



Counselor Training Program

Grades 9 – 12
\$435

NEW!

JUNE 29 TO JULY 3

The Counselor-In-Training Program is for teens that have an interest in working with children and being a camp counselor in the future. Teenagers will have the opportunity to develop job skills in this week long training. The program includes leadership, counseling techniques, behavior management, natural history, and activity development. Under supervision, they will have a hands-on experience with a camp group, including leading an activity.

Preschool Camp

Ages 4 years to entering kindergarten

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
\$275

OUR GREEN PLANET JUNE 29 TO JULY 3

We'll learn about our green planet as we explore the fields, forest, and wetlands of the Sanctuary. Nature treasure hunts, crafts, and games will make learning about animals and plants fun!

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NEW JERSEY AUDUBON LOOKS FORWARD TO SHARING THE WONDERS OF NATURE WITH YOUR CHILD THIS SUMMER.

Now more than ever, we know how important it is for children to get outdoors. To run and jump and splash; to watch and wonder and be excited about the natural world. Our 2026 Camps are designed to do just that!

All Federal, State, and local health guidelines will be followed to keep children and our summer camp teachers safe.

NJ Audubon membership is required to sign up for camps. Members strengthen the voice with which NJA speaks out for protection of NJ's wildlife and natural areas.



SUMMER 2026
NATURE CAMPS

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Wildlife Sanctuary

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SUMMER CAMP CERTIFIED

Inspiring and empowering people to care for
nature throughout New Jersey and beyond



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DAY CAMPS

Entering Grades 1-3

9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

\$435/week

WATER DETECTIVES JUNE 22 TO 26

Prepare to get wet as we explore the watery habitats of the sanctuary. We'll use our detective skills to find and catch frogs, dragonfly nymphs, crayfish, and other creatures we discover.

SUMMER CAMP SAMPLER JUNE 29 TO JULY 3

Introducing a camp week with a wide variety of experiences! Each camp day will be a different topic: Forest Ecology Day, Lenape Day, Natural Art Day, Wetland Wander Day, and Things with Wings Day. Perfect for the camper who likes all things nature!

NATURAL ART JULY 6 TO 10

Bring out your inner artist as we create artwork inspired by the wildlife we discover. We'll use paints, watercolors, oil pastels, and natural materials to create art. Artwork will be displayed at the center during the week.

SLITHER & SLIME JULY 13 TO 17

Who's slimy and who's scaly? We'll learn about our slimy and slithery friends at the center, and explore the sanctuary for the reptiles and amphibians that live here.

ENCHANTED WOODLANDS JULY 20 TO 24

The Enchanted Woodlands fairies and gnomes need your help! Build them a home in our Enchanted Forest. We'll learn about nature through the stories of magical creatures. Create your own fairy house or gnome home to take home, and we'll have lots of natural materials for you to decorate and make tiny fairy and gnome furniture!

BUCKETS & BOOTS JULY 27 TO 31

Let's take a bucket outside and see what we can put in it! A toad, a worm, a crayfish from the stream? We'll learn about all the cool things in your bucket.

YOUNG TREASURE HUNTERS AUGUST 3 TO 7

Calling all adventurers! Look for the natural treasures of the sanctuary. We'll search for living things in their habitats, hunt for tracks, catch crayfish and frogs, and more! Find out why they're our treasures!



HOME SWEET HOME AUGUST 10 TO 14

Everything needs a home, a safe place to shelter and raise their young. We'll learn about shelters, and search for animal homes and nests. We'll make toad homes, bee homes, bird homes and more to help our animal friends.

CATCHING CRITTERS AUGUST 17 TO 21

Take a net and jar to catch grasshoppers, butterflies, caterpillars, ladybugs, and more! Take a net and bucket and explore the pond and the river to catch tadpoles, crayfish, water striders, and more.

CAMP FAVORITES 1-3 AUGUST 24 TO 28

This week will be filled with camper tested and approved activities, games, and crafts. Each week during the summer, campers will vote for their favorites, and the winners will be the activities for this week.

DAY CAMPS

Entering Grades 4-7

9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

\$435/week

FISHING CAMP JUNE 22 TO 26

Join us for 5 days of fishing fun and instruction. We'll cover all the basics from gear, bait, and lures to proper fish handling and conservation ethics. We'll meet and fish at different publicly accessible ponds or streams within 15 miles of Scherman Hoffman and fish the Passaic River at the sanctuary. Bring your own gear: rod, reel, and a tackle box. Transportation not provided.

WILDERNESS SKILLS BEGINNERS – SESSION 1 JULY 6 TO 10

Learn some of the basics of wilderness survival. Learn how to set up a shelter, build a campfire, make a fishing pole and go fishing, and more. We'll end our week with cooking a snack over our campfire.

WILD WETLANDS JULY 13 TO 17

Our daily adventures at the river, pond, and other waterholes will reveal the wildlife that lives there. Learn how these plants and animals can survive in their watery habitats.

WETLAND SECRETS JULY 20 TO 24

Get your feet wet and discover the secrets of the wetlands of the sanctuary. Catch fish, frogs, crayfish, and more, and learn the secrets of surviving in watery habitats.

WILDERNESS SKILLS BEGINNERS – SESSION 2 JULY 27 TO 31

Due to its popularity, we're offering a second Beginners Session. We will be doing the same activities as in Session 1. Learn some of the basics of wilderness survival. Learn how to set up a shelter, build a campfire, make a fishing pole and go fishing, and more. We'll end our week with cooking a snack over our campfire.

FISH SCALES AND TAILS AUGUST 3 TO 7

Search for fish, frogs, salamanders, snakes, and turtles around the sanctuary. Try to catch a fish with a seine net. Meet the center's reptiles.

BUTTERFLIES AND BUDDIES AUGUST 10 – 14

We'll search the sanctuary for the largest group of animals on the Earth, the insects! With nets and buckets we'll explore the pond, river, field, and forest. We'll do daily checks of our Monarch Waystation Garden for Monarch caterpillars, and learn hands-on how to care for them.

WILDERNESS SKILLS INTERMEDIATE AUGUST 17 TO 21

This week is for campers who have completed a Scherman Hoffman Wilderness Skills or Outdoor Skills Adventure from this or a previous summer camp. This week will take outdoor skills to the next level. Activities include learning how to use found or repurposed materials to make a fire starter, tie a fly, make a hand caster, and more, and learn how to work with others in a survival situation.

CAMP FAVORITES 4-7 AUGUST 24 TO 28

This week will be filled with camper tested and approved activities, games, and crafts. Each week during the summer, campers will vote for their favorites, and the winners will be the activities for this week.

