

## 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 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.

**Group Selection:** Children ages 8-9 are divided into two groups: Wild Wolves and Radical Raccoons. 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.

### **Beautiful Birds | 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. Use binoculars to spot raptors above, learn how to identify songbirds based on their calls, and create your own birdhouses and feeders to hang throughout the forest.

### **Water, Water Everywhere | June 27–July 1**

From its ability to change phases through the water cycle to its surface tension capacity, there's no doubt that the properties of water are what make it both incredibly important and extraordinarily unique. Uncover the special properties of water, come face-to-face with aquatic creatures, and learn about some of the ways we can protect our local rivers, ponds, and streams as we dive into the wonderful world of H<sub>2</sub>O.

### **Foraging in the Wild | July 5–8**

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

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

Mile-a-minute, garlic mustard, dandelion, wineberries, and more—discover how to identify wild edibles as we forage for plants in our forests, fields, and meadows. From seed to plant to flower to fruit, we'll learn about the life cycles of these tasty greens while harvesting food, planting seeds, and exploring new recipes. Bon appetit!

### **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.

### **Stewards of the Forest | July 18–22**

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.

### **Earth's Engineers | July 25–29**

Did you know that scientists studied birds to make planes? Or that velcro was created based on the dispersal mechanisms of certain types of seeds? There are so many intersections of science and nature in our everyday lives. Pack your creativity and curiosity as we play with circuit boards, harness energy and heat from the wind and sun to make cool inventions, and tackle environmental problems with a dash of innovation and a load of imagination.

### **Wilderness Survival | August 1–August 5\*\***

Do you think you have what it takes to survive in the wild? Master your survival skills, learning various techniques for starting a fire, constructing a shelter, and navigating using a compass. Work as a team to accomplish daily challenges aimed at building confidence outdoors and end the week by putting our newfound knowledge and skills to the test.

### **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!