

Nature Camp 2026

Age groups: 5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12

Cost: \$200/week Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. NJ Audubon Family Membership Required

SPLISH SPLASH SUMMER

Week 1 (6/22-6/26)

Splash into summer with a week of aquatic adventures! You'll become a marine scientist-in-training as we scour the beach for tidepools and drag a seine net through the Cape May Harbor. Visit our aquatic lab and meet our local marine life up close! Then, beat the heat by playing a game of "drip-drip-drench".

WINGED WONDERS

Week 2 (6/29-7/3)

Get ready to spread your wings and soar into a week of aerial adventures! From birds and bats to butterflies and beyond, we'll explore the amazing world of winged creatures. Grab your binoculars to search for nesting Osprey by the harbor. Flutter into the garden and search for caterpillars and chrysalises! Learn about how bird bones are hollow and engineer your own flying contraption!



CREEPY CRAWLY CRITTERS

Week 3 (7/6-7/10)

Meet the misunderstood critters of Cape May that slither and crawl! We will grab our bug catchers and magnifying glasses to find wiggly worms, buzzing bees, and chirping cicadas. Visit the observation honeybee hive to learn about the social structures of bees and help create pollinator-friendly habitat. Meet some of New Jersey's native snakes and watch them catch their prey!

ENCHANTED GARDEN GETAWAY

Week 4 (7/13-7/17)

There are many surprises among the wildflowers in our enchanted garden, including our fleeting friend Norm, the gnome. We will dissect a flower to observe its form and function, search for monarch eggs on milkweed, and even do some gardening of our own. The magic of nature is all around us!

SKILLED SURVIVORS

Week 5 (7/20-7/24)

Practice the basic skills needed to survive in the wilderness. Learn how to navigate using a compass and how to track animals by their footprints and scat. Practice building shelters and fires and foraging for edible plants. All the while, learning the importance of respecting the natural world.

UP, UP, AND AWAY

Week 6 (7/27-7/31)

There's a whole world of wonder above our heads. Get ready to explore all things sky and space, including the sun, moon, planets, and stars. Explore the nighttime sky and discover how nocturnal animals use the stars and the moon to navigate. Test your astronaut skills in an out-of-thisworld obstacle course!

FOSSIL FINDERS

Week 7 (8/3-8/7)

We will leave no stone unturned during this rockin' week of summer camp! Comb the beach for seashells, fossils, and the famous Cape May Diamonds. Flip rocks and logs in search of life beneath the surface. Travel back in time to the ice age and learn how critters survived extreme conditions. Friday will be Dinosaur Day!



ECOSYSTEM EXPLORERS Week 8 (8/10-8/14)

This week, we are celebrating biodiversity! Travel around the world to discover the plants and animals that call Earth home. Help us identify the flora and fauna around the nature center during a camp-wide bioblitz. Learn how you can be an eco-superhero for our planet!

Fishing Camp 2026

For children ages 9-13

Cost: \$350/week Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. NJ Audubon Family Membership Required

GUY BUCKELEW FISHING CAMP Week 9 (8/17-8/21)

Preparation, practice, and patience: three principles that will help you succeed in any aspect of life will be presented to our young anglers. A combination of classroom activities, skills practice, and hands-on fishing opportunities will fill each half-day session. Included in the camp experience is an offshore fishing trip.