

MIDDLEBURY AREA LAND TRUST



**SUMMER
CAMP
BROCHURE
2024**

Summer Camp Schedule at a Glance

Dates	Camp	Ages	Location
June 24-28	Treasure Hunters, Session A	6-9	Otter Creek Gorge
July 1-3	Coyote Camp	5-6	Otter Creek Gorge
July 8-12	Forests, Faeries, & Spirits	5-9	Otter Creek Gorge
July 15-19	Legends of the Forest: The Snipe Hunt	6-10	Otter Creek Gorge
July 22-26	Skull & Bones	6-10	Otter Creek Gorge
July 29 - Aug 2	Urban Explorers	7-10	Urban Green Spaces
Aug 5-9	TAM Trekkers 2.0	7-10	Trail Around Middlebury
Aug 5-9	Treasure Hunters, Session B	6-9	Otter Creek Gorge
Aug 12-16	Creepy Crawlies, & Beyond	6-9	Otter Creek Gorge
Aug 19-23	Legends of the Forest	11-13	Otter Creek Gorge

A typical day at MALT Summer Camp

9:00 AM - Campers arrive, and have choice time, working with crafts or playing run-around games

9:30 AM - Opening Circle: we share a road-map for our day

9:45 AM - Snack

10:00 AM - Morning adventure: we might explore a cave, or spend the morning with an epic game of ice monsters

12:00 PM - Lunch

12:30 PM - Reflection time: this might be a sit-spot, yoga, or other mindfulness activity

12:45 PM - Afternoon adventure: activities, challenges, or games that build learning for the week's theme

3:00 PM - Closing circle: we wrap things up and provide an opportunity to reflect on our experience

3:15 PM - Choice time

3:30 PM - Pickup

Treasure Hunters, Sessions A and B

June 24-28, Aug 5-9 • Ages 6-9 • Otter Creek Gorge • \$260 members, \$290 non-members

For the brave and true, an opportunity awaits in the hollows of Otter Creek Gorge. Whispers of treasure flitter amongst the trees, a treasure that only a daring team of adventurers can find. Join MALT as we hone our treasure hunting skills through cartography, storytelling, and the creation of campers' very own treasure hunts! Whether your kid is a P.I.T. (Pirate In Training) or adores exploring the wild, this is a camp that is bound to nourish their imagination for years to come.



Coyote Camp

July 1-3 • Ages 5-6 • Otter Creek Gorge • \$150 members, \$180 non-members



Throw your head back and howl your most passionate “**AWHOO**” because Coyote Camp is back! Led by MALT’s Executive Director, Jamie Jo Horton, Coyote Camp trains our youngest MALT campers in the ways of the mischievous coyote. Campers will spend three days exploring the hidden crevices of Otter Creek Gorge and learning what it means to be wild through activities like predator-prey themed art and mud camouflage. So embrace your wild side and join Coyote Camp today!

Forests, Faeries, and Spirits

July 8-12 • Ages 5-9 • Otter Creek Gorge • \$260 members, \$290 non-members



**Calling all faerie house
architects,
MALT needs YOUR help!**

For years, MALT campers have befriended the magical creatures of Otter Creek Gorge through their creation of faerie houses. In turn, the spirits have gifted them with the secrets of magic and the freedom to play within their domain. Once again, MALT is asking for campers to help us charm these woodland spirits so that we can keep hosting our summer camps. Perks include designing your very own faerie house, communicating with trees through charcoal, and a connection with the imaginary spirits that call Weybridge their home.

Legends of the Forest: The Snipe Hunt


July 15-19 • Ages 6-10 • Otter Creek Gorge • \$260 members, \$290 non-members



A new twist on an old classic, MALT is spicing up our “Legends of the Forest” camp with an overarching mystery focused on the legend of the snipe. What is a snipe you may ask? We haven’t the faintest idea. However, we do know there is one lurking in the recesses of Otter Creek Gorge, and we need campers’ help to catch it. Through piecing together clues like tracks and alleged sightings, campers will slowly put together what a “snipe” is before concluding the camp with a trap of their own creation. This is a great camp for kids who enjoy a good mystery or want to learn more about animal identification.

