25-28
SENIOR CAMP	JULY 1-3
HYDRO CAMPS	JULY 9 & 11
JUNIOR CAMP SESSION 2	JULY 16-19
SURVIVAL CAMP	JULY 23-25
BOWHUNTING CAMP	AUGUST 9-11
BIGFOOT LOCK-IN	OCTOBER 5-6
WINTER CAMP	TBA



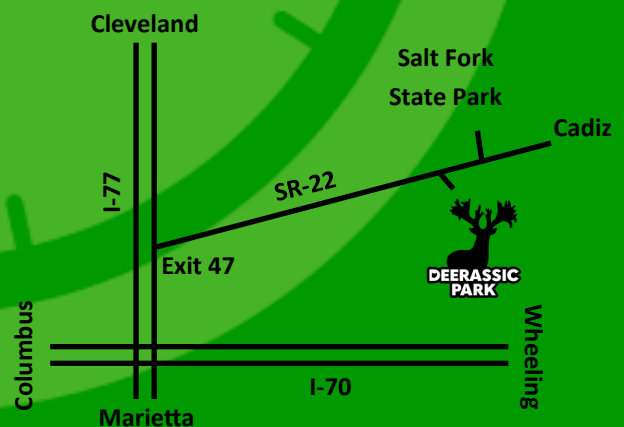
CAMP FEES

The National Whitetail Deer Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to getting youth involved in the outdoors. Camp fees are kept as low as possible and include meals for the day (meals vary depending on specific camp), snacks, drinks, all program supplies, and some camps include a camp tie-dye shirt or hoodie as well as other take-home goodies.

GIFT SHOP

Each camp will also have times built into the schedule for campers to visit the gift shop and purchase Deerassic gear at an additional cost!

DIRECTIONS



- Take exit 47 off of I-77
- Take SR-22 East towards Cadiz
- Drive approx. 6 miles
- Deerassic will be on your right

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: My camper has dietary restrictions, will that be a problem?

A: Absolutely not! We just ask if your child has any special dietary needs, to please pack them a lunch each day. If they have any allergies, please list them during registration.

Q: Do you have a camp nurse? What about camper medications?

A: Our camp staff are first aid trained. We will provide immediate care and if an injury/illness is ever too severe we will call 911. If your camper takes daily meds, please let us know.

Q: Is my child allowed to bring their cell phone?

A: Yes, however we suggest they keep it in their backpack for the duration of camp. If the cell phone becomes an issue, we will confiscate it and return it to the camper at the end of the camp day.

Q: What if the weather is bad during a camp day?

A: Every chance is given to utilize the planned activities even in the event of somewhat uncooperative weather (misting, slight rain, etc.). However, in the event that the weather is completely uncooperative, we will continue scheduled programming indoors without rescheduling. The show and fun goes on!

(This excludes the Hydro Camps. These have rain days in place to reschedule.)

WHAT TO EXPECT

The Camping Basics

Our camps are all about kids having fun, exploring the outdoors, meeting new friends, and being themselves! Camps are geared towards different age groups as well as different interests. All camps consist of jam-packed days of fun activities we offer here at the Park. Kids will show up to Deerassic and hit the ground running!



Respect

Camp is a time for fun, and letting loose. Here at Deerassic we also preach RESPECT. Campers will learn to respect fellow campers, the activity equipment, our staff, as well as themselves. Campers will not only have the opportunity to learn new things about the outdoors but also grow as individuals as well. The camp experience is always a great



Challenge By Choice

Camp provides many unique opportunities for stepping outside your comfort zone. Our staff will help your camper test their limits, but all of our activities are challenge by choice. Campers always have the ability to decline to participate or participate only to their level of comfort.



Why Choose Deerassic?

We understand that entrusting a child to anyone other than family or friends is a big decision, and one that is not taken lightly. It isn't easy to put faith in strangers, but we are proud of our history, our staff and our culture here at Deerassic Park, and our aim is do whatever it takes to ensure that every child has a safe, fun and meaningful experience with us. Every child deserves a summer camp memory, and we hope you choose Deerassic to help make that memory last a lifetime.



OUR STAFF

Our summer counselors come from near and far, & are rigorously selected and background checked to ensure only the very best are responsible for your child's safety & well-being. Every staff member is held to our high standards and expectations here at Deerassic Park.



OUR HISTORY

Deerassic has been providing camp experiences over the last decade, as well as hosting hundreds of field trips and other numerous educational events over the years. Through these events, we here at Deerassic are able to host approximately 10,000 youth annually with a focus on the individual experience & growth.



TESTIMONIALS

Don't just take our word for it! Here's some testimonials from parents of past campers!

"Deerassic Camp is always the highlight of the summer! Activities are a blast and my child has made some great friendships!"

"So much of our daily lives revolve around indoors & electronics. These camps allow kids to reconnect with the outdoors!"

"My daughter loved every counselor. It's a great feeling leaving your child where they feel comfortable and welcome!"

