



Nature Ramblers Summer Camp by Camila Rivera-Tinsley, Summer Camp Director



As the camp season quickly approaches and conscientious parents are getting their summer plans together, The Schuylkill Center's Summer Nature Ramblers provides parents with a truly 'green' choice in a sea of summer options. Nature Ramblers gives children the unique opportunity to explore our 350 acres of green landscape, in a nurturing environment.

For those of us who went to camp as children, The Schuylkill Center's backdrop evokes the idyllic scenery that we remember. Summer Camp meant weeks of getting dirty, building forts, taking walks along meandering streams, and catching toads in the forest. The Schuylkill Center's summer camp provides hands-on experiences while teaching tangible lessons in important environmental topics, such as recycling, conservation, sustainability, and alternative energy. What better way to become a concerned and aware citizen than to directly experience nature and the impact that humans can have on it?

I became interested in environmental science as I spent time fishing with my dad, hiked with my brothers, and collected mulberries to eat and to throw at each other. These wild explorations cultivated within me a deep connection with nature. As a child, I viewed nature as a place of discovery, mystery and fun—which led to my adult understanding of nature as a source of beauty and life.

So while you are busily crafting your child's summer, don't forget how important sunshine and a little dirt can be in shaping your child's future. Let's teach our children to be 'green' by letting them experience nature as much as possible. When our children develop a connection with nature, they are better equipped to make sound decisions about the earth as adults. Let's build a sustainable future by cultivating future concerned citizens. For more information on summer camp and ideas for getting your child outside, please contact Camila Rivera-Tinsley at 215-482-7300 ext.122.