

Eligibility Criteria for Audubon Vermont Programs

Eligibility Criteria- the requirements that someone must meet to be eligible to attend our programs. Safe participation in Audubon programs requires certain physical, mental, emotional, and social health abilities, and we are therefore limited in the types of accommodations we are able to provide. Please review these criteria to be sure our programs are a good fit for your children. Please call us to discuss any of the points below.

1. **Age and Ability:** Participants must be of the appropriate age and ability for the session they are requesting.
2. **Health and Safety:**
 - Participants must be in good physical, mental, emotional, and social health to safely engage in camp activities.
 - Participants should be able to engage with our teacher-to-student ratios (1:6 for preschool programs, 1:8 for elementary programs). We are unable to provide 1:1 supervision but welcome participants who come with individualized support that caregivers have arranged in advance. Please contact us to discuss any support your child may need.
 - Campers must be able to stay with the group and follow directions.
3. **Outdoor Activities:**
 - Our programs are primarily outdoors in all weather conditions. Participants should be comfortable being outdoors for extended periods. Participants will encounter varied terrain including steep areas, stairs, rocks, roots, mud, and gravel. There are times when we will be off trail.
 - A gear list will be provided. If a lack of gear presents a barrier to participation, please let us know in advance.
4. **Potty Training:** Campers must be fully potty trained. We can assist children with occasional accidents but cannot support campers who rely on pull-ups that require frequent changes. Campers who attend programs based out of our Clubhouse must be comfortable using port-a-potties or outhouses.
5. **Social Participation:**
 - Participants must be able to engage with other children and not pose a risk to themselves, other campers, or staff. Participants must be able to interact responsibly in a group,
 - Participants should come with a positive attitude and willingness to follow directions and participate in camp activities.
6. **Respectful Environment:** All participants and their caregivers are expected to contribute to the safety of one another and Audubon Vermont.
 - Participants and caregivers will contribute to a safe learning environment by using respectful language and appropriate physical behavior.
 - Participants and caregivers must respect the choices of others, including mask-wearing preferences.
 - We encourage participants to share their pronouns if they want to and Audubon staff will use the name and pronouns that a participant requests. "A pronoun is a

word that refers to either the people talking (I or you) or someone or something that is being talked about (like she, it, them, and this). Gender pronouns (he/she/they/etc.) specifically refer to people that you are talking about.” From the Pride Center of Vermont [Here is more information.](#)

1. At camp we might give the following example to explain what a pronoun is: “That is his/her/their backpack”