



2014 summer adventure treks

for youth ages 10 – 15 years old



The Schuylkill
Center | for ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION



**personal growth and environmental stewardship
through exploration and adventure**



Choose Your Adventure!

The Schuylkill Center’s Adventure Treks challenge pre-teens and teens to improve their outdoor knowledge and skills in a comfortable and supportive setting. Participants learn more about themselves, strengthen self-confidence, and gain teamwork skills while exploring the outdoors in unique and exciting ways. They’re continually challenged in safe and incredibly fun environments.

Each trip is led by experienced college-educated guides with first aid and CPR certification. They use two-, three- or four-person tents segregated by gender. Showers are available most days. Most meals are prepared in our campsite, but restaurant meals may be provided on several days. All of our activities, their duration and intensity, are specifically designed for adventurous youth. Equipment needs are minimal: sleeping bag, day pack, and clothing packed in a backpack or duffel; we provide all specialized equipment.

Campers must be of age by June 16, 2014.

Adventure Treks, ages 13 – 15

Staff and participants travel to regional nature destinations for a full five days of outdoor recreation, team building, and adventure.

Adult:child ratio: 1:8

Adventure Camps, ages 10 – 12

Participants spend two days at the Schuylkill Center, followed by a three-day camping trip to regional nature destinations. There are three camps without overnight trips.

This year, we are offering **three new weeks** for more adventurous 10 – 12 year-olds.

Adult:child ratio at least: 1:8

Schedule

Programs run Monday - Friday, 9 am - 3:30 pm. Before and aftercare are available for an additional fee. Campers should bring a lunch daily; snack is provided.

Beforecare

8 am – 9 am
\$7/day

Aftercare

3:30 pm – 6 pm
\$15 /day

Overnight Travel

Most 10 - 12 camps and all 13 - 15 camps include overnight trips. Campers should bring a lunch for the first day and any days without an overnight; a snack is provided. All other meals and snacks are provided during travel. Specific itineraries and a packing list for each week’s trip will be emailed two weeks prior to the trip.

To Register

Register online at schuylkillcenter.org. For questions about registration please call 215-482-7300 x110

Questions?

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Adventure Camp

ages 10 -12



Wildlife Week

June 16 – 20

Mon – Wed, 9 am - 3:30 pm

Thurs 9 am – Fri 3:30 pm

1 overnight

Members: \$310

Non-Members: \$330

With 340 acres, the Schuylkill Center offers some of the best wildlife in the city! Come explore our wonderful forests, fields, ponds, and streams and find the wildlife we have to offer. On Thursday, it's off to Hawk Mountain to see soaring hawks while climbing rocks. We'll end the week with a campout right here on our property to see what nocturnal creatures we can find.

Water Watchers

June 23 – 27

Mon - Fri, 9 am – 3:30 pm

No overnight

Members: \$380

Non-members: \$400

Here's a week devoted to water (be prepared to get wet). Campers will test the waters at a variety of sites in and around Philadelphia, learn a bit of angling, and have loads of fun exploring all systems of water. We'll take fishing trips to the Schuylkill River and the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge. We'll end the week with a canoeing adventure down the Brandywine River.

Mad Scientist III

June 30 – July 3

No camp on Friday, July 4th

Mon – Thurs, 9am – 3:30 pm

No overnight

Members: \$275

Non-members: \$295

Who loves science? Be the biggest and messiest mad scientist you've ever been! We'll take our experiments to a whole new level. From bridge building, and volcano making to creating solar panels, it will be a remarkable week. We'll finish the week launching rockets. Do you have what it takes to make your rocket soar into the clouds?



New: three special weeks

for the more adventurous camper, ages 10 -12

Biking, Rafting & Ziplining

June 16 – 20

Mon – Tues, 9 am – 3:30 pm

Wed 9 am – Fri 6 pm (2 overnights)

Members: \$450

Non-Members: \$475

One of the most adventurous trips we offer! We'll be biking on the Wissahickon trail on Monday and Tuesday, then step up the adventure. On Wednesday, it's a 13-mile bike ride through the Lehigh Gorge; on Thursday, whitewater rafting; and on Friday, we end the week zipping through treetops at incredible speeds. It's a jam-packed week sure to call out to the adventurer in all of us.

Boogie Boarding & Parasailing

June 23 – 27

Mon – Tues, 9 am – 3:30 pm

Wed 9 am – Fri 6 pm (2 overnights)

Members: \$450

Non-Members: \$475

From the waves to the sky, this week will take us to new heights. At the shore, we'll be setting out in the surf with our boogie boards, then soaring 500 feet above the beach while parasailing to get a gull's eye view. Be prepared for salty skin and sandy toes. A special visit to the Cape May National Wildlife Refuge and bird watching at Cape May Point round out the week.

Stargazing

June 30 – July 3

No camp on Friday July 4th

Mon, 9 am – 3:30 pm

Tues 9 am – Thurs 6 pm

2 overnights

Members: \$375

Non-Members: \$395

Did you know that some of the darkest skies on the east coast are located right here in Pennsylvania? We'll travel to Cherry Springs State Park for a look at the night sky using high powered telescopes, looking for planets, moons, and exploded stars. During the day we'll visit the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania and hike to the highest points in the area. And of course we'll hit some great swimming spots.





