

## 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](http://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](mailto: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: \$335/week Non-members: \$375/week**

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

## **Bird is the Word | June 20–24\*\***

From feisty blue jays to majestic bald eagles, we'll learn about the distinct characteristics of local birds—what they eat, where they migrate, and how they build their nests—and break out the binoculars to see who resides in our forest. To help out our feathery friends, we will build birdhouses and create pinecone bird feeders to hang throughout the forest.

## **Animal Architects | June 27–July 1**

From the intricate hives of bees to the underground tunnels of worms to the complex lodges of beavers, animals can be master architects. This week will be a building bonanza as we learn about the homes that animals construct and then put our own building skills to the test as we make forts in our pine tree forest.

## **Plants and Pollinators | July 5–8**

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

**Special Price: Members: \$270, Non-members: \$300**

Fluttering butterflies and buzzing bees fill our meadows and fields throughout the summer months. Pollinators and their relationship to plants play an enormous role in our ecosystem and even more so in our food. This week take a closer look at the different native plants that attract pollinators, learn about the secret lives of bees, and even plant our own native wildflowers.

**Happening Herps | July 11–15\*\***

Frogs, salamanders, and snakes, oh my! Discover the world of reptiles and amphibians as we learn about all of the different species that live in our forests, ponds, fields, and streams. After observing their unique adaptations in the field, we'll end the week by meeting some of these fascinating critters up close in a live animal show.

**Rock On! | July 18–22**

Become a junior geologist as we break out the hammers and chisels to examine rocks and minerals up close. Learn about local geology, the different types of rocks, and the role that water plays in shaping our landscape as we discover the many reasons that rocks rock.

**Wet and Wild | July 25–29**

All living things need water to survive, but what exactly is this amazing liquid that is so essential to life on earth? This week get ready to splish and splash as we dive into the wonderful world of water! Explore its properties with dewy experiments, wade into our streams and discover the slimy and scaly creatures in their depths, and don't be afraid to get wet as we cool down by playing fun water games.

**Stewards of the Forest | August 1–5**

It takes a lot of work to keep our 340-acre forest healthy, vibrant, and beautiful. Go behind-the-scenes and meet with our land stewardship team to learn just how it's done. Get your hands dirty tackling projects aimed at improving the beauty and biodiversity of our forest - from caring for young trees to improving habitats and trails to removing invasive species and more.

**Nature-ally Artistic | August 8–12**

Discover your inner artist as we paint with flowers, make suncatchers from leaves, and transform recycled materials into beautiful masterpieces. Explore the many ways that artists are inspired by natural settings and even meet with our own environmental art team to learn about the fascinating ways in which art and nature intersect.

**Camp Schuylkill Olympics | August 15–19**

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!