

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 8–9

Campers in the 8-9 age group will delve a bit deeper into environmental topics while spending plenty of time exploring, hiking, canoeing, and playing. Campers will participate in environmental stewardship projects, helping to develop their knowledge, a sense of pride in their accomplishments, and a lifelong appreciation of the natural world.

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

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

Tracks, Scat, and Signs | June 14–18

Have you ever spotted an animal track—or better yet, almost stepped in animal scat—and wondered what creature it came from? This week we'll go on an adventure through the forest, uncovering the hidden stories behind tracks, trails, and scat. How can you tell a coyote track from a fox track? What animal uses its scat to mark its territory? Create a track mold from plaster and put together your own tracking notebook as we search, scour, and sleuth through the forest for the secret signs that animals leave behind.

On the Water | June 21–25

What's a summer without fun in the water? From ponds to streams to marshes, enjoy a week of wacky water adventures. Fish in Wind Dance Pond, measure water quality in our streams, splash in the creek, and end the week with canoeing.

Navigating by Nature | June 28–July 2

Time to put away Google Maps and bust out the compass as we spend our week getting lost and then found. We'll make and follow our own maps using forest landmarks, complete an orienteering course, and create geocaches to take home. Let's get ready to explore!

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

We'll go mad with science experimentation in this week of ooey, gooey, slimy, and grimy science fun. Set off rockets and learn about chemical reactions in nature as we make things fizz, simmer, and pop (safely, of course). Put on your lab coat, grab your goggles, and prepare to get messy.

Rock On! | July 19–23

Become a junior geologist as we break out the hammers and chisels to examine rocks and minerals up close. Crack open a geode, make a rock necklace, and learn about our local Wissahickon schist as we uncover the many reasons that rocks rock.

Wild about Weather | July 26–30

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 by creating a rain gauge, wielding

the power of the sun to make art, and deepening your knowledge through out-of-this-world experimentation.

Nature's Chefs | August 2–6

Mile-a-minute, garlic mustard, dandelion, and wineberries—learn how to identify wild edibles as we forage for plants in our forests, fields, and meadows. Get ready to plant, harvest, and cook as we grow crops, explore new recipes, and learn about the path crops take from farm to supermarket. Bon appétit!

Junior Ecologists | August 9–13

An oak tree relies on a squirrel to bury its acorns, a monarch butterfly relies on milkweed to feed its caterpillars, and we rely on trees for oxygen to breathe. Ecology is the study of how all living things, from the smallest of bugs to the tallest of trees, are interconnected. Budding ecologists complete citizen science projects aimed at aiding the plants and wildlife that call our forest home.

Camp Schuylkill Olympics | August 16–20

On your marks, get set...go! In this week of friendly rivalry, we'll put our nature know-hot 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!