Traditional Camps

JUNIOR CAMP

Ages 9-11 • \$100

Session 1 - June 25-28

Session 2 - July 16-19

There's never a dull moment at Junior Camp! One of our most popular camps, kids will have a blast doing all sorts of outdoor activities we have to offer over 4 days! Traditional camps give campers the opportunity to try a wide variety of activities we offer here at Deerassic! These include but are not limited to: canoeing, kayaking, gaga ball, archery, giant slip 'n slides, fishing, kickball, scavenger hunts, creeking, wiffleball, tie-dying shirts, field games, riflery, nature exploring, and low ropes courses! Two sessions available, please only register for one.



SENIOR CAMP

Ages 12-15 • \$75 • July 1-3

Senior Camp is designed for the teen who still wants the camp experience, but is ready for new challenges. We combine all the fun and excitement of Junior Camp, with bonus features reserved ONLY for Senior Campers. The traditional camps give campers the opportunity to try a wide variety of activities we offer here at Deerassic! These include but are not limited to: canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, gaga ball, ultimate frisbee, disc golf, volleyball, archery tag, giant slip 'n slide, fishing, kickball, watersports, creeking, wiffleball, tie-dying shirts, field games, riflery, nature exploring, and dodgeball!

Channel Your Inner Robin Hood!



BOWHUNTING CAMP

Ages 12-15 • \$100 • August 9-11

This camp is designed for the teen who wants to take it up another notch with their camp experience and really challenge their hunting skills! This camp is designed for any kid interested in hunting whether it's with a bow or a gun, and caters to those with zero knowledge coming in or even those who think they are already experts! Campers will experience all sorts of various activities related to hunting game animals such as deer and turkey. Activities include but are not limited to; various archery shooting skills with a compound, scent control, hunting the wind, deer calling, aging & scoring, land management, turkey calling, decoy set up, shot placement, tracking, field dressing, tree stand and blind set ups, trail camera surveying, mock scrapes, food plots, and so much more! Campers will also get to experience several team building activities to break up each day by having fun playing kickball, canoeing, or completing a low ropes course!



ARCHERY CAMP

Ages 10-15 • \$100 • June 10-13

Want to tune up your archery skills? New to archery completely? Archery Camp is suited for the long time archer or a beginner! Kids will learn the basics of archery all the way up through learning some more advanced different styles and fun games with the sport of archery! Activities include but are not limited to; NASP style shooting (bows and arrows will be provided), range safety and improved accuracy, target games, 3D shooting, archery launch shot, archery tag, field games to break up the day, 90 meter shot, aerial archery, archery balloon painting, and make your own arrow pen!



New Challenges

TASTE OF DEERASSIC

Ages 6-8 • \$60

Session 1 - June 3-4

Session 2 - June 5-6

From ages 6-8, kids have the opportunity to try out the camp experience for the very first time! This 2 day experience slowly works kids into the magic of camp life to see if it's right for them! They will have a blast doing all sorts of outdoor activities we have to offer under the constant supervision of a special hand-picked staff just right for new campers! These include but are not limited to: archery, fishing, scavenger hunts, creeking, field games, inflatable BB gun range, nature exploring, crafts and much more! Please only register for one.



SURVIVAL CAMP

Ages 12-15 • \$75 • July 23-25

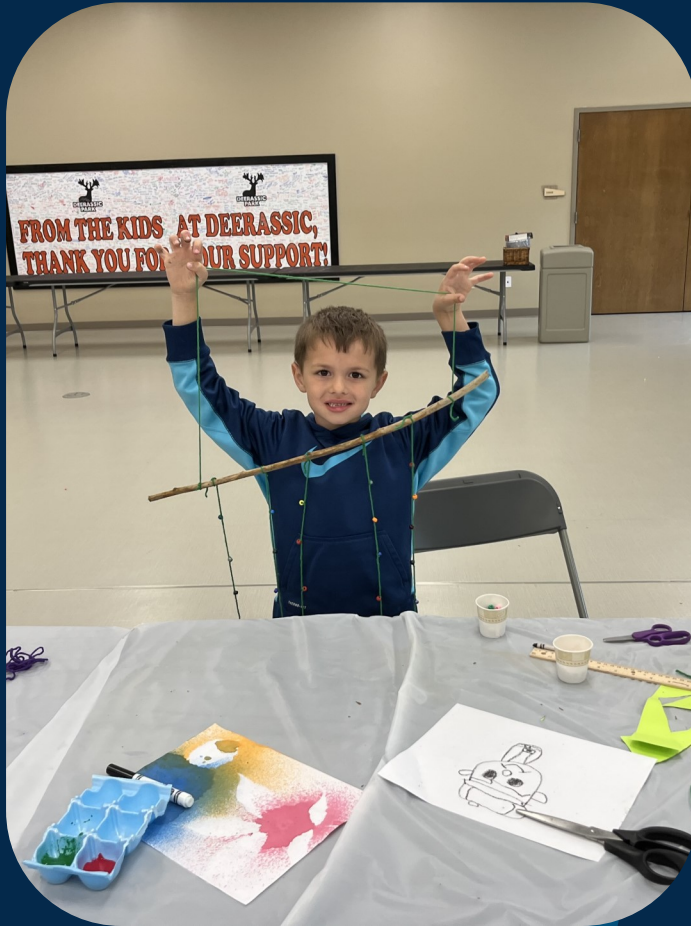
This camp is designed for the teen who wants to take it up another notch with their camp experience and really challenge their outdoor skills! We will challenge campers to execute real life situations as if they were stranded in the backcountry! Over the course of 3 days, kids will have a blast learning basic survival skills such as but not limited to; building a fire, basic first aid, what to take with you in the wilderness, harvesting fresh water, fishing with simple tools, building a shelter, tracking, navigation, survival food, knot tying, edible plants and insects, and much more! Campers will also get to experience several team building activities to break up each day and have some fun playing kickball or canoeing, or completing a low ropes course!

