



Ashland Nature Center

Playing in Nature

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, June 15 - 19

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-051-AS

Led by: Judi Vanderwerff

Get outside and play! Explore nature by looking for animals, building dams, catching critters, and playing in streams. Do fun outdoor crafts such as leaf and bark rubbings and make your own nature picture frame. Enjoy picnics and story time under a big, shady tree.

Fish Scales and Snake Tails Session I

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, June 15 - 19

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-052-AS

Led by: Stuart Wilkie

Fish Scales and Snake Tails Session II

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, July 20 - 24

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-063-AS

Led by: Anisa Parks

Search for fish, frogs, snakes, salamanders, and turtles in watery and woodland habitats. Meet live reptiles and amphibians from Ashland's collection, and use nets to catch tadpoles and bluegills. Bring a plain tee shirt to make fish prints, shoes that can get wet, and an extra set of clothes.



Lenape Life and Overnight

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, June 15 - 19

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$300/\$355

Course #: C09-053-AS

Led by: Kathy Szczerba

Imagine living back in the time when Native Americans were the only people at Ashland. Learn how they found food, built shelters, and played games. Examine Lenni-Lenape artifacts including pots and arrows. Visit a replica hut, mold clay pots, and design a special costume to wear. Camp out at the Ashland Lodge Thursday night and have our own Native American pow-wow around the fire.

Insect Roundup at Burrows Run

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, June 22 - 26

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-054-BR

Led by: Kathy Szczerba

Note: Meets at the Burrows Run Preserve, off of Ashland Clinton School Road.

Use nets, cups, sieves, traps, and good catching skills to get your hands on some really "wild" insects! Venture into vast meadows to find colorful butterflies. Walk through a stream to catch "six-leggers" in a riffle. Dip a big net in a pond during a contest to find the biggest dragonfly larva. Make your own insect observation kit and help create an insect story.



Creepy Crawly Scientists

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, June 22 - 26

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-055-AS

Led by: Tracy Moore

How do bees communicate where to find honey, and why do ants always find your picnic? See how the world looks through an insect's eyes, and feel how strong a spider's web is. Learn the answers to these questions and conduct experiments to find out more about the small creatures all around us.

Heaps of Herps Session I

Monday - Wednesday, June 29 - July 1
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: \$145/\$200
Course #: C09-056-AS
Led by: Wendy Honaker

Max: 15

**Heaps of Herps Session II**

Monday - Friday, August 17 - 21
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295
Course #: C09-071-AS
Led by: Delaware Nature Society Staff

Max: 15

Look for snakes, turtles, salamanders, frogs, and toads in marshes, ponds, forests, and streams. How do snakes swallow their food and turtles stay hidden in the forest? Find out these answers and more as we discover the world of reptiles. Meet amazing live animals from Ashland's collection as we learn what they eat, where they live, and how they survive.

Ashland Rangers and Overnight

Monday - Wednesday, June 29 - July 1
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: \$180/\$235
Course #: C09-057-AS
Led by: Delaware Nature Society Staff

Max: 15

Be a ranger and patrol the grounds of Ashland blazing trails, catching animals, and searching for special places. Practice using compasses, following maps, and making shelters. Learn how to track animals and identify local wildlife. Earn your own "Youth Ranger" badge. Spend the night at Ashland Tuesday night to patrol the trails searching for nocturnal animals, listen for owls, and learn how to make a campfire.

Dam Streams and Play in the Dirt

Monday - Friday, June 29 - July 1
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: \$145/\$200
Course #: C09-058-AS
Led by: Delaware Nature Society Staff

Max: 15

We know what you really want to do all day. Dam streams, play in the dirt, roll down hills, and splash in the water. See who can build the best dam. Have a "dirt castle" contest. Cool off in the water and have lots of fun with outdoor games each day. Bring a second set of clothes to wear home.

Chronicles of Narnia

Monday - Friday, July 6 - 10
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295
Course #: C09-059-AS
Led by: Kathy Szczerba

Max: 15

Learn about the different animal groups, as based on the popular book series and movies. Discover animal survival techniques and predator-prey relationships. See and touch live animals known as "unhuggables". Create stone statues and design a crest for your own shield. Enjoy the Turkish Delight prepared by the group.

Water Wonders

Monday - Friday, July 6 - 10
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295
Course #: C09-060-AS
Led by: Judi Vanderwerff

Max: 15

Discover animals that live in ponds, marshes, and streams. Splash in the stream and catch aquatic animals in the pond. Find tadpoles, frogs, toads, and fish in the watery habitats at Ashland. Make crafts and listen to stories about water and the animals that live there.



Photo by Derek Stoner

Warm Blooded/Cold Blooded

Monday - Friday, July 13 - 17
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295
Course #: C09-061-AS
Led by: Ellen Bacino

Max: 15

A turtle basks on a warm rock and then dives into cool water. A butterfly shivers on a cloudy day before taking flight. What do "warm-blooded" and "cold-blooded" mean? Perform experiments on ourselves and other creatures to observe body temperatures, and search the outdoors for examples of animal behavior related to temperature.

All About Habitats

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, July 13 - 17

8:30 am - 3:00pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-062-AS

Led by: Greta Rech

What makes a habitat? Find out as you explore a variety of habitats, from a freshwater marsh and pond to a blooming meadow, a cool forest, and a rushing stream. Where will you find fish, toads, or a wetland bird? Explore Ashland's habitats to find animals, the foods they eat, and the homes they make.

Butterfly House Helpers Session I

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, July 27 - 31

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-064-AS

Led by: Ellen Bacino

Butterfly House Helpers Session II

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, August 10 - 14

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-069-AS

Led by: Ellen Bacino

Collect butterflies, moths, and caterpillars and put them in the Butterfly House. Use nets in wildflower meadows, look on plants for hiding caterpillars, and use a moth trap to collect moths overnight. Feed caterpillars and care for the butterflies you catch. Lead other camp groups on tours through the butterfly house, hear stories, and make butterfly crafts.



Photo by Rod Hampton

Crafting With Nature

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, July 27 - 31

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-065-AS

Led by: Wendy Honaker

How do you make a stone necklace, weave a welcome wreath or make a journal out of natural materials? Search Ashland's fields and forests for sticks, stones, leaves and grasses to create unique crafts. Bring a crafty mind and take home your creations, or give them as gifts!

Outdoor Skills and Overnight

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, July 27 - 31

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$300/\$355

Course #: C09-066-AS

Led by: Delaware Nature Society Staff

Put your outdoor skills to the test! Learn how to build shelters, track animals, and make tools. Identify local wildlife and edible wild plants, and learn how Native Americans lived off the land. Use maps, compasses, and natural clues to find your way around a challenging orienteering course. Spend the night Thursday and make a campfire and take a night hike.

Water and Wildlife at the Mill

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, August 3 - 7

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-067-DM

Led by: Kathy Szczerba

Note: Meets at Cooch-Dayett Mills, just south of Newark.

Conduct a week-long survey of animals and plants at the historic Cooch-Dayett Mills along the Christina River. Catch and study a variety of organisms in a wetland, meadow, and stream. Create your own nature journal, draw what you find, and paste-in pictures you take of nature at the mill! Learn how people used the land and the mill long ago.

Life of the Lenape

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, August 3 - 7

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-068-AS

Led by: Delaware Nature Society Staff

Imagine living back in the time when Native Americans were the only people at Ashland. Learn how they found food, built shelters, and played games. Examine Lenni Lenape artifacts including pots and arrows. Visit a replica hut, mold clay pots, and design a special costume to wear.

Caring for Animals and Overnight

Max: 15

Monday - Friday, August 10 - 14

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$300/\$355

Course #: C09-070-AS

Led by: Delaware Nature Society Staff

Are you an animal lover? Take care of a variety of wildlife from Ashland's animal collection. Keep records as we exercise, feed, weigh, and measure reptiles, amphibians, and other animals. Catch and care for wild animals to observe their activities before releasing them. Talk to animal experts and rehabilitators to learn about the complex needs of wildlife. Enjoy a Thursday overnight at Ashland.

Coverdale Farm

Coverdale Chefs

Max: 12

Monday - Friday, June 15 - 19

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$270/\$325

Course #: C09-072-CF

Led by: Jane Griffin

If a cow can turn grass to milk then how can you turn cream to butter? If a seed can produce an ear of corn then how can you make corn muffins? Be a chef and craft culinary creations from Coverdale ingredients! Explore the farm to discover the sources of our food, make tasty, seasonal treats, and share with your family. Design your very own Coverdale cookbook!

Some Pig! Charlotte's Web comes to Coverdale

Monday - Friday, June 22 - 26

Max: 12

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-073-CF

Led by: Ellen Bacino

Spend a "Fantastic!" week reading the E.B. White classic, "Charlotte's Web." Make this tale come alive by meeting a "radiant" pig like Wilbur, getting to know the other farm animals, and learning all about spiders. Go exploring like Fern and Avery, search for spider webs, play games and create crafts. Enjoy a hay ride and your own "extraordinary" Country Fair on Friday.

Farmer's Helpers Session I

Max: 12

Monday - Friday, July 13 - 17

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-074-CF

Led by: Karen Powell

Farmer's Helpers Session II

Max: 12

Monday - Friday, August 10 - 14

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-076-CF

Led by: Wendy Honaker

Come help take care of the farm animals and gardens! Start your day by milking the cow, bottle feeding the calves and feeding and watering the sheep. Collect chicken eggs and feed and water the pigs, chickens and chicks. Pull weeds and plant some seeds. Harvest the summer vegetables and enjoy them as a snack. Take hikes, play games, and make some crafts.

Beyond the Barnyard

Max: 12

Monday - Friday, July 20 - 24

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$240/\$295

Course #: C09-075-CF

Led by: Shannon Tilton

Forest, pond, stream, farm, meadows and more! Become a "Farmer Naturalist" by discovering the ecosystems in and around Coverdale Farm. Hike the forest, find life in the pond, care for the farm animals and search for insects in the fields and meadows. Enjoy outdoor adventures, games, crafts and activities on your 352 acre classroom!

HALF-DAY CAMP**Down on the Farm**

Max: 12

Monday - Friday, August 17 - 21

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$155/\$210

Course #: C09-077-CF

Led by: Wendy Honaker

Come milk a cow, collect chicken eggs, shell corn for sheep and feed pigs! Plant seeds, harvest vegetables and make a scarecrow to scare the birds. Fly a kite, take a hike and discover the farm pond and forest. Make yummy treats, create works of farm art and listen to wonderful stories under the shade of an oak tree.