

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 6–7

Campers ages 6-7 will hike, canoe, create, and investigate while learning about the natural world--- enjoying a mix of environmental education and unstructured free play. Crafts, games, and incredible discoveries will make learning about nature fun and create wonderful lasting memories.

Group Selection: Children ages 6-7 are divided into three groups, Amazing Ants, Busy Bees, and Dashing Dragonflies. If coordinating with others to attend camp together, please be sure to communicate your group selection prior to registration.

Members: \$315/week Non-members: \$350/week

**Weeks with a visiting program have an additional \$25 fee.

Incredible Insects | June 14–18**

Did you know that insects make up approximately 80% of the world's species? Hiding under logs, clinging onto plants, and swimming in ponds—insects can be found everywhere. Scoop for water striders in ponds, dig for earthworms under the soil, and explore the world from a bug's eye view as we learn about the important role these tiny creatures play in our ecosystem.

Wild about Weather | June 21–25

From sun to rain, thunderstorms to hurricanes, snow flurries to heat waves—weather is part of our everyday lives. Explore how the sky above affects the ground below. Create a rain gauge, wield the power of the sun to make works of art, and deepen your knowledge through out-of-this-world experimentation.

Wonders of Water | June 28–July 2

Dive into the wonderful world of water as we wade into streams, spot tadpoles in ponds, and canoe on Wind Dance Pond. We'll come face-to-face with aquatic animals, learn about a raindrop's journey through the water cycle, and play fun water games to end the week. Get ready to get wet!

Nature's Makers | July 6–9**

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

Special Price: Members: \$275, Non-members: \$305

Put your creativity to the test in this week of experimentation and design. Look at the forest in a whole new way as we turn pine needles into paintbrushes, sticks into musical instruments, and pressed flowers into beautiful suncatchers. Forage through the forest for materials and inspiration before meeting with a local artist to turn our found objects into expressive works of art.

Mad Scientists | July 12–16

Crazy ooey, gooey science fun is the name of the game this week. Set off rockets, learn about chemical reactions, and create your own silly putty as we make things fizz, simmer, and pop (safely, of course). Put on your lab coat, grab your goggles, and prepare to get messy as we put our hypotheses to the test in this week of jam-packed experimentation.

Animal Detectives | July 19–23

Search, scour, and sleuth through the forest for tracks, scat, and signs from the animals that live there. Learn the tips and techniques behind successful wildlife tracking as we make our own ID guides and plaster tracks to take home. Traces of animals are everywhere... if you just look close enough.

The Dirt on Decomposers | July 26–30

From fungi to bacteria to insects, decomposers are the cleanup crew of the forest, turning dead matter into nutritious soil so that organisms can grow again. Dissect mushrooms, create a compost bin, and dig into the soil as we learn about the integral role these hard workers play in our ecosystem.

Plant Power | August 2–6

Did you know that over 2,000 different types of plants are used by humans for food? Or that trees can actually help to clean the water and air by filtering out pollutants with their roots and leaves? From seed to plant to flower to fruit, we'll learn about the life cycles of these secret superheroes as we make botanical prints, experiment with seeds, and even plant our own wildflower gardens.

Forest Explorers | August 9–13**

Trees, insects, fungus, mammals and more—become a forest explorer as we study the trees above and the soil below. Learn how to identify trees based on bark and leaf shape, discover what the growth rings of a tree can tell us about its life story, and make delicious tea from the needles of pines.

Camp Schuylkill Olympics | August 16–20

On your marks, get set...go! In this week of friendly rivalry, we'll put our nature know-how to the test in this special end of the summer celebration. Who can spot the most toads? Hear the most bird calls? Or build the sturdiest fort? We'll finish the week with a team relay through the forest. Let the games begin!