Adventure Camp

ages 10-12

Beach Week

July 7 – July 11

Mon – Tues, 9 am – 3:30 pm

Wed 9 am – Fri 6 pm

2 overnights

Members: \$400

Non-Members: \$420

Time to set out for the beach! We'll be heading to the Jersey Shore to explore one of the world's most amazing ecosystems: the Atlantic Ocean. We'll swim, play and on Thursday, set out on a ship to visit some great whale and dolphin watching sites. When we're not on the boat or at the beach, we'll be exploring the beautiful sand marshes of the area.

Archery Week

July 14 – July 18

Mon – Tues, 9 am – 3:30 pm

Wed 9 am – Fri 6 pm

2 overnights

Members: \$380

Non-Members \$400

Discover the art of ancient tool making and archery. We'll spend the first part of the week learning how to make arrowheads, rope, wooden bowls and fire without modern tools. On Wednesday, we're heading up to the Lehigh Valley to learn the basics of archery, where experts teach us how to use our bows and arrows. Take aim and set your sights on an amazing week of action!

Horseback Riding

July 21 – 25

Mon – Tues, 9 am – 3:30 pm

Wed 9 am – Fri 6 pm

2 overnights

Members: \$400

Non-Members \$420

How did people get around before cars? Horses, of course! We'll learn all about these wonderful creatures we've depended on for so many years. On Wednesday we set off for the Pocono Mountains where local stables will teach us the basics of horses and horseback riding. Then we're hitting the ol' dusty trail on horseback!

Worlds End

July 28 – August 1

Mon – Tues, 9 am – 3:30 pm

Wed 9 am – Fri 6 pm

2 overnights

Members: \$380

Non-Members \$400

Geology is an amazing science, and this week proves it. From finding geodes to studying rocks, it's all things geology this week. Then we're off to Worlds End State Park, one of the "top 20 must-see state parks" in Pennsylvania. We'll also be visiting beautiful hiking trails and cool off in some wonderful swimming holes.







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ages 10 -12

Pine Barrens

August 4 – 8

Mon – Tues, 9 am – 3:30 pm

Wed 9 am – Fri 6 pm

2 overnights

Members: \$380

Non-Members \$400

New Jersey's Pine Barrens is one of the most unusual habitats in the country. This pine and oak forest holds some amazing and unique species, including carnivorous plants! Why do the plants have to be carnivorous to survive this habitat? We'll find out, canoe, swim, and explore for a week in central New Jersey.

Assateague Island

August 11 – 15

Mon – Tues, 9 am – 3:30 pm

Wed 9 am – Fri 6 pm

2 overnights

Members: \$400

Non-Members \$420

Assateague Island is truly a treasure to behold. From sprawling beaches to swampy marshes, this island has it all, not to mention the wild pony population that people from all over the world come to see. We'll be camping right on the beach on this one of a kind island. We'll play, swim, and never forget our wonderful week on Assateague.

Adventure Play

August 18 – 22

Mon – Fri, 9 am – 3:30 pm

No overnight

Members: \$285

Non-Members \$305

This week we're staying local and creating memorable adventures in Philadelphia. We'll explore forests, build forts, canoe, and hike off trail. We'll end the week with a campfire, s'mores and storytelling as we relive the tales of our summer together. Join us for a fun, adventure-filled ending to a summer full of unforgettable experiences.



Teen Treks

ages 13 - 15

Exploring Assateague on Paddle Boards

July 7 – July 11

Members: \$850

Non-Members: \$875

Assateague Island is a treasure to behold. From sprawling beaches to swampy marshes, this island really has it all, not to mention the wild pony population that people from all over the world come to see. Exploring the lesser known side of Assateague Island, we'll take a three day stand-up paddle board excursion to some of the most wonderful sights the island has to offer. When we're not on the boards, we'll be swimming, hiking, and relaxing by the campfire.

Mountain Biking & Ziplining Adventures in West Virginia

July 14 – 18

Members: \$950

Non-Members: \$975

We'll camp under the stars, and trek out during the day on bikes to find the best swimming spots and views. Since we'll be so high up in elevation, why not go a little higher? See what the incredible mountains of West Virginia have to offer, and share in the unique insights of local guides in one of the east coast's most beautiful mountain states. Enjoy the mountains by day and the campfire by night. We'll end the week with a canopy tour and zipline adventure!

Ziplining, Climbing & Whitewater Rafting

July 21 – July 25

Members: \$950

Non-Members: \$975

This adventurous week takes us to the mountains and rivers of Western Pennsylvania. We'll explore this region from the tops of the trees to the deepest valley, as a new adventure awaits us each day. We begin the week with a day of teambuilding and ziplining in the beautiful forests of Ohio State Park. Using the skills we developed in the treetops we'll hit the local crags for a day of rock climbing at the best sites in the area. Plan to get wet on our last day as we raft down the famous Lower Youghiogheny River, a thrilling class III whitewater river with spectacular views. In between adventures we'll have plenty of time to hang out, meet new friends, and hit the area's best swimming holes.



All programs

Week begins on Monday at 9 am and returns on Friday at 6 pm.





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“No matter what you do at Schuylkill Center camp – between fishing, camping, and swimming in Wind Dance pond, you will always have fun!”

Will, age 11