



2015 summer adventure treks

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**Personal growth & environmental stewardship
through exploration and adventure!**



summer adventure treks

The Schuylkill Center's Summer Adventure Treks challenge pre-teens and teens to improve their outdoor knowledge and skills. Participants learn about themselves, strengthen their self-confidence, and gain teamwork skills while exploring the outdoors. They're continually challenged in safe and fun environments.

Each adventure begins on our 340 acres of fields, forests, streams, and ponds, then embark on three- or five-day outings. Trips are conducted using 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 occasionally. 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. Staff are college-educated, with experience in leading youth outdoor education and trips.

Campers must be of age by June 15, 2015.

Adventure Camps (ages 10 - 12 years)

Participants spend two days at the Schuylkill Center, followed by a three-day camping trip. Two camps have no overnights. We also offer three weeks for more adventurous 10 – 12 year-olds.

Adult:child ratio: 1:8

Questions?

Contact Damien Ruffner at 215-482-7300n x 124 or damien@schuylkillcenter.org.

Adventure Treks (ages 13 - 15 years)

During our Adventure Treks series, staff and participants travel to regional nature destinations for five days of outdoor recreation, team building, and adventure.

Adult:child ratio: 1:8

Adventure Camp Schedule

Monday – Friday, 9:00am - 3:30 pm.
Bring a lunch daily; snack is provided.

Beforecare

8 am – 9 am
\$7/day

Aftercare

3:30 – 6 pm
\$15/day

Adventure Trek Schedule

Monday 9 am – Friday 6 pm.

Overnight Travel

Many 10 – 12 camps and all 13 – 15 camps include overnight trips. Campers should bring a lunch for the first day and for any days without overnights. All other meals and snacks are provided during travel. Specific itineraries and a packing list will be emailed two weeks before the trip.

Registration & Financial Aid

Register online at schuylkillcenter.org. Limited financial assistance is available for low income families. For registration and financial aid questions call 215-482-7300, x110.



adventure camp

ages 10 - 12

Climb, Jump & Explore

June 15 – 19

Members: \$380
Non-members: \$400

Start the summer off with a bang – we'll be canoeing the Brandywine River, rock climbing, checking out trampoline parks, and more. It's a fun-filled week outdoors. *No overnight this week.*

Nature Explorers

June 22 – 26

Members: \$310
Non-members: \$330

Discover the natural world in all its glory, from forest to stream, meadows at the Schuylkill Center to Hawk Mountain. We'll camp here at the Center. *Overnight is Thursday, June 25th.*

Mad Scientist III

June 29 – July 2

This is a shortened week due to July 4th holiday.

Members: \$275
Non-members: \$295

Concentrate on the weirder side of science. Oozes, goos, water experiments, and more are take the limelight in this week of wacky science. Celebrate July 4th by launching rockets into the clouds. *No overnight this week.*





three special weeks for the adventurous camper

ages 10 - 12

Hiking, Biking & Rafting

June 15 – 19

Members: \$450

Non-members: \$475

We'll bike the Schuylkill River Trail, canoe on our Wind Dance Pond, then head north to the Lehigh Valley for more adventures. We start with a 13-mile bike ride, then take to the gorge for some whitewater rafting. It's a jam-packed week calling out to the adventurer in all of us.

Zipline Adventure

June 22 – 26

Members: \$450

Non-members: \$475

This high-flying week is all about the forest canopy. We'll start with a low ropes course right here at the Schuylkill Center. On Wednesday we head north to the Lehigh Valley to take on one of the longest ziplines on the east coast. This trip is not for the faint-of-heart. Are you ready to join us for adventure high above the ground?

Assateague Island

June 29 – July 2

This is a shortened week due to July 4th holiday.

Members: \$450

Non-members: \$475

Assateague Island is an amazing ecosystem in the Chesapeake Bay. From the fresh water pools to the wild ponies that live on the island, this adventure is not to be missed. We'll explore the island from paddleboards. *This trip leaves on Tuesday, June 30 and returns Thursday, July 2.*







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Stargazing

July 6 – 10

Members: \$375
Non-members: \$395

What secrets does the universe hold? Learn all about stars, planets, solar systems, and more, then put your knowledge into action. On Wednesday, we set out to Cherry Springs State Park, the darkest sky on the east coast. We'll be using a high powered telescope to get a great look at the cosmos and explore the night sky, and camp beneath the stars.

Beach Week

July 13 – 17

Members: \$450
Non-members: \$470

Explore aquatic ecosystems, looking at ponds, rivers, and streams here at the Center, then head to the Jersey shore to see what marine ecosystems look like. And of course, there will be lots of basking in the sun and playing in the waves.



Secrets of the Susquehanna

July 20 – 24

Members: \$400
Non-members: \$420

The Susquehanna River is the longest river on the east coast, stretching from upstate New York to the Chesapeake Bay. We'll hike trails near the river, kayak down it, and discover the secrets that make this river a favorite.

Buttermilk Falls

July 27 – July 31

Members: \$420
Non-members: \$440

The Finger Lakes region of New York is a true gem of the east coast. Unravel the mysteries and wonders of upstate New York. We'll take a high ropes course through the trees, find local swimming holes, and explore the historic Buttermilk Falls. Can you make it to the top? Come find out in this exciting adventure.