Single-Day Camps

HYDRO CAMP

Ages 9-15 • \$30 • July 9 OR July 11

Beat the heat this summer and come out to Deerassic for a day full of nothing but outdoor water activities! From ages 9-15, kids will have a blast doing things such as: giant slip 'n slide, water balloons, paddleboarding, super soakers, water games, and slip 'n slide kickball! In an event of bad weather, this camp will be re-scheduled.



ART CAMP

Ages 6-8, 9-11 • \$30

Beginner - June 18

Intermediate - June 20

Art Camp is a great way for kids to get outside and express their artistic side! Two sessions are offered, one day each. A beginner session ages 6-8 and an intermediate session ages 9-11. Kids will have a blast creating all sorts of nature inspired crafts we have to offer! These include but are not limited to: rock art, nature sketching, wind chimes, canvas painting, painting with nature, and clay modeling!



Be courteous to other campers and only register for one session, when certain camps offer two!



Seasonal Camps

BIGFOOT LOCK-IN

Ages 9-15 • \$50 • October 5-6

The Salt Fork Area is known for its Bigfoot sightings! Come have a night full of fun at Deerassic in search of him! Kids ages 9-15 will arrive on a Saturday afternoon and stay OVER-NIGHT through Sunday morning and enjoy a fun-filled time of outdoor activities. Activities include but are not limited to: canoeing/ kayaking, scavenger hunts, pumpkin carving, bigfoot dodgeball, night hikes, a bigfoot investigation, fishing, campfires, low ropes, and enjoy a movie to close out the night! Kids will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, flashlight, a change of clothes, and closed toed shoes.



WINTER CAMP

Ages 9-15 • \$75 • Dates TBA

Winter can be a WONDERFUL time to be out at Deerassic Park! Kids will arrive each morning and enjoy a fun-filled time of outdoor themed activities. Activities at this camp are controlled by the weather... so dress appropriately! If the weather happens to be unseasonably warm, we'll go outside for some fun! If it decides to snow during that week, we'll take advantage and do some sledding and make snowmen! If the weather just doesn't want to cooperate, we'll still have a blast in our brand new Education Complex! Activities may include but are not limited to: sledding, building a snowman, sno-cone making, indoor field games such as kickball, wiffleball, dodgeball, gaga ball, ornament making, crafts, indoor bb gun range, indoor archery, hiking, low ropes, cookie decorating and deer education.

Registration

HOW TO REGISTER

As of August 2020, we have moved to a new camp registration system right on our website. All required 'forms' and payment are able to be completed online at deerassic.com! To reserve your child's spot at camp, we must receive all required forms as well as payment in full.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

The easiest and fastest way to register! Save time, pay easily and securely, and register any time of the day. Simply visit: **deerassic.com/summer-camps/** and your camper will be ready for the time of their life!

OFFICE, MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX

We are also happy to accept paper forms at the office (Monday-Friday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM) or by mail. Please keep in mind if you turn in physical forms and pay via the office or by mail or fax (740) 435-3338, online orders may come in prior to and spots may be filled before we receive yours. **Camps sell out quick!**

Please make checks out to **Deerassic Park**. You may return any forms to our Education Director at luke@deerassic.com, or mail them to: Deerassic Park, 14250 Cadiz Road, Cambridge, OH 43725.



GOT QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about a specific program or camp, please don't hesitate to contact us!

- **Luke Fabian—Education Director**
luke@deerassic.com
- **Stacy Garrett—Events & Activities Coordinator**
stacy@deerassic.com

Or call the office, Mon.-Fri. 8am-4pm at: (740) 435-3335

Camp Registration for all Summer Camps (excluding the other seasonal camps) typically opens sometime around the 1st week of May. Camps usually sell out fast!

So to get a heads up on the official first day of registration, make sure you're signed up for our monthly Education Update Newsletter! Just visit deerassic.com and click "Sign Up Now" at the bottom of the page and enter your info!



When registering, make sure to use a reliable email! We will follow up with need-to-know info!



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The guiding philosophy at Deerassic Park Education Center is to reconnect youth and families with the outdoors through activities and recreation that help foster and develop a life long appreciation for the outdoors and nature.

Seeing a trend in the late 1990's and into the early 2000's of declining youth involvement in the outdoors, Deerassic Park Education Center was established to combat these declines. Since then, the staff at the facility have provided a myriad of programs and events designed for youth and families to experience the outdoors and become participants in a variety of outdoor activities.

