



Ashland Nature Center

Orienteering, Geocaching, and Letterboxing Max: 10

Monday - Friday, June 15 - 19

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$300/\$350

Course #: C09-102-AS

Led by: Delaware Nature Society Staff and Intern

Do you like scavenger hunts? Learn the sport of Orienteering with a map and compass, try several courses, then have a real competition. Use a GPS-device to navigate around the outdoors and find hidden caches. Also, get hooked on Letterboxing. Create your own stamp and letterboxing book, follow a course through a natural area, and leave your mark in a secret spot.

Barrier Islands of Virginia Max: 10

Monday - Friday, June 22 - 26

8:30 am Monday - 3:00 pm Friday

Member/Non-Member: \$600/\$655

Course #: C09-103-AS

Led by: Brittany Hoffnagle and Intern

Have fun in the sun at the beach exploring Chincoteague Island. Camp for the week, ride bikes around the refuge, conduct habitat studies, and more! Enjoy seining (catching animals in a big net), crabbing, and observing wildlife at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Tour the Virginia Aquarium, climb a historic Lighthouse, and hike around the refuge to look for Sika Deer, Wild Ponies, Delmarva Fox Squirrels, and birds.

Beginning Backpackers Max: 13

Monday - Friday, June 29 - July 1

8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Includes a Tuesday night backpack trip

Member/Non-Member: \$200/\$255

Course #: C09-104-AS

Led by: Bradley Reynolds and Intern

Set off for a backpacking adventure! Learn how to pack a backpack, what to bring, how to read a map, start a fire, cook camp food, and the basics of safe, low-impact camping. On Tuesday, set off on a one-night, six-mile backpacking adventure in the wild. Fee includes use of a backpack, tent, and 3 meals on the trip. Bring your own sleeping bag, mess kit, and hiking boots.

Target Masters Max: 13

Monday - Friday, July 6 - 10

8:30am - 3:00pm

Member/Non-Member: \$415/\$470

Course #: C09-105-AS

Led by: Derek Stoner and Intern

Learn how to safely and accurately shoot bows and arrows, air rifles, and shotguns. Craft spears and throwing sticks, and learn the importance of target practice to Native Americans. Create targets and marksmanship challenges to test your skills. Visit a shooting range and the world's largest archery store as well as "Video Archery". All instruction by certified shooting instructors under safe and strict supervision.



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Kayak Adventures

Max: 10

Monday - Friday, July 13 - 17
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
 Member/Non-Member: \$440/\$495
 Course #: C09-106-AS
 Led by: Conrad Rice and Intern

Kayak on local waterways where canoes can't go. Paddle the White Clay and Red Clay Creeks, Brandywine Creek, and Octoraro Creek. Enjoy cruising small rapids, running rubble dams, and sneaking up on waterbirds, mammals, turtles, and big fish. Learn the basics of kayaking, then try your skills. On the last day, paddle the bigger rapids of the Octoraro Creek and negotiate numerous "rock gardens".

Advanced Fun with Fishing & Campout Max: 13

Monday - Friday, July 20 - 24
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Includes a Thursday night camping trip.
 Member/Non-Member: \$470/\$535
 Course #: C09-107-AS
 Led by: Derek Stoner and Intern

Join us for a fishing adventure! Try pond fishing for bass and bluegill, fly-fishing on the Brandywine River, and saltwater fishing in the Delaware Bay for sea bass, croakers, and other prize fish. Learn how to properly fillet and cook your own fish. Camp out at Cape Henlopen State Park Thursday night before taking a deep-sea fishing expedition on Friday. Catch flounder, bluefish, and maybe a shark!

Summer on Hawk Mountain

Max: 10

Monday - Friday, August 17 - 21
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Monday. Tuesday to Friday at Hawk Mt., return 3:00pm Friday.
 Member/Non-Member: \$500/\$555
 Course #: C09-108-AS
 Led by: Sally O'Byrne and Intern

Spend part of your summer at the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary on the top of a mountain! Camp out and work on conservation activities such as trail maintenance, tree planting, and other activities. Visit the Acopian Center and meet scientists who are world leaders in raptor research. See a rehabbed bald eagle that is being trained for public education. Take a canoe trip on a nearby river.

