

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 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: \$380/week Non-members: \$425/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: \$285/week Non-members: \$320/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.

Feathered Friends | June 20–24

Tweet, chirp, flutter, and quack! We'll keep our eyes on the sky this week as we look and listen for the sights and sounds of our feathered friends. Paint with feathers, use binoculars to scan the treetops, and make a bird feeder to take home. This week is sure to be a hoot!

Habitat Heros | June 27–July 1

Grab your mask and don your cape as we transform into superheroes on the most important mission of all: to protect our planet and its wildlife. Whether the smallest of insects or the largest of mammals, all

animals rely on habitats for food, water, and shelter. Create a bird feeder, plant wildflowers, restore a habitat, and learn all about the wildlife on our trails as we set out on the ultimate quest.

Plenty of Plants | July 5–8

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

Transforming sunlight into food, providing shelter to animals, soaking up nutrients from soil, and giving us oxygen to breathe, plants are truly unbe-LEAF-able. Learn about the journey from seed to tree as we explore the different parts of plants, learn to identify common leaves, and even plant our own wildflowers to take home.

Nature's Artists | June 11–15

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.

Wild about Water | July 18–22

Splash through streams, run through sprinklers, and paint with mud as we dive into the wacky world of water. From providing shelter to habitats to clean drinking water and more, explore the many reasons why water is important as we meet some of the aquatic creatures that call streams, ponds, and even puddles their home.

Scutes, Scales, and Tails | July 25–29

Slither, croak, ribbit, and hiss - from snakes to turtles to toads and more, learn about the sss-uper scaly and toad-ally slimy reptiles and amphibians that call trees, rocks, rivers, and ponds their home. Scoop for tadpoles, search for salamanders, and spot turtles as we uncover the many reasons why these creatures are so unique.

We See the Signs | August 1–5

What does a fox track look like? How is it different from a deer track? And what exactly is scat? Break out your magnifying glass and become a true detective as we search, scour, and sleuth through the forest in search of animal tracks, scat, and signs.

Sensory Safari | August 8–12

Did you know that an owl can hear the small squeak of a mouse over a football field away? Or that a deer can smell its dinner through a blanket of snow? Learn about the incredible senses of the animals that live here before putting our own senses to the test. Sniff for budding flowers, listen for singing birds, search for camouflaged insects, and even taste some of our most delicious foraged snacks. It's sure to be sense-ational!

Getting Buggy with It | August 15–19

What would it be like to be as small as an ant? Or to see through the complex eyes of a dragonfly? Come face-to-face with the creepy, the crawly, and the incredibly cool insects that fly, flutter, and forage through our forests. Search for pill bugs under logs, examine leaves for caterpillars, and spot butterflies overhead in a week that's sure to be buzz-worthy.