



Dear high school students,

Registration is now open for the Great Lakes Young Birders Camp 2018!

In an effort to connect young people, like you, with the diverse bird communities of the Great Lakes Region, Michigan Audubon, in partnership with Alma College, Chippewa Nature Center, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will be holding the first Great Lakes Young Birders Camp (GLYBC) in 2018.

The inaugural camp will be based out of Alma College, centrally located in Michigan, in close proximity to forests, grasslands, wetlands, and near the core breeding range of the rare Kirtland's Warbler. The GLYBC promotes the education of young birders who will be the next generation of birders, scientists, and conservation-minded citizens. Through experiences that will develop your expertise in avian natural history, foster connections with your birding peers, and highlight careers in bird conservation, you will receive a foundation upon which you can successfully grow your passion for the natural world.

Camp will run from June 24-28 and includes travel to several birding hotspots in the mid-Michigan region, as well as expert guest speakers from around the state. Each day will focus on an overarching topic that will provide you with a complete birding and conservation understanding. Please see the attached schedule for more details about the camp.

Space is limited to 16 high school students, so you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Attached applications are due by May 5. They may be sent electronically to

lcain@michiganaudubon.org or by mail to:

Michigan Audubon, GLYBC
2310 Science Parkway, Suite 200
Okemos, MI 48864

You will be notified by Michigan Audubon of the camp planning committee's decision by May 11. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by June 8. Camp tuition will be between \$100 and \$300 per camper, with need-based scholarships determining the final cost per participant. Additional details will be sent to you after the initial selection process by the GLYBC committee.

Any questions may be directed to Michigan Audubon Education Coordinator, Lindsay Cain, at

lcain@michiganaudubon.org or 517-580-7364 ext. 1.

We hope you will consider the Great Lakes Young Birders Camp as a highlight of your summer 2018!

Sincerely,

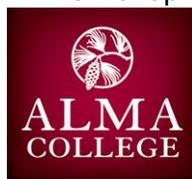
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2018 Great Lakes Young Birder Camp – Agenda-at-a-Glance

Sunday, June 24: Arrival and Orientation

Campers will start arriving at 3:00 PM and get to know each other with fun activities. After dinner, we'll transition to some fun evening activities!

Monday, June 25: Basic Bird Biology

We'll begin with a field trip to a banding station at a local bog for bird identification activities, field work, and building identification skills. After lunch, we'll travel to a local university to explore an extensive ornithology collection and return to Alma College for dinner and evening activities.

Tuesday, June 26: Avian Ecology

We'll visit the Chippewa Nature Center and Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge to learn about habitat needs and adaptation strategies of birds. Boxed lunches will be provided in the field, and we'll reconvene at Alma College in the evening for dinner and evening activities.

Wednesday, June 27: Avian Conservation

As a special treat, we'll take a Kirtland's Warbler field tour and learn about how conservation professionals manage habitats for northern forest birds. After lunch, we'll hop over to a local Raptor Rehabilitation center and visit a working organic farm. We'll learn about hands-on ways that everyone can conserve birds and enjoy a bird-friendly dinner and evening activities.

Thursday June 28: Morning: Putting it all together

We'll return to the local bog for one more day in the field, quizzing each other and sharing what we learned, and talking about next steps for campers. We'll enjoy one final lunch at Alma College and conclude at 1:00 PM

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