Skull & Bones

July 22-26 • Ages 6-10 • Otter Creek Gorge • \$260 members, \$290 non-members

A child's hand is pointing at a small, light-colored animal skull resting on a dark wooden surface. The skull has two small, curved horns. In the bottom left corner, there are two stylized white and black illustrations of bones: a shorter, thicker one and a longer, thinner one.

The food an animal ate, adaptations it took on to survive, its connections to species long lost.

Bones tell silent stories for those who know how to listen.

In this classic MALT summer camp, we will examine the stories bones tell us through activities ranging from archaeological digs to studying MALT's animal bone collection.

Urban Explorers

July 29 - Aug. 2 • Ages 7-10 • Otter Creek Gorge • \$ 275 members, \$305 non-members

What does it mean to “explore”?

To us here at MALT, exploration requires nothing but a willingness to learn and a sturdy pair of shoes. Even a place as familiar as a backyard can transform into an avenue for exploration if you approach it with the right mindset. Join MALT as we ride the public transit in search of urban greenspaces, construct nature-based crafts, and become naturalists of the mundane. By the end of camp, your kid will not only appreciate the pockets of nature hidden in sidewalk cracks and public parks, but have the skills necessary to deconstruct the urban landscape into a wonderland of adventure worthy of any explorer. P.S. We'll stop for ice cream along the way!!



TAM Trekkers 2.0

Aug. 5-9 • Ages 7-10 • Otter Creek Gorge • \$260 members, \$290 non-members

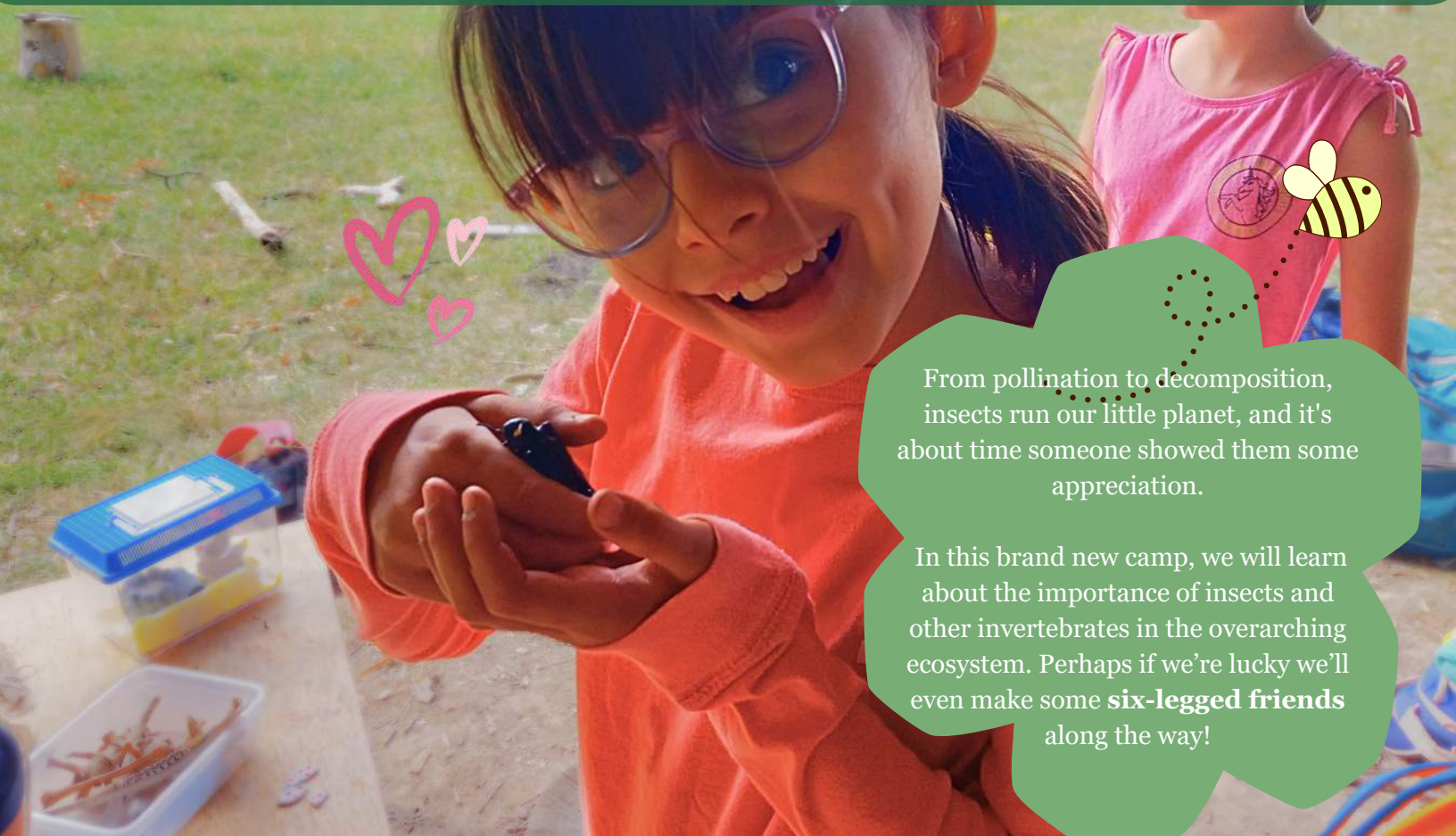
It's time for another generation of MALT campers to join the ranks of TAM Award recipients with our latest iteration of "TAM Trekkers". Throughout the course of five days, campers will hike all 19+ miles of the TAM, completing around 4-5 miles per a day with the supervision of their counselors.

