

2016 summer adventure treks



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EDUCATION

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



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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 duffle; 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 13, 2016.

Ages 10 – 12

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: 1:6

Questions?

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

Ages 13 – 15

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: 1:5

10 – 12s Schedule

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

Beforecare

8 am – 9 am
\$8/day

Aftercare

3:30 – 6 pm
\$16/day

13 – 15s 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.



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Wildlife Adventures

June 13 – 17

Members: \$350 | Non Members: \$370

Discover the wonderful wildlife of our region. We'll hike the trails looks for signs of wildlife, meet ambassadors from our wildlife clinic, and explore Hawk Mountain to look for for soaring birds.

Overnight Thursday, June 16.

Exploring Water

June 20 – 24

Members: \$360 | Non-Members: \$380

Water, water, everywhere and you're going to get wet. We'll explore the Schuylkill Center's ponds and streams, canoe down the Brandywine river, and explore Valley Forge and the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge. What do all these places have in common? Come find out in this water-filled week. Be prepared to get wet daily.

No overnight this week.

Staying Active – Schuylkill Style

June 27 – July 1

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

This week is dedicated to people on the go. We'll be staying active Schuylkill Center style with rock climbing, jumping on trampolines, and hiking in the Wissahickon. There won't be much time to rest in this jam-packed week.

No overnight this week.





three special weeks for the adventurous camper

ages 10 – 12

Hiking, Biking & Rafting

June 13 – 17

Members: \$550

Non-Members: \$570

One of the most adventurous trips we offer! We'll bike the Schuylkill River trail on Monday and canoe on Tuesday. Then we head to the Lehigh Valley to bike up to 13-mile rides. Last, we take to the gorge for white water rafting. It's a jam-packed week calling out to the adventurer in all of us.

Overnights June 15 and 16.

Parasailing & Boogie Boarding

June 20 – 24

Members: \$550

Non-Members: \$570

It's time to hit the beach! We'll have fun in the waves, relax in the sand, and explore the coast. Then we'll take to the skies in parasails to get a bird's eye view of the beautiful Jersey Coastline. Provide your own boogie boards and we'll supply the rest.

Overnights June 22 and 23.

French Creek State Park

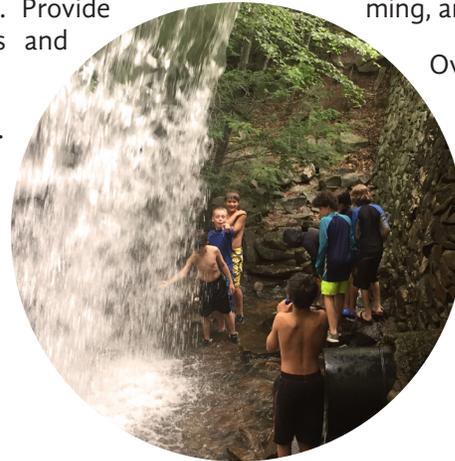
June 27 – July 1

Members: \$550

Non-members: \$570

French Creek State park has it all: A beautiful pool, a wonderful lake, hiking trails, and a Frisbee disk golf course. This week will be all about hiking, canoeing, swimming, and games.

Overnights June 29 and 30.







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Taking Aim with Archery July 5 – 8

Members: \$430
Non-Members: \$450

(Please note there is no camp on Monday, July 4th in observation of Independence Day)

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, it's up to the Lehigh Valley to learn archery. Take aim and set your sights on an amazing week of action.

Overnights July 6 and 7.

Assateague Island July 11 – 15

Members: \$395
Non-Members: \$415

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, too. We'll be exploring in the sun and playing in the waves.

Overnights July 13 and 14.



Secrets of the Susquehanna July 18 – 22

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

The Susquehanna River is the largest river in the U.S. to flow directly into the Atlantic Ocean. It's also the longest river on the east coast. We'll meet with local experts and explore the river up close and personal on kayaks. Hike trails around the river and discover the Susquehanna secrets that make this river a local favorite.

Overnights July 20 and 21.

Canoe, swim, and Explore the Pine Barrens July 25 – July 29

Members: \$430
Non-Members: \$450

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 in the Pine Barrens? We'll find out all about this ecosystem, canoe, swim, and explore for a week in central New Jersey.

Overnights July 27 and 28.



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Stargazing

August 1 – 5

Members: \$395 | Non-Members: \$415

This week is dedicated to the universe. We'll learn about stars, planets, solar systems and more. On Wednesday, we set out to Cherry Springs State Park to see the darkest skies 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.

Overnights August 3 and 4.



Salt, Sand, & Sea

August 8 – 12

Members: \$350
Non-Members: \$370

It's that time of year again: time to set out for the beach. Come with us to the Jersey Shore to explore one of the world's most amazing ecosystems. 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.

Overnights August 10 and 11.



Adventure Play

August 15 – 19

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

For the last week of summer camp, step into the unexplored forest on the western side of the Schuylkill Center's property. This week 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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Tree Top Adventure July 5 – 8

Members: \$999
Non-Members: \$1,019

Please note that there is no camp on Monday, July 4th in observation of Independence Day

The Pocono mountain region is home to some of the best ziplines and treetop adventures on the east coast. We'll push the limits of height and speed as we explore treetops and zipline across canopies. This week is not for the faint of heart!

Assateague Island July 11 – 15

Members: \$850
Non-Members: \$870

Assateague Island National Seashore is a beautiful national park on the coast of Maryland. We'll explore the island inside and out: hike the trails, swim in the ocean, and learn about what makes Assateague so special. Then we'll hit the bay on stand-up paddleboards to explore it from a whole new angle.

Ziplining, Climbing & Whitewater Rafting July 18 – 22

Members: \$975
Non-members: \$995

This adventurous trip takes us to the mountains and rivers of Western Pennsylvania. We'll see this region from the tops of trees and the valleys of the deepest rivers. We begin the week team building and ziplining, moving into whitewater rapids and rock climbing. In between the adventures we will be meeting new friends and finding the best swimming holes in the area.





Become a member

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!

Become a member online at schuylkillcenter.org



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