Advanced Canoe Voyagers

Max: 10

Monday - Friday, July 27 - 31
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
 Members/Non-Member: \$330/\$385
 Course #: C09-109-AS
 Led by: Conrad Rice and Intern

For those of you that have some canoeing experience, put your abilities to the test and learn some new mad skills! Paddle the Christina River, upper Brandywine River, Nockamixon Lake, and parts of the Chesapeake Bay. Practice mid-water rescues, learn advanced paddling strokes, and try to win a Canoeing Olympics event! Wear shoes that can get wet. Voyagers must possess basic swimming skills.



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Conservation in Action

Max: 10

Monday - Friday, August 3 - 7
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
 Member/Non-Member: \$330/\$385
 Course #: C09-110-AS
 Led by: Derek Stoner and Intern

Help nature by building bird houses, planting trees, and picking up trash along a creek (and play in the water). Manage your own plot of land for wildlife. Meet with wildlife biologists, land managers, and other professionals who work to put conservation in action. Visit parks, natural areas, and wildlife refuges to get ideas to put your wildlife conservation plan into effect.

Bucktoe Creek Conservationist Corps Max: 13

Monday - Friday, July 20 - 24
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
 Member/Non-Member: \$330/\$385
 Course #: C09-111-BK
 Led by: Rose Lounsbury and Intern

This week, you will be stationed at the Bucktoe Creek Preserve, a 300-acre property of meadows, forest, streams, ponds, and much wildlife. Study wildlife and improve habitat on the property. Conduct a fish study, monitor bird boxes, research reptiles and amphibians, and create a field journal of your findings. Become a certified member of the Bucktoe Creek Conservation Corps at the end of the week.

Laurel Highlands Adventure Trip

Max: 10

Monday - Friday, August 10 - 14
8:30 am Monday - 3:00 pm Friday
Member/Non-Member: \$700/\$800
Course #: C09-112-AS
Led by: Austin Gee and Intern
Note: Program for ages 12 – 16 only

Get ready for a rockin' mountain adventure! Head off to Ohiopyle State Park for a week of outdoor activities, nature, and fun. Crawl through cave tunnels and passageways to experience bats, cave formations, mud, and more. Go white-water rafting on the famous Youghigheny River. Ride natural water slides and swim in clear, flowing water. Take part in bird banding at the Powdermill Nature Reserve and hike to a mountain peak to visit a bog!



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Young Waterfowlers Camp

Max: 13

Monday - Friday, August 17 - 21
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: \$360/\$415
Course #: C09-113-AS
Led by: Derek Stoner and Intern

Catch the excitement of waterfowling—a true American hunting tradition. Learn about hunting techniques, camouflage methods, and waterfowl identification. Travel to wetlands to study the habitat that supports waterfowl species. Visit a range to learn how to shoot a shotgun. Help construct nesting structures for ducks and tour well-known waterfowling destinations in the Delaware Region.



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Freshwater Aquatic Biology

Max: 20

Monday - Friday, June 22 - 26
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: \$125/\$125
Course #: C09-114-AS
Led by: David Pragoff
Note: Program for students entering grades 6 & 7

Use nets and test kits to explore freshwater environments like streams, marshes, and ponds. Find out how to tell if a stream is a healthy habitat, canoe the Dragon Run Creek, create and maintain an individual aquarium, and conduct your own science experiment. This program is offered in partnership with the Delaware Department of Education.

Careers In Science

Max: 20

Monday - Friday, July 20 - 24
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: \$125/\$125
Course #: C09-115-AS
Led by: David Pragoff
Note: Program for students entering grades 7 & 8

Ever wondered what it takes to become a marine biologist, a wildlife scientist, or a geologist? Visit with professionals from a variety of scientific careers. Conduct experiments, track wildlife, explore marshes, handle reptiles, and much more! This program is offered in partnership with the Delaware Department of Education.