

## **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](http://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](mailto:bkelly@schuylkillcenter.org)

### **Ages 3–5**

Children ages 3–5 will grow and learn while immersed in nature. We will explore ponds and streams, observe tadpoles and butterflies, and build knowledge and relationships. Camp Schuylkill is the perfect place for young children to deepen their connection to the natural world while getting messy and having fun through unstructured, imaginative play. Uncover the skills that we need to improve our world and take simple steps to care for the earth.

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

Children attending our full day program will participate in a mid-day siesta to rest before afternoon activities. *We also offer a morning option until 12:30 pm. | Members: \$270/week Non-members: \$300/week* \*\*Our camp themes are often emergent, following children’s interests and allowing for deeper connections and more child-led learning. Children must be toilet trained and toilet confident to attend our program.

### **Group Selection**

Children ages 3-5 are divided into three groups, Crawling Caterpillars, Slimy Slugs, and Wiggly Worms. If coordinating with others to attend camp together, please be sure to communicate your group selection prior to registration.

### **Dig Deep | June 14–18**

Get ready to get dirty as we flip over rocks, poke into logs, and dig under dirt to discover the super tiny but incredibly cool creatures that call the underground home. What role do decomposers play in our ecosystem? Why do worms create tunnels? Grab a shovel and get ready to make a mess as we unearth the hidden secrets of what’s below the surface.

### **Making Maps | June 21–25**

Have you ever heard the saying, “Not all who wander are lost”? We’ll wander and wonder as we discover new places and find our way in the woods. Create maps using rocks, twigs, feathers, and shells and then follow them on a treasure hunt through the forest. Using loose parts like rocks, twigs, and feathers, young explorers will learn about the world as they begin to see the forest in new ways.

### **Bird is the Word | June 28–July 2**

Chirps, squawks, twitters, and tweets—the sounds of songbirds, woodpeckers, waterfowl, and raptors fill our trails. Soar through forests, fields, and meadows as we discover what makes a bird a bird and learn about some of the most common feathered friends to visit our feeders. It’s sure to be a hoot!

### **Nature’s Music | July 6–9**

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

**Special Price: Members (half day): \$215, Members (full day): \$290; Non-Members (half day): \$240, Non-Members (full day): \$320**

Buzz, ribbit, hiss, and hoot. Our forest is full of nature’s music—from the rustling of leaves to the chirping of birds. We’ll use our senses to explore the forest in a whole new way as we learn about different animal sounds, create musical instruments from natural materials, and start our own mini-band.

### **Incredible Insects | July 12–16**

Creepy and crawly, cool and captivating—did you know that insects make up 80% of our total animal species? What would it be like to be as small as an ant or view the world through the eyes of a

dragonfly? Scoops for water insects in ponds, dig for earthworms under the soil, and discover pillbugs under rocks as we learn about the bugs that fly, float, and forage through our forests.

### **Wonderful Water | July 19–23**

Splash into the wonderful world of water as we stomp through puddles, wade into streams, paint with mud, and catch tadpoles in ponds. Delight in first-hand discovery as we learn about the aquatic animals that call our ponds and streams home. Water you waiting for?

### **Seeds to Trees | July 26–30**

What living species can create air out of gas and food out of sunshine? Trees, of course! From oaks to tulip poplars to birches—get ready for an adventure as we discover how these majestic beings grow from small seeds to one of the most important parts of the forest.

### **Habitat Heroes | August 2–6**

Are you ready to become a planet protector? From the smallest of animals to the largest of trees—all living things have homes or habitats, and this week we'll learn how we can help care for those sacred spaces. Transform into true superheroes and channel your inner super powers as we take steps to create a happier and healthier planet.

### **Nature Art | August 9–13**

Let's put our imagination and creativity to the test by looking at the forest in a whole new way. Can pine needles be turned into paintbrushes, or sticks into musical instruments? Create beautiful works of art from natural materials as we explore the many reasons that we're all nature-ally artistic.

### **Marvel at Mammals | August 16–20**

From bats to rabbits to squirrels to wolves—spend the week learning about the different furry animals that call our forest home. Learn what makes a mammal a mammal, examine animal tracks and trails up close, and come face-to-face with some of our furriest forest friends.