

Camp Elachee 2012

Spring Break Camp

April 2-6 Naturepalooza

Elementary

Need a break from the routine of school? Then step into Elachee's *Naturepalooza* to discover adventures around every corner of the Chicopee Woods. Hike to Vulture Rock Creek to search for animals both big and small while stopping to have lunch in the shade of the biggest oak tree you will ever see. See scores of animals and plants awakening to the warmth of spring. Set off water rockets and do some experiments while learning about chemistry and physics. Visit the animal room, natural history museum and astronomy hall. Use microscopes to identify bugs on the ground and in the water and explore the worlds of fungi and lichen. Celebrate spring and everything it has to offer during this unforgettable week of camp.



Summer Camp: Pre-K - Elementary

June 4-8 Wet, Wetter, Wettest!



Elementary

Join us at Camp Elachee for an early summer's dousing of fun and learning. Slip into your water shoes to sample some of the cool invertebrate life found in Walnut Creek or take a creek hike to see where our water flows. Hike one of the many creeks in the Chicopee Woods and find a watery adventure around every turn. Test some of water's unique properties with some fun and informative experiments. How many paper clips can you and your group float in a cup of water? Does a good soaking at Camp Elachee sound like fun?

June 11-15 Exploring the Animal Kingdom

Pre-K & Elementary

Kick off another week of summer camp in the Chicopee Woods with furry, feathery and scaly fun. Walk the trails, ford the creeks and scan the tree tops to see the abundant wildlife of northeast Georgia's most important nature preserve. A guest raptor expert will share her expertise and her beautiful owl with you and your fellow campers. Animals and fun go hand in hand, paw, wing and fin at Camp Elachee.

June 18-22 Seeing Stars



Pre-K & Elementary

Come celebrate the first official days of summer at Camp Elachee as we focus on the skies above. Explore stars and constellations in Starlab. Safely search for sunspots on our closest star with our solar telescope. Explore the Chicopee Woods for unique plants and animals that depend on the sun's energy for survival and enjoy some cookies baked in a solar oven. The sun shines brightest on the Chicopee Woods and casts the biggest shadows to keep you cool on Camp Elachee!

June 25-29 A Heap of Herps!

Pre-K & Elementary

Summer is the time for all cold-blooded creatures and their admirers to step out at Camp Elachee. Count the different lizards, turtles, frogs, salamanders and snakes you spot along the trails and creeks of the Chicopee Woods. Guest herpetologists will share their knowledge and remarkable animal collections with us during the week. Check your special herp hiding board to see if anything slimy or scaly has crawled underneath. You want 'em, we got 'em. Herp is always the word at Camp Elachee!



July 2 - 6 Camp Closed for 4th of July Holidays!

July 9 – 13 Bugs, Slugs and Katydid!

Pre-K & Elementary

Summer is the time to discover all things crawling, flying, climbing, weaving, burrowing, and swimming in the magical invertebrate world of the Chicopee Woods. Look for caterpillars around every corner and discover which plants they love to eat. Find spiders on the web and millipedes on the ground. See why a snail might be one of the most important animals in the forest. Check the creeks for crawfish and insect nymphs that will help determine water quality. Listen to cicadas and katydids sing the summer away. It's the little things that make this a special week at Camp Elachee!



July 16-20 Lessons from the Cherokee

Pre-K & Elementary

Walk the same ridges and trails travelled by Native Americans hundreds of years ago. Learn to track animals and to identify the medicinal and edible plants found in the forest. See some of the arrowheads and pottery pieces collected in the Chicopee Woods that trace back to the Cherokee and beyond. Learn about Cherokee language, their games and their weapons while appreciating how these influential people respected the natural world around them. This week will provide a nice blend of nature and history at Camp Elachee.



July 23 – 27 Wind and Weather

Pre-K & Elementary

Join us for this great week of looking at two powerful forces of nature. Use Elachee's weather station to help predict the weather and enjoy a presentation from a professional storm chaser. Play games and conduct actual experiments to see the Water Cycle at work. Discover real examples of how wind and water have shaped the Chicopee Woods. See how forces within and on the surface of the Earth have created the rocks and minerals of Georgia and how fun and adventure in the Chicopee Woods are always forces to be reckoned with!

July 30 – Aug 3 Water Journeys

Elementary



Water and fun are always flowing at Camp Elachee. Hike creeks, visit wetlands and bogs, conduct chemical tests to measure water quality, race ping pong balls in Walnut Creek to determine velocity and enjoy the woods for one last time before school begins. Search for aquatic animals in Chicopee Lake before hiking across the preserve to the Nature Center. This will be one great week of friend making, adventure and exploration in a very special place called the Chicopee Woods.

Summer Camp: Middle School & CIT

June 11-15 Extreme Creek Week

Keep cool on a hot summer day while hiking in and around Redwine Creek and other creeks in the Chicopee Woods. Determine the water quality of some of the streams by conducting chemical tests and searching for small water critters and then compare results with those gathered by Elachee staff and other campers. Learn how our Natural Resources staff catches, counts and identifies fish in order to determine habitat health during a special fish shocking demonstration. Calculate creek volume and water velocity by using a measuring tape, ping pong balls and a stopwatch and then find your way back to the nature center each day with a compass, topographical map and a GPS unit.

June 18-22 Adventures High and Low*

**Special camp rates apply (\$175 members/ \$200 non-members)*

Spend a day zipping through the trees on a canopy tour of Lake Lanier Islands. Then don special safety equipment before climbing one of the tall oaks of the Chicopee Woods under the expert supervision of professional tree climber Genevieve Summers. Team up with other campers to do some low-ropes activities. Improve your fishing skills at Chicopee Lake and use Walnut,

Redwine and other creeks as “blue trails” to navigate throughout the 1500-acre Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve.

July 9-13 Wilderness Survival

Discover what it takes to survive in the wilderness during this popular week of middle school camp. Learn to identify edible plants and other food sources. Build shelters and navigate with and without a map and compass. Identify and track creatures of the forest by learning to spot footprints and scat. Learn valuable first aid skills through simulated scenarios on the trails and at the center. Enjoy night hikes and a variety of nocturnal activities during a thrilling Thursday-night sleepover at Camp Elachee.



July 16-20 Elachee Mountain Bike Camp



Join us for a week of cycling fun and adventure on some of North Georgia’s best mountain bike trails. Start the week off with a ride on the Tortoise and Hare Trails and a visit to Bent Gear Island. Advance your skills before taking on Coyote Loop, Copperhead Gap and other more challenging rides. Expert Camp Elachee staff will help you improve your riding techniques throughout the week. Spend your afternoons cooling off in the Chicopee Woods creeks and learning basic bike maintenance.

July 30-Aug 3 Super Science Sampler

It’s everything science this week for the last week of 2012 middle school camp. Make your body and other objects glow in the dark and see how high a hand-made rocket can soar through the air. Use common household items to conduct cool chemistry experiments. Locate sunspots

while safely scanning the sun with our solar-filtered telescope and enjoy some cookies baked in a solar oven. Unlock some intriguing mysteries by dissecting owl pellets and tree galls.

CIT Program (Counselors in Training)

Rising 9th-12th grade students who are interested in developing leadership skills while helping supervise campers, may apply for a CIT position. Hours are M-F, 8:30-2:30. A nominal fee of \$60 covers training and supervision. Call for an application.

Camp Fees

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Pre-K	\$110	\$130
Elem	\$120	\$140
Middle	\$135	\$155
*Adventures Hi & Lo	\$180	\$200
AM Care \$20/week	PM Care \$50/week	Both \$60/week