If you kid has ever dreamed of winning the TAM Award, now is the time to sign up and achieve their goal!



Creepy Crawlies & Beyond

Aug. 12-16 • Ages 6-9 • Otter Creek Gorge • \$260 members, \$290 non-members

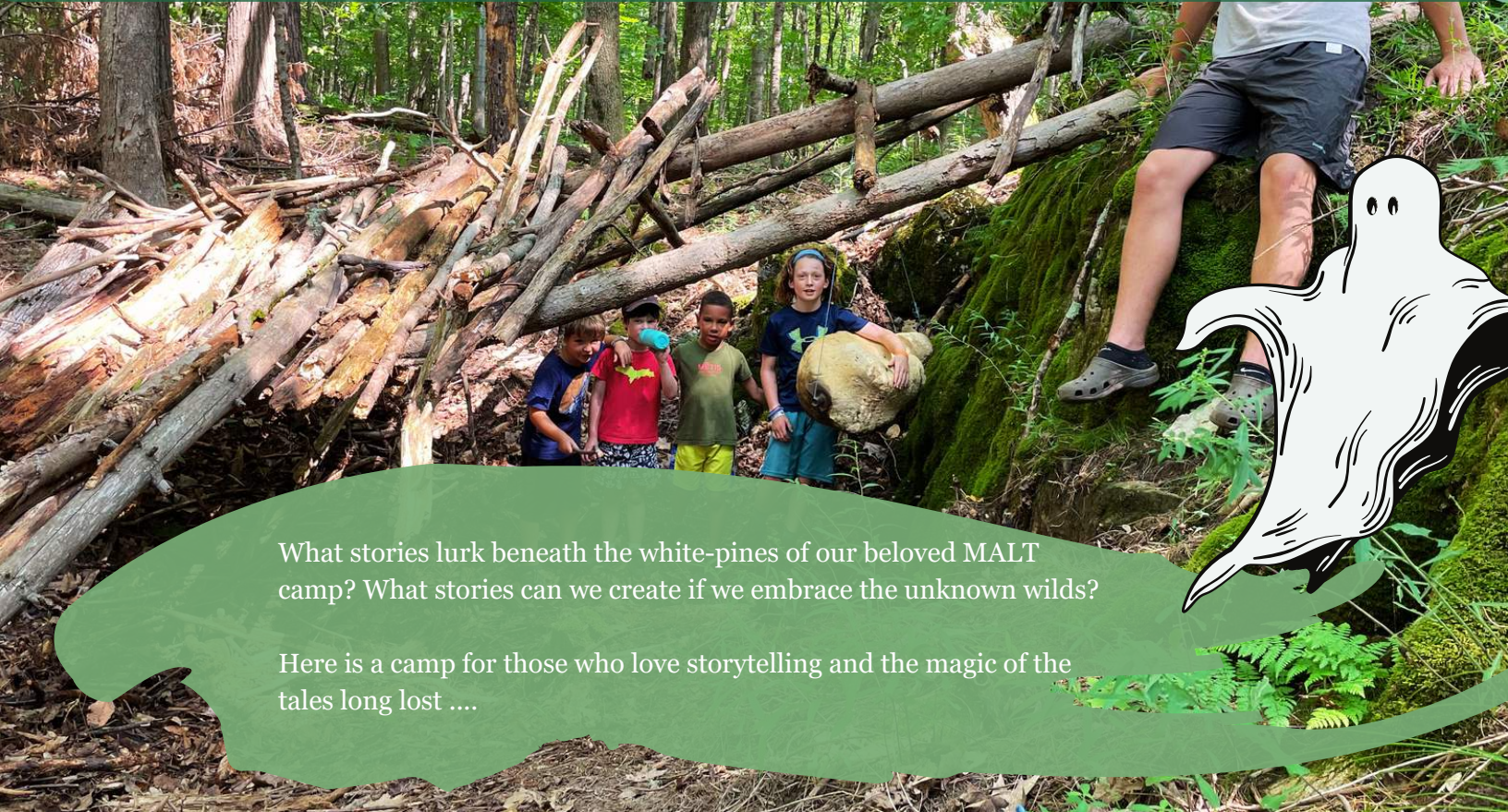


From pollination to decomposition, insects run our little planet, and it's about time someone showed them some appreciation.

In this brand new camp, we will learn about the importance of insects and other invertebrates in the overarching ecosystem. Perhaps if we're lucky we'll even make some **six-legged friends** along the way!

Legends of the Forest

Aug. 19-23 • Ages 11-13 • Otter Creek Gorge • \$260 members, \$290 non-members



What stories lurk beneath the white-pines of our beloved MALT camp? What stories can we create if we embrace the unknown wilds?

Here is a camp for those who love storytelling and the magic of the tales long lost

Become a MALT Member

Joining MALT as a member is a powerful show of support for conservation in your backyard.

The MALT member community provides care for, and access to incredible natural spaces where everyone can learn and play. MALT members conserve the lands and trails that make MALT camps possible.

MALT members receive discounts on camps, after-school experiences, and public programs.

Join at the level that works best for you:

- Student - \$20
- Individual - \$35
- Family - \$50
- Sponsor - \$250
- Friend - \$500+

Visit MALT.VT.ORG/MEMBERSHIP to join

Registration, payment, and policies

- The initial registration period is February 12 at 8:00 AM to February 16 at 5:00 PM
- All registrations received in that time frame will be considered equally
- After February 16, registration will be considered on a first-come-first-serve basis
- The registration form is available at maltvt.org/camps-1
- Initial registration decisions will be sent out to families by Friday, March 1st

Once you have received your camp placements, payment and paperwork are due by March 15. If payment and paperwork have not been received by that day, your spot will be offered to the next person on the waitlist.

Refund schedule

- More than four weeks before the start date of the camp: full refund minus \$35 administrative fee
- Two to four weeks before camp: 50% refund minus \$35 administrative fee
- Less than two weeks before camp: no refund

Cancellation Policy: MALT programs operate outdoors in all seasons. We may cancel a day of programming in cases of inclement weather (ex: thunderstorms, heavy rain, snow that makes it unsafe to travel).

We will do our best to give at least 24 hours' notice, but due to the unpredictable nature of the weather, notice may come as late as the morning of the program.

Reimbursement is not given for cancellations due to weather.

Contact camp@maltvt.org if you have any questions

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