

Eco-Camp 2026*Camp Themes

Day Camp Themes



Animal Encounters, \$350

Channel your inner forest animal as you explore your way through the Preserve! Each day will focus on a different forest creature, and you will get a chance to meet a reptile as well as take a trip to the Glen Helen Raptor Center!

Critters & Camo, \$350

Investigate all the critters of the Glen from big to small! Learn about how they survive and the adaptations they use to blend in with their surroundings. Spend the week channeling your inner critter by tracking, sneaking and learning the art of camouflage!

Forest Friends, \$350

Get ready to be a different Glen Helen animal each day - search for toads, seek the slugs, and dance like a salamander. We'll move through the woods and use all of our senses just like the creatures do.

Nature Detectives, \$350

Are you curious about what's really going on in the forests of Glen Helen? Time to put on your detective hats and investigate the Glen! Flip over logs, follow deer trails, and use observation skills & investigative tools to figure out what nature is all about!

Pathfinders, \$350

There are many secrets hidden in our forests, meadows, and streams. We will comb the Glen looking for tracks, scat, hidey-holes, and teeth marks. Each day will bring a new mystery that puts us hot on the trail of animals that call Glen Helen home.

Puddle Jumpers, \$350

Explore the Glen's ponds and streams in search of the amazing creatures that call them home. We will participate in all sorts of water-themed crafts and games. Come ready for a wet week - no puddle will go un-splashed!

Water Wonders, \$350

Oh, what a water-ful world we live in! Spend the week getting to wander through all of the water ways of Glen Helen. You and your trail group will be on the look out for crayfish, minnows, and salamanders galore, play water themed games & will get to make fun memories, have adventures, and explore the water wonders the Glen has to offer.

Woodland Whimsy, \$350

Whimsy your way through a magical week at Glen Helen Eco-Camp. Stories, crafts, games, so many fantastical adventures and as always a big dose of Eco-Camp magic!

Progressive Camp Themes

Animal Encounters, \$400

Do you love caring for animals? Would you like a chance to meet some of the education ambassador animals at the OEC? In Animal Encounters, campers will get to meet an OEC reptile, work together to feed them, and create enrichment opportunities for them! Campers will also get to visit the raptors at the Glen Helen Raptor Center and make some enrichment items for Corva the Crow.

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Explorers, \$400

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Fort-topia, \$400

Humans aren't the only creatures that build homes! Explore all the amazing ways that animals create shelter for themselves and their families. As we discover different designs, we will put our knowledge to use by building our own shelters and forts.

Glenfoot Search, \$400

Spend the week in search of the Glen's most elusive creature, Glenfoot. Throughout this week-long scavenger hunt, you will use your senses, investigation, observation, map reading, and critical thinking skills to track down Glenfoot!

Nature Detectives, \$400

Get your hands dirty while looking for all of the small critters of the Glen. Be on the lookout for crayfish, millipedes, salamanders, spiders, and more! Create a terrarium with your trail group to keep track of all the cool things you find. Get a little dirty and discover the world of small wonders all around us.

Survival & Shelter, \$400

In this camp you will learn how to build shelters using materials that you find in nature, starting small with snail shelters and then working our way up to a shelter that can fit the whole group!

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Overnight Camp Themes

Camo Competition, \$475

Spend the week learning all of the camouflage techniques and practice your skills. Work together with your group to become more and more camouflaged throughout the week! The real test is on the last day where the group's camouflage will be put to the test as the other campers & naturalists try to spot the campers!

Chasing Waterfalls, \$475

DO go chasing waterfalls if you join this camp! During this 5-day/4night camp, campers will get to explore all of the different water features of Glen Helen (and some surrounding areas). Take some data to compare the different water features and enjoy the sounds of babbling brooks, secluded streams, and wonderful waterfalls!

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Summer Skies, \$475

Let the sky guide you on your journey though Glen Helen. Taking a look up, we will explore birds, insects, clouds, weather, stars, constellations, and all of the other things that call the sky their home.

Survival & Shelters, \$475

In this camp you will learn how to build shelters using materials that you find in nature. Starting small with snail shelters and then working our way up to a shelter that can fit the whole group! In this 5-day/4-night camp hone in on your engineering and constructions as you try and build shelters to survive!

Trailblazers, \$475

Do you want to be out in the forest all day? Do you want to explore the trails less traveled and find something next at every turn you take? Then the adventurers camp is for you! Spend the 5-day/4-night camp adventuring, trying new things and making memories!

Woodland Whimsy, \$475

Whimsical wonderful woodland adventures await you in this 5-day/4-night camp. From nature art, storytelling to exploration and adventuring. Tap into your inner whimsy and frolic in the forest making memories with new friends.

Specialty Overnight Themes

Adventure Camp, \$800

Lace up your boots for a backpacking trip into the wilds of Red River Gorge in Daniel Boone National Forest, KY. Spend four nights in the backcountry hills of the forest, setting up camp, cooking meals together, and telling stories around a fire. Learn outdoor and leadership skills along the way. Who knows - we may even find an elusive swimming hole! Backpacks, tents, food, and travel to and from Red River Gorge provided.

Backyard Backpacking Camp, \$600

Discover the basics of backpacking in this camp full of adventure! Gather gear at the Glen and journey through the forest to John Bryan State Park campground for three nights. Sleep under the stars in tents, tell stories around the campfire, and explore the Little Miami River during the day. This is a foundational camp for folks wanting to practice their backpacking skills for our advanced Adventure Backpacking camp.

Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) Camp, \$500

Join the adventure and roll for fun. This week is themed around Dungeons and Dragons! Campers will get to create characters, earn XP, and level up their real life stats all while having an epic adventure across the Glen with a band of new friends!

Nocturnal Camp, \$500

An Ecocamp tradition! We will descend into the nocturnal world of the night. See everything through new eyes and ears for a renewed understanding of the Glen and ourselves. In the dark we appreciate the light in new ways, realizing the importance of community, trust, and friendship.

Raptor Camp, \$500

Spend the week learning with the staff of the Glen Helen Raptor Center. Learn from and care for our educational ambassadors while you get to know hawks, eagles, falcons, and owls up close and personal!

Teen Camp, \$500

Are you a 13-15 year old who just wants to have some classic summer camp fun? In our brand new Teen Camp you will get the opportunity to unplug and enjoy hanging out with other teens! Stay up later than all of the other campers, have your own campfire night, and get to take a trip canoeing on the Little Miami River!

Wilderness Living, \$500

Hear the call of the wild! Play nature awareness games that enliven the senses and construct a survival shelter that can withstand a storm. Learn outdoor living skills such as fire-making, cooking over a fire, building survival shelters, and finding local plants that help nourish and feed us.