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Delaware Water Gap

August 3 – 7

Members: \$420
Non-members: \$440

Let's go to the Delaware Water Gap, where the Delaware River and Appalachian Mountains meet. Campers will hike, wade in the water, and climb trees. We'll visit a wolf preserve, to learn all about these beautiful animals. Wolves once roamed this region; find out why they don't today, and how some areas are reintroducing them.

Cape Henlopen

August 10 – 14

Members: \$400
Non-members: \$420

Cape Henlopen, Delaware offers some of the best bird watching on the east coast. We'll see what we can find: eagles, falcons, gulls, and much more await. There will also be plenty of time lying on the beach, swimming, and enjoying the beauty of Cape Henlopen.

Adventure Play

August 17 – 21

Members: \$285
Non-members: \$305



Step into the unexplored forest on the western side of the Schuylkill Center's property. We'll be adventuring through the Center's seldom used areas, finding paths long forgotten, and discovering parts of the forest usually out of sight. It'll be a grab-bag of summer fun, with hiking, exploring, and more. *No overnight this week.*





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ages 13 - 15



Hiking, Biking & Rafting II

July 6 – 10

Members: \$950
Non-members: \$975

Take on adventure in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia. We'll be rafting in Class III rapids with an experienced guide, then biking 20 miles. It's a camp that calls the wild in each of us.

Surfing the Jersey Coast

July 13 – 17

Members: \$850
Non-members: \$875

It's not summer without a trip to the beach. Take to the surf for a week of hanging ten. We'll be lying in the sun, catching the waves, and exploring the Jersey shore. Never surfed before? No problem, beginners welcome.

Ziplining, Climbing & Whitewater Rafting

July 20 – 24

Members: \$950
Non-members: \$975

Let's go to the mountains and rivers of western Pennsylvania. Explore from the tops of the trees and the river valleys. Start out ziplining, then head into whitewater rapids and rock climbing.

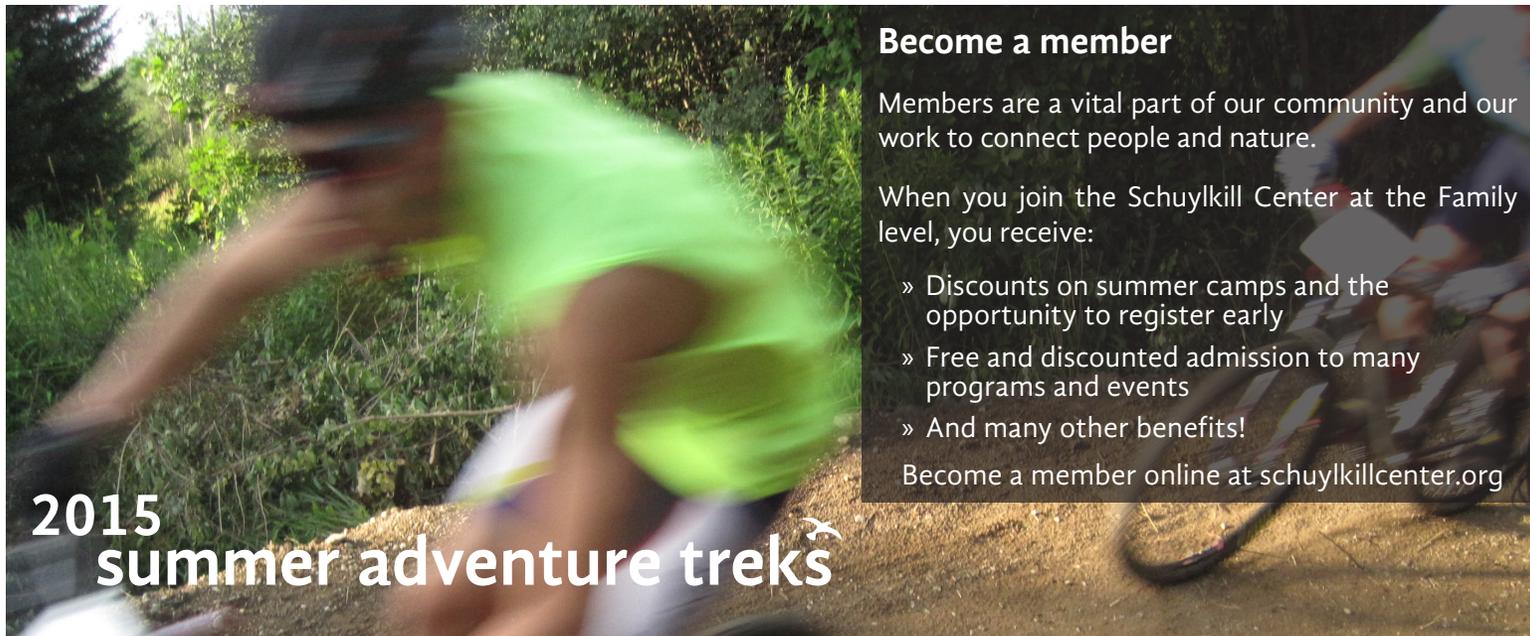


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Members are a vital part of our community and our work to connect people and nature.

When you join the Schuylkill Center at the Family level, you receive:

- » Discounts on summer camps and the opportunity to register early
- » Free and discounted admission to many programs and events
- » And many other benefits!

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