



Overnight Programs

Immerse your students in science and discovery. Overnights with the Delaware Nature Society are a great kickoff or culminating activity for your students. Overnight programs include hands-on field studies led by experienced naturalists. Choose programs from our list of field studies or ask us about custom designed programs to suit your needs. Or check out our themed overnights for programs organized to address life cycles, ecosystems and watersheds units. Programs can be a catalyst for learning long after the trip is over. Students and parents will enjoy the fun and adventure of toasting marshmallows, discovering wildlife, and night hiking.

What your students will do during an overnight:

Overnights schedules will vary with age of students, class size, program choices and the seasons. Each overnight includes hands-on field studies, morning and evening hikes through a variety of habitats, a choice of evening program, a campfire, and tee-shirt craft. Time is reserved for teachers to plan crafts /songs/ journals/ games.

Overnights with Ashland Nature Center



Ashland Nature Lodge

You will stay at the Ashland Nature Lodge (two dormitories with bunk beds, accommodating up to 72 people) overlooking beautiful Red Clay Valley near Hockessin, DE.

Amenities include:

- Science laboratory, 30 microscopes + video microscope
- Great Room with fireplace, TV, DVD/VCR, seating for 80,
- Panoramic view
- Restrooms with showers

- Modern kitchen, all appliances and cooking/eating utensils provided
- Electrical generator to ensure comfort and safety

Reservations are accepted year round (scholarships available). Cost: \$35/student from April-December, \$20/student from January-March. Contact: Judy Montgomery, School Overnight and Outreach Program Coordinator at 302-239-2334, x127 or judym@delawarenaturesociety.org.

Overnights with Abbott's Mill Nature Center



Redden State Forest Lodge

You will stay at the Redden State Forest Lodge (two dormitories, accommodating up to 40 people) near Georgetown, DE.

Amenities include:

- Great Room with fireplace
- Restrooms with showers
- Modern kitchen, all appliances and cooking/eating utensils provided
- Electrical generator to ensure comfort and safety
- Note: Available Monday-Thursdays only. Participants must bring their own sleeping bags and sleeping pads.

Reservations are accepted year round (scholarships available). Cost: \$25/student. Contact: Jason Beale, Abbott's Mill Nature Center Manager, at 302-422-0847 or jason@delawarenaturesociety.org.

Here is an example of a typical overnight schedule:

- Day One
 - 9:30 am - Arrival and Orientation
 - 10:00 am -12:00 pm - Program #1
 - 12:00-1:30 pm - Lunch/Rest/Teacher- directed time
 - 1:30-3:30 pm - Program #2
 - 3:30-5:30 pm - Teacher-directed activities



- 5:30-6:30 pm - Dinner
- 6:30-7:30 pm - Evening Live Animal Program
- 7:30-9:00 pm - Night Hike /Tee-shirt craft
- 9:00-9:45 pm - Campfire

• Day Two

- 7:00 am Wake up
- 7:30-8:30 am - Morning Hike
- 8:30-9:30 am - Breakfast
- 9:30-11:30 am - Program #3
- 11:30 am-12:30 pm - Lunch & Clean up
- 12:30-1:00 pm - Wrap up/Evaluation
- 1:15 pm - Departure

Themed Overnights:

Create an overnight with programs based on your curriculum and grade level. Select from our Field Studies, or talk to staff about developing a program to meet your needs. Examples include:

- Coverdale Farm Overnight Programs for all grades (Ashland/Coverdale only)
 - Food system education
 - Farm life cycles of soil, plants and animals
 - Nutrition and healthy eating programs
- Reptiles and Amphibians – Ideal for 4th grade
 - Cycle of Life
 - Aquatic Habitats
 - Reptile and Amphibian Workshop
 - Evening Reptile Quiz Show and Hike
- Ecosystems – Ideal for 5th grade
 - Forest and Field Exploration
 - Pond Study
 - Stream Ecology
- Watersheds and Water Quality – Ideal for 7th grade
 - Watersheds and Stream Quality
 - Pond Study
 - Stream Ecology

Extended Day Programs

Can't spend the night? Bring your class for a special day of field experiences at Ashland Nature Center or Abbott's Mill Nature Center! Arrive at 9:30 a.m. and stay up to 8:00 p.m. Activities include two field studies, a live animal presentation and an evening hike or campfire.

Reservations accepted year round.

Cost: \$20/student, scholarship is available

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For Abbott's Mill, contact Jason Beale, Abbott's Mill Nature Center Manager, at 302-422-0847 or jason@delawarenaturesociety.org

Extended Day Program sample schedule

- 9:30 am Arrival and Orientation
- 10:00 am-12:00 pm Program #1
- 12:00-1:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30-3:30 pm Program #2
- 3:30-5:30 pm Teacher-directed activities
- 5:30-6:30 pm Dinner
- 6:30-7:45 pm Choice of Evening Hike/Campfire or Live Animal Program
- 8:00 pm Parents arrive for pick up

