



The Delaware Nature Society, a nonprofit membership organization, fosters understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the natural world through education, preserves ecologically significant areas, and advocates stewardship and conservation of natural resources.

Committed to providing a high-quality, safe, educational experience, we offer a low student-teacher ratio and the finest indoor and outdoor facilities in the area. Our week-long programs are very popular and most fill up quickly!

All programs are open to both Nature Society members and the general public (note price differences.) We welcome new members and believe that becoming a member offers special benefits far beyond the membership fee. See our website or the registration form on page 23 for more information about membership.

**Enrollment Calendar**

Registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received beginning February 1.

Feb. 1 – 15: Current DNS members with at least Household Plus level as of December 31, 2007. Feb. 16 – 28: All other current members (Children 3 – 15 must be part of a Household or higher level membership to register for summer programs.) Mar. 1: Non-member registration begins.

**Reservations and Payments** (See reg. form on page 23)

Full payment is due with registration. No phone reservations are accepted. Registrants will receive a program confirmation and directions to offsite (non-nature center) locations. If a program is full, you will be notified.

**Registrant Withdrawal and Refunds**

Requests for withdrawal 10 days or more prior to the scheduled program date will be honored. Requests less than 10 days prior will be issued only if the slot is filled. A \$25 administrative fee will be withheld for each withdrawal.

**Snacks and Lunches**

A snack is provided each day. Bring a lunch and beverage for full day programs. Please note dietary restrictions or allergies on the registration form. For residential camps and overnights, additional information will be provided.

**Weather and Program Attire**

Programs are held rain or shine – please dress participants according to weather and program activities.

**Extended Day Service**

Additional nature activities and a snack are available for \$10/day per child from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Sign up for extended service is for an entire week and available only at Ashland Nature Center.

**Photographs**

DNS reserves the right to use pictures of campers to promote our programs unless otherwise notified in writing by parents.

**Souvenir T-Shirts**

Custom designed, full-color Ashland Summer T-Shirts are available in both child and adult sizes for only \$8. Purchase yours at the Visitor Services Desk inside the Ashland Nature Center.

**Scholarships**

Through the generosity of Bank of America, Colonial Rotary of Dover, Delaware Garden Clubs, Mid-Del Charitable Foundation, PSEG, Wilmington Flower Market Inc., Wilmington Trust, and generous individuals, a limited number of scholarships are available for those needing assistance. For information, contact David Pragoff at 302-239-2334, ext. 133.

**Questions?**

Visit our website or contact:

Ashland Nature Center, 302-239-2334 or  
Email info@delawarenaturesociety.org

Abbott’s Mill Nature Center  
302-422-0847

Mail, fax or deliver (no phone registrations accepted) your registration form (see page 23) to:

Ashland Nature Center (all programs except those at Abbott’s Mill Nature Center)  
P.O. Box 700, 3511 Barley Mill Road  
Hockessin, DE 19707  
Fax: 302-239-2473

Abbott’s Mill Nature Center (Abbott’s Mill Programs only)  
15411 Abbott’s Pond Road  
Milford, DE 19963  
Fax: 302-422-1849

**Join DNS – TODAY!**

**Basic Membership Plans:**

• **Household PLUS** (\$85)

Includes all Individual benefits for two (2) named adults, and their children or grandchildren under the age of 18, living at the same address PLUS:

- 2-Week priority registration for summer week-long programs\* – Begins: Feb. 1st
- Two (2) Free guest trail passes for Ashland and Abbott’s Mill Nature Centers
- Four (4) Free passes to Ashland’s Harvest Moon Festival and Autumn at Abbott’s Mill Festival

\* Priority Registration applies IF membership is received by December 31st of the previous year

• **Household** (\$55)

Includes all Individual benefits for two (2) named adults, and their children or grandchildren under the age of 18, living at the same address PLUS:

- Priority registration for children’s summer week-long programs\* – Begins: Feb. 15th

• **Individual Memberships**

- College Student (\$30 ): 18+, currently enrolled full-time in a bachelor’s or higher level program
- Senior (\$30 ): Adult, 60+
- Adult (\$40 ): Adult, 18+, not enrolled as a full-time student

**Membership Includes:**

- FREE use of DNS Nature Center trails
- FREE admission to Farm Fun Days at Coverdale Farm
- Complimentary issues of Nature’s Voice newsletter
- Discount on programs and event admissions
- Native Plant Sale preview days
- Discounts at Retail Affiliates – Everything But the Kitchen Sink, Gateway Gardens, Wild Birds Unlimited, Quest Fitness and Kayak, and East Coast Garden Center

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