

Camp Schuylkill 2022

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 strong connections 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

We are monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and will follow the recommended guidelines set forth by the Philadelphia Department of Health at the time of camp. A document outlining all of our COVID-19 protocols will be emailed to all registered families. 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

*Campers must be of age by the start of their first week of camp.

Children must be toilet trained and toilet confident to attend our program.

Camp Hours

Monday–Friday 9:00 am–3:30 pm

Items to Bring

Campers should arrive each day with a backpack containing a water bottle, a healthy lunch, snacks, sunscreen, bug spray, and an extra set of play clothes. No food will be provided.

Pennsylvania Child Care Works/Early Learning Resource Center Subsidy

We proudly accept Pennsylvania Child Care Works/Early Learning Resource Center subsidy payments for low-income families (formerly known as CCIS). For more information, please visit <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Works-Program.aspx> or contact your local Early Learning Resource Center office.

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.

Snacks & Meals

Campers should bring their own healthy lunch and snacks. No food will be provided.

Before care & Aftercare

Before care and aftercare are not being offered at this time due to current COVID guidelines. We will be continuing to look at COVID guidelines as the summer approaches and, if guidelines allow, will send out a before and aftercare registration link to all registered families at that time.

Registration

Register online at www.schuylkillcenter.org.

Payment Policy

A 50% deposit is required for registration through April 10, 2022. In case of cancellation, deposits are 50% refundable or transferable until April 1. On and after April 11, 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

Campers ages 10-12 will be challenged to improve their outdoor knowledge and skills in a supportive setting with seasoned instructors and outdoor guides. As each week's destination and focus changes, campers will engage in a wide variety of activities and habitats.

Campers start the week bonding at our home base—the Center's 340-acre forested oasis. Every Tuesday, we will go off-site to explore the Wissahickon. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, we will take day trips to nearby state parks, natural areas, and cultural institutions. The day trips vary each week, depending on the theme. On weeks with an asterisk, campers will spend Wednesday night (Thursday if inclement weather) camping at the Schuylkill Center.

Adventure Treks schedule:

- Monday: stay on-site at the Schuylkill Center
- Tuesday: off-site exploring the Wissahickon (on-site at Schuylkill Center for shortened weeks)
- Wednesday: off-site day trips (**camping overnight at the Schuylkill Center)
- Thursday: off-site day trips
- Friday: stay on-site at the Schuylkill Center (off-site exploring the Wissahickon for shortened weeks)

Farm to Table | June 20–June 24

Members: \$370, Non-members: \$415

Agriculture has an enormous impact on both our food sources and the environment. Learn about the path of food from farm to supermarket to table as we experience life on a working farm. Visit several urban farms, plant and harvest crops, and even cook a homemade meal using locally sourced produce.

Wildlife Week | June 27–July 1**

Members: \$445, Non-Members: \$495

From the furry to the feathery to the scaly – spend the week learning about both native and exotic wildlife as we visit the zoo, talk to our own wildlife rehabilitators, and end the week with a horseback riding trip through Evansburg State Park.

Rock On! | July 5–8

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

Special Price: Members: \$325, Non-members: \$365

From dust-like mica to large, towering boulders, we will spend the week exploring the geological landscape that surrounds us. Adventure through Ringing Rocks Park, climbing through boulder fields and hitting the rocks with hammers to hear them ring. End the week with an outdoor climbing excursion where guides will teach us how to properly climb and belay.

Hiking, Biking, and Tubing | July 11 - July 15**

Members: \$415, Non-Members: \$465

Philadelphia's diverse landscapes offer a variety of activities for those who crave adventure. This week we will experience it all as we hike up mountains seeking sweeping vistas, peddle our bikes along the Wissahickon, and float leisurely down the Delaware River.

State Park Week | July 18–July 22**

Members: \$380, Non-members: \$425

With our prime location near both mountains and shore, Philadelphians are fortunate to have an abundance of state parks nearby. Hike the waterfall loop at Ricketts Glen and canoe on Lake Nockamixon as we take in all of the wonders right in our own backyard.

Up in the Trees | July 25–July 29

Members: \$425, Non-members: \$475

We'll reach new heights as we take a closer look into forest ecosystems. Learn about the animals that call the treetops home, take part in a restoration project to help revitalize our forests, and spend time swinging, climbing, and zipping from tree to tree at two local high ropes courses.

Birding | August 1–5**

Members: \$400, Non-members: \$445

With its proximity to one of the main migratory bird flyways, Philadelphia offers an abundance of birding hotspots. Learn to identify common birds by sight and sound before putting our knowledge to the test at John Heinz Wildlife Refuge and Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. End the week by seeing some birds of prey up close at a live animal show.

Philly's Hidden Treasures | August 8–12

Members: \$380, Non-members: \$425

Have you ever thought about the adventure that could be in your own backyard? Philadelphia has plenty of hidden gems throughout its urban jungle. Take in the eclectic art of the Magic Gardens, disc golf at the oldest course on the east coast (second oldest in the world), and explore Penn's Landing as we discover what makes Philadelphia so special.

Beach Week | August 15–19**

Members: \$390, Non-members: \$435

Kick off the end of summer with a final trip to the beach! Hike the trails of Cape May Wildlife Refuge and relax on the beaches of Bellmawr Lake as we enjoy the final days of summer surrounded by waves, s'mores around the campfire, and friends.