

Camp Schuylkill 2023

Ages 4–5*

Members: \$430/week Non-members: \$455/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: \$325/week Non-members: \$340/week.*

Children ages 4–5 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.

Group Selection

Children ages 4-5 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.

*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.

Adult:Child Ratio

Ages 4–5 - 1:6

Camp Hours

Monday–Friday 9:00 am–3:30 pm

Before care & Aftercare

Before care: Monday–Friday, 8:00–9:00 am
\$50/week

After care: Monday–Friday, 3:30–6:00 pm
\$100/week

*Registration and payment are required for before and aftercare.

Member Discount

Schuylkill Center family members receive a 5% discount on summer camps.

Registration

Register online at www.schuylkillcenter.org/summercamp/.

Payment Policy

A 50% deposit is required for registration through April 11, 2023. In case of cancellation, deposits are 50% refundable or transferable until April 11. 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 beatrice@schuylkillcenter.org

Nature-ally Artistic | June 19–23

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.

Wildlife in Your Backyard | June 26–30

Have you met your nature neighbors? Raccoons, opossums, foxes, pigeons (and more!)—they live in our parks, in our yards, and all around us! Come help us discover how urban wildlife plays such an important role in our city. We'll spot squirrel nests, listen for bird calls, and discover all the creatures great and small that call our city home.

Feathered Friends | July 3-7

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

Special Price: Members (half day): \$280, Members (full day): \$345; Non-Members (half day): \$295, Non-Members (full day): \$365

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!

Nature's Chefs | July 10-14

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!

Wonders of Water | July 17–21

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.

Forest Detectives | July 24–28

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.

Incredible Insects | July 31–Aug 4

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.

Habitat Heroes | August 7–11

Are you ready to become a planet protector? From the smallest of animals to the largest of trees—all living things have homes or habitats, and this week we'll learn how we can help care for those sacred spaces. Transform into true superheroes and channel your inner super powers as we take steps to create a happier and healthier planet.

The Dirt on Decomposers | August 14–18

Get ready to get dirty as we flip over rocks, poke into logs, and dig under dirt to discover the super tiny but incredibly cool creatures that call the underground home. What role do decomposers play in our ecosystem? Why do worms create tunnels? Grab a shovel and get ready to make a mess as we unearth the hidden secrets of what's below the surface.

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.

Snacks & Meals

Campers should bring their own healthy lunch and snacks.

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.

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.