

Camp Schuylkill 2021

Give your child a summer of exploration, discovery, and wonder at Camp Schuylkill. Our summer camp provides children ages 3–12 intimate access to 340 acres of forest, fields, streams, and ponds. Campers explore nature through hands-on discoveries, hiking, art, and play.

Each camp session features an age-appropriate theme that deepens your child's knowledge and awareness of the natural world. We value the importance of unstructured, free play to help children develop emotional and mental resilience as well as a strong connection to nature and the environment. Camp sessions will include a combination of structured activities based on each week's theme and unstructured play in nature. Our highly trained staff is committed to guiding your child in outdoor adventures that are engaging, fun, and informative.

COVID-19 Protocols

As with last summer, we will follow specific protocols to prevent COVID's spread, including but not limited to masking, temperature checks, enhanced cleaning procedures, and keeping campers in separated groups. A document outlining all of our COVID-19 protocols will be emailed to all registered campers. These protocols are subject to change depending on state and city regulations and requirements.

Adult:Child Ratios

Ages 3–5 - 1:6

Ages 6–7 - 1:8

Ages 8–9 - 1:8

Ages 10–12 - 1:8

Camp Hours

Monday–Friday 9:00 am–3:30 pm

Members Discount

Schuylkill Center family members receive a 10% discount on summer camps.

Multi-week Discount

Registering for multiple sessions? Pay the standard price for the first week and get \$10 off each additional week.

Registration

Register online at www.schuylkillcenter.org.

Payment Policy

A 50% deposit is required for registration through April 12, 2021. In case of cancellation, deposits are 50% refundable or transferable until April 12. On and after April 12, full payment is due and is not refundable or transferable.

Questions?

Please contact Beatrice Kelly at 215-853-6249 or bkelly@schuylkillcenter.org

Ages 10–12: Environmental Science Camp

Our Environmental Science Camp gives campers an immersive field science experience. Campers collect samples, take measurements, and conduct experiments to learn about the natural world. By measuring and observing the impacts that human activities have on natural habitats and wildlife populations, campers will gain a deeper understanding of the interconnectivity of nature, as well as a sense of obligation to protect it. Campers will also contribute to citizen science and environmental stewardship projects, all while exploring our 340 acres of forest, ponds, streams, and meadows.

Members: \$360/week Non-members: \$400/week

Birds | June 14–18

Birdwatching is an excellent way to practice observational skills, study animal behavior, develop patience and concentration, and connect with nature. Campers will learn the basics of birdwatching, including recognizing field marks, identifying common local birds, and birding by ear. We'll also practice actions we can take to help conserve local bird populations. We'll keep track of all the birds we identify throughout the week and submit our observations to eBird, an international citizen science project managed by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

Watersheds and Water Quality | June 21–25

We rely on rivers and streams for so many things—from agriculture and energy production to recreation and drinking water. How can we determine if the water in a stream is healthy, and what can we do in our communities to protect the quality of our water? Campers will become amateur watershed scientists to investigate these research questions and more. We'll collect aquatic insects to assess stream and pond health, measure nutrient levels in the water, and complete a stewardship project to control erosion on trails and reduce sediment runoff into our streams.

Reptiles and Amphibians | June 28–July 2

Join us in the field as we practice a variety of sampling methods to study local reptiles and amphibians. We'll count basking turtles and examine frogs and tadpoles in the pond, catch salamanders in the stream, and search for snakes on the forest floor. We'll also learn about global threats to wild reptile and amphibian populations, as well as actions we can take locally to preserve our native species.

Insects and Arachnids | July 6–9**

Note: Shortened week due to the observation of the July 4 holiday

Special Price: Members: \$290, Non-Members: \$320

Campers will conduct investigations to discover the huge impact that these tiny organisms have on our ecosystems. We'll dipnet for larval insects to assess the health of the stream, comb the forest floor in search of decomposers, and take part in a national citizen science project measuring insect abundance. Then, we'll take our investigations to the laboratory to examine anatomy, learn about life cycles, and explore the unique adaptations that help insects and arachnids survive in a variety of habitats.

Soil and Rocks | July 12–16

Be prepared to get your hands dirty as we dig into earth science. Campers will take samples and perform experiments to determine the impact that soil has on everything from where flooding occurs to the types of plants that grow in a habitat. We'll also measure nutrients in the soil, discover the impact that human activities have on soil quality, and examine the organisms that live beneath the surface. We'll close the week with an exploration of rocks, including how to classify them and what they can tell us about the history of our planet.

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Watersheds and Water Quality | July 26–30

We rely on rivers and streams for so many things—from agriculture and energy production to recreation and drinking water. How can we determine if the water in a stream is healthy, and what can we do in our communities to protect the quality of our water? Campers will become amateur watershed scientists to investigate these research questions and more. We'll collect aquatic insects to assess stream and pond health, measure nutrient levels in the water, and complete a stewardship project to control erosion on trails and reduce sediment runoff to Smith Run.

Reptiles and Amphibians | August 2–6

Join us in the field as we practice a variety of sampling methods to study local reptiles and amphibians. We'll count basking turtles and examine frogs and tadpoles in the pond, catch salamanders in the stream, and search for snakes on the forest floor. We'll also learn about global threats to wild reptile and amphibian populations, as well as actions we can take locally to preserve our native species.

Insects and Arachnids | August 9–13

Campers will conduct investigations to discover the huge impact that these tiny organisms have on our ecosystems. We'll dipnet for larval insects to assess the health of the stream, comb the forest floor in search of decomposers, and take part in a national citizen science project measuring insect abundance. Then, we'll take our investigations to the laboratory to examine anatomy, learn about life cycles, and explore the unique adaptations that help insects and arachnids survive in a variety of habitats.

Soil and Rocks | August 16–20

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