



2012 Spring Home School Classes

The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education in Philadelphia will be hosting a series of outdoor education programs reserved for homeschool students on Tuesday of each week. These programs are geared for students aged 6-9 years old and programs are held from 1-3pm. The cost for each program is \$8/members and \$10/non-members. The topics and dates for these programs are as follows:

April 10: Insect Investigations

April is a fantastic time to explore the fields, forests and streams in search of emerging insects. We'll spend most of class outside using nets, bug boxes and other tools to help us find as many different insects as possible. Before letting the insects go, we'll take a look at them up close to help us figure out what makes an insect an insect.

April 17: Creatures that Creep & Crawl

Get ready to get dirty as we explore the soil and leaf litter in search of worms and other animals that creep and crawl. We'll also pull out our worm composting bin to get a closer look at how worms can turn vegetable scraps from the kitchen into great compost for our garden.

April 24: Animals as Architects

Animals are able to build amazing homes, tunnels and dams without the use of hammers, saws or nails. Today, we'll explore how various animals collect materials and build incredible structures, without the tools that we use. We'll look at a few nests in our collection and then head outside to try our hand at building nests and dams without modern tools.

May 8: Ecosystem Exploration

Join us as we explore the field, forest, and pond habitats to discover who calls the Schuylkill Center home and how they find their food, water, shelter and space.

May 15: Wild Edibles

Our forest is filled with nutritious wild plants and fruits that we can eat. Join us as we search high and low for wild edibles and learn the importance of knowing which plants are okay to eat, and which ones aren't! Bring your appetite; we'll be sampling some of the most delicious plants the Schuylkill Center has to offer!

May 22: Introduction to Canoeing

Have you ever paddled a canoe? Join us during the warmer days of May for an afternoon learning how to prepare for a day on the water, get in and out of the boat safely, paddle and rescue a tipped over canoe on our very own Wind Dance Pond. Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet, we'll provide all the safety equipment and the boats.