

Camp Schuylkill 2023

Ages 8–9*

Members: \$385/week Non-members: \$405/week

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.

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

Adult:Child Ratios

Ages 8–9 - 1:8

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

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.

Urban Wildlife | June 26–30

Let's explore the wildlife that call our city home. Have you seen a caterpillar inching along? Or a fox dash into the safety of the woods? Did you know that the only marsupial on our continent lives right in our backyard? These animals play a very important role in the ecosystem of Philadelphia and many other cities. Come discover what's hiding in plain sight!

Junior Birders | July 3-7

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

Special Price: Members: \$310; Non-Members: \$325

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.

Wild Foragers | 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!

Forest Detectives | July 17–21

Whose footprints are those? Which way did they go? Step into the world of tracking as we search for clues left behind by our furry and scaly companions. Tracks, scat, fur, feathers, and more will teach us more about who is living in our forest. We'll construct a tracking pit, create our own ID guides, and make a plaster track to take home.

Plants and Pollinators | July 24–28

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.

Aquatic Adventures | July 31-August 4

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 splash 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 7-11

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.

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.