

Policies and Procedures

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 column at right for more information about membership.

Enrollment Calendar

Members can now register online for programs! Details on page 9.
Feb. 2 - 15: Current DNS members with Household Plus level or higher.
Feb. 16 - 28: All other current DNS members (Children 3 - 15 must be part of a Household level membership or higher to register for summer programs during this time.)
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. Directions to our sites are on the "Locations" page of our website. 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 & Program Attire

Programs and trips are held rain or shine—please dress children according to weather and program activities. In case of inclement weather, activities may be modified and moved indoors.

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

Delaware Nature Society reserves the right to use any pictures of program participants to promote Delaware Nature Society's programs unless otherwise notified in writing.

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 Christiana Bank & Trust, Delaware garden clubs, DEXSTA Federal Credit Union, Mid-Del Charitable Foundation, PSEG, Wilmington Trust, Wilmington Flower Market, Colonial Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Dover, Carolina Tailwