



Ashland Nature Center

Herp Hunters

Max: 13

Monday - Friday, June 15 - 19

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$275/\$330

Course #: C09-078-AS

Led by: Rose Lounsbury and Intern

Become a young herpetologist! Visit local habitats known for having lots of reptiles and amphibians and search for snakes, lizards, turtles, salamanders, and frogs. Catch, handle and learn how to identify them. Track a box turtle using radio telemetry equipment. Meet local herpetologist Jim White and herps in our animal collection. Create a "herp-book" to remember your adventures.

Nature Photography

Max: 10

Monday - Friday, June 15 - 19

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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

Course #: C09-079-AS

Led by: Brittany Hoffnagle and Intern

Explore local natural areas and try your hand at the art of nature photography. Using digital, film, and Polaroid cameras, search for photo opportunities of birds, butterflies, frogs, turtles, and an assortment of mammals. Meet with local wildlife photographers, create a portfolio, and be a star in your own photo art show.

Game On!

Max: 13

Monday - Friday, June 22 - 26

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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

Course #: C09-080-AS

Led by: Delaware Nature Society Staff and Intern

Come outside to play your favorite games in spectacular natural sites! Play kickball and capture the flag...Frisbee Golf and soccer...hide and seek, tag and many more. This camp is going to prove that you CAN play all day.

Canoe Voyagers

Max: 10

Monday - Friday, June 22 - 26

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$330/385

Course #: C09-081-AS

Led by: Conrad Rice and Intern

Learn canoeing skills and water safety while exploring local waterways. Paddle your way around Lums Pond, Octoraro Lake, the Brandywine River, and Dragon Run Marsh. Observe wildlife and use dip nets to study the diversity of aquatic life. Wear shoes that can get wet. Voyagers must possess basic swimming skills.

Geology, Mining, and the Environment

Max: 10

Monday - Friday, June 22 - 26

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$275/\$330

Course #: C09-082-AS

Led by: Julia Dooley and Intern

Grab a rock hammer and goggles! Visit rock outcroppings, old pit mines, and rock cuts to see what lies below. Take home local rocks, minerals, and even garnets... a semi-precious stone. Your leader, an Antarctic explorer, will compare the geology and rocks of Delaware and Antarctica. Understand future environmental change by studying the earth's past.

Wizards and Lizards Overnight

Max: 28

Monday - Wednesday, June 29 - July 1

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$255/\$310

Course #: C09-083-AS

Led by: Judy Montgomery, Brittany Hoffnagle, and Interns

Note: Meets at Country Center, off Sharpless Road.

Enjoy 3 days in the Forbidden Forest, taking classes and camping out! Conjure a golden potion, hike along "herbolg" trails, catch slugs and solve mysteries with friends from your "house." Enjoy cooking over a campfire and search for star-spangled constellations on the Tuesday overnight. Bring your wand, your sleeping bag and Deathly Hallows for fire-side readings!



Small Watercraft Expeditions

Max: 10

Monday - Friday, July 6 - 10

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$320/\$375

Course #: C09-084-AS

Led by: Bradley Reynolds and Intern

Use various small watercraft to ply local waters. Canoe, kayak, tube, and rowboat your way around lakes, ponds, and rivers. Try fishing on Octoraro Lake and look for waterbirds and wildlife. Learn proper techniques and have a blast on the water!

Aqualab

Max: 10

Monday - Friday, July 6 - 10

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$275/\$330

Course #: C09-085-AS

Led by: Shannon Tilmon and Intern

Get wet and wild as we explore freshwater ecosystems and experiment with water. Watch for aquatic animals while we tube down the Brandywine River. Sample stream water, compare fish, and learn from aquatic organisms. Make a jar aquarium and conduct your own fish experiment. Explore the Red Clay & White Clay Creeks, marshes, ponds, and more. Determine which stream is the healthiest.

Tom Sawyer

Max: 10

Monday - Friday, July 13 - 17

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$275/\$330

Course #: C09-087-AS

Led by: Shannon Tilmon and Intern

Marvel at the beauty of nature, Tom Sawyer style. Hunt for worms, follow a trail of ants, investigate ladybugs and listen for birds. Listen to excerpts from *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, by Mark Twain. Tube your way down the Brandywine River. Write a play, make costumes and present to others. Spread your blanket, lie back and search for hawks with a picnic! Bring a copy of *Tom Sawyer* (if you wish).

Pirates of the Cape

Max: 13

Monday - Friday, July 13 - 17

8:30 am - 3:00 pm Includes 3 overnights Tues., Wed., Thurs.

Member/Non-Member: \$430/\$485

Course #: C09-088-AS

Led by: Judy Montgomery and Maya Koretsky

Aye, mates! Who's ready to join our pirate crew on Monday at Ashland, then depart Tuesday for the coast. Camp by the sea for 3 nights...pirate style, in the dunes o' Cape Henlopen State Park. Ahoy - test your sea legs as we head out t' sea. Look for shipwrecks, learn how t' navigate by compass and stars. Catch and eat wildlife, search for buried treasures, look for other pirate bands and engage in Delaware's first Pirate Olympics!

Island Adventures Session I

Max: 10

Monday - Friday, July 6 - 10

8:30 am - 5:00 pm*

Member/Non-Member: \$385/\$440

Course #: C09-086-AS

Led by Delaware Nature Society Staff and Intern

*Note: Longer day than normal camp

Island Adventures Session II

Max: 13

Monday - Friday, August 3 - 7

8:30 am - 5:00 pm*

Member/Non-Member: \$385/\$440

Course #: C09-093-AS

Led by Delaware Nature Society Staff and Intern



Photo by Judy Montgomery

Summer breezes, sandy beaches and treasure maps...are you ready for some island adventures? Explore a new island each day, arriving by raft, motorboat, canoe or swimming! Learn to read and create maps. Dig for clams, catch turtles and catfish and search for island treasures. Camp out Thursday night for a real "Island Celebration," with grilled fish, limbo contest, and island music. Wear an "island" shirt and bathing suit each day.

Flint Woods Forest Conservation Max: 10

Monday - Friday, July 20 - 24

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$275/\$330

Course #: C09-089-FW

Led by: Delaware Nature Society Staff and Intern

Note: Meets at the Flint Woods Preserve, off Twaddell Mill Road.

Explore one of the largest forests left in New Castle County,

the Flint Woods Preserve. Hike the trails, search for wildlife, identify trees, and enjoy campfires. Visit one of the most famous properties in Delaware, the Granogue Estate, to climb a stone water



tower, search a historic Lenni-Lenape flint knapping site, and explore a cave. Work on a conservation project to help wildlife and the ecology of the Preserve.

Sporting with Nature Session I Max: 10

Monday - Friday, July 20 - 24

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$315/\$370

Course #: C09-090-AS

Led by: Tracy DeVecchio and Intern

Sporting with Nature II Max: 13

Monday - Friday, July 27 - 31

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$315/\$370

Course #: C09-091-AS

Led by: Shannon Tilmon and Intern

Combine your love of sports with your love of nature! Try a different outdoor sport each day, discovering wildlife and nature as we go. Immerse yourself in aquatic habitats, fish and kayak while learning about Native Americans, dive into geology while rock climbing, and look for wildlife as you go orienteering and horseback riding. All experience levels are welcome.

Wizards and Lizards: The Final Chapter Max: 28

Monday - Friday, July 27 - 31

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$330/\$385

Course #: C09-092-AS

Led by: Judy Montgomery, Delaware Nature Society staff, Interns

Note: Meets at Country Center, off Sharpless Road.

Wizards and Muggles alike will enjoy taking classes in the Forbidden Forest - Reptiles & Riddles, Slippery Potions, Quidditch Training, and Herbology. Gather 'round the fireplace as we read from the final Harry Potter book, Deathly Hollows. Each day will feature guest wizards and surprises. Compete in the Tri-Wizard tournament & feast on Friday. Celebrate the final chapter of this enchanting series and camp!

White Clay Creek Adventures Max: 10

Monday - Friday, August 3 - 7

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$275/\$330

Course #: C09-094-AS

Led by: Delaware Nature Society Staff and Intern

Note: Mortenson Property, Pleasant Hill Road, Newark DE.

