

Ages 3–5: Little Ramblers

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. Summer Camp at the Schuylkill Center 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

Little Ramblers 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.

Monday–Friday 9:00 am–3:30 pm | Members: \$360/week Non-members: \$400/week

Children attending our full program will participate in a mid-day siesta to rest for the afternoon activities. *We also offer a morning option until 12:30 pm. | Members: \$270/week Non-members: \$300/week* **Our camp themes are often emergent, following children’s interests and allowing for deeper connections and more child-led learning. Please feel free to join us any week. Children must be toilet trained and toilet confident to attend our program.

Our adult:child ratio is 1:6

Please be sure to have your camper bring a child-sized backpack containing a labeled water bottle, a healthy lunch, multiple snacks, sunscreen, bug spray, and an extra set of play clothes.

Marvel at Mammals | June 15 - 19

Mammals have hair everywhere and two floppy ears. Come experience our furry woodland creatures and all of the things that make them special as we explore our marvelous mammals.

Our Beautiful Birds | June 22 - 26

An abundance of birds fly through our property: hummingbirds in our meadow, chickadees in our forest, and vultures high above us. Let’s explore the life of birds.

Slimy or Scaly | June 29 - July 3

What's hidden under logs and rocks? Experience the thrill of hands-on learning with the reptiles and amphibians that inhabit the world on the forest floor below our feet.

Getting Buggy with It | July 6 - 10

What would it be like to be as small as an ant? What would you see through the eyes of a dragonfly? Take a closer look at cool critters that fly, float, or forage underground.

Plenty of Plants | July 13 - 17

Explore and investigate the importance of plants: what can they do and who else needs them? We will cultivate a garden to ask questions about plants and food.

It's Invasive | July 20 - 24

It's invasive, boogie-woogie, woogie. We'll visit diverse habitats: hiking to wetlands, climbing in Pine Grove, making pine and wineberry tea, and scanning meadows for invasive invaders.

Wild About Water | July 27 - 31

Children will delight in first-hand discovery while exploring our ponds and streams, running through sprinklers, painting with mud, and playing in Rain Yard—our environmental art installation.

We See the Signs | August 3 - 7

Scat, tracks, and all of that. Learn about the creatures that live in our forests and the role that they play in our ecosystem. We'll use tools to take a closer look at the animals that live around us.

True Adventurers | August 10 - 14

Discover new places and find your way in the woods. Using loose parts like rocks, twigs, and feathers, young explorers will learn about the world as they begin to see the forest in new ways.

Nature Chefs | August 17 - 21

Be a miniature mad scientist and make a mess—the bigger, the better. Nature is alive in all our senses, so let's make, explore, and experiment. See nature in action through the natural world.