From Delaware Nature Society's base within White Clay Creek State Park, try activities like archery, spear fishing, model rocket launching, canoe racing, and primitive tool building. Study a vernal pool, catch insects in a meadow, canoe, and cook on an outdoor fireplace. Visit the "Big Pond", check out the White Clay Nature Center, and test your hiking skills. Wrap-up the week with an outdoor skills challenge!

Fun with Fishing for Beginners Max: 13

Monday - Friday, August 10 - 14

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$470/\$525

Course #: C09-095-AS

Led by: Delaware Nature Society Staff and Intern

Become an angler! Learn to fish nearby ponds, rivers, and the Delaware Bay. Learn the basics of fishing. Reel in bluegills and even a large-mouth bass! Taste your catch after frying them up on a hot skillet. Visit Lums Pond and catch perch, crappy, and catfish. Learn to cast a line, use different lures, and fish with live bait and master the art of unhooking your catch. Prepare for a fishy, fun good time!



Photo by Judy Montgomery

Camp Perseid

Max: 13

Monday - Friday, August 10 - 14

8:45 am - 3:15 pm Includes an overnight on Wednesday

Member/Non-Member: \$330/\$385

Course #: C09-096-AS

Led by: Judy Montgomery and Intern

Note: Meets at Granogue, entrance off Route 100.

It's Greek Week at Granogue! Learn about Astronomy and the Greek Gods and Goddesses found in the summer skies. Spend Wednesday night viewing the Perseid meteor shower from

your tent or the Granogue Tower. Try archery, discus and javelin throwing, and marathon training. Enjoy daily sessions with local artists and athletes – then compete in our Greek Pentathlon and chariot races on Friday.

Bucktoe Campout

Max: 15

Monday - Wednesday, August 17 - 19

8:45 am - 3:15 pm (Includes a Tuesday night overnight)

Member/Non-Member: \$220/\$275

Course #: C09-097-BK

Led by: Sheila Vincent and Intern

Note: Meets at Bucktoe Creek Preserve near Kennett Square, PA.

Bring your sleeping bag and mess kit and get ready for a fun night outdoors! Camp out under the stars surrounded by beautiful forest. Identify birds, look for frogs and salamanders, and go dipping in a pond for snails! Check bird boxes and try to win a geocaching competition. At night, take a hike to find owls, bats, calling foxes, and snorting deer. Read the night sky and learn constellations and stars.

Coverdale Farm

A Girl of Two Worlds

Max: 12

Monday - Friday, June 15 - 19

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$295/\$350

Course #: C09-098-CF

Led by: Wendy Honaker

Experience life as an American farm girl in the late 1800s doing chores from milking a cow to sewing! Spend a day at Winterthur Museum & Country Estate like it was in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Return to a 1930's farm, gather eggs, make ice cream the 1930's way, and more! Celebrate the week with a festive picnic and hay ride!

Farm Apprentices

Max: 12

Monday - Friday, July 6 - 10

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$275/\$330

Course #: C09-099-CF

Led by: Michele Wales

Spend the week living as a farmer taking care of the livestock and planting and harvesting farm gardens and crops. Participate in seasonal farm activities like haying and making compost. Learn animal husbandry and organic gardening basics. End the week with our very own farmer's market and sell farm products to our camper families!

Farmer Boy

Max: 12

Monday - Friday, August 3 - 7

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$275/\$330

Course #: C09-100-CF

Led by: Shannon Tilmon

Calling all farm boys and girls! Spend the week living the life of farm boy Almanzo Wilder in the mid-1800's. Learn how to make hay for the animals, milk cows, feed sheep and pigs, and harvest from the garden. Venture to the fishing hole and see what you can catch. Cool off in the woods and pick berries to snack on. Enjoy the Laura Ingalls Wilder book: Farmer Boy.

The Farmer's Kitchen

Max: 12

Monday - Friday, August 10 - 14

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$295/\$350

Course #: C09-101-CF

Led by: Michele Wales

Note: This camp involves eating and working with milk, eggs, wheat, corn and various garden vegetables and herbs.

Come to our "Moo-linary Arts Institute" and craft seasonal recipes using ingredients harvested right from the farm. Make everything from pickles to pesto and chow-chow to cheese! Explore Coverdale Farm to learn the science behind the food. Prepare treats to eat or take home to share with family. Friday we'll feast on a picnic lunch that we'll make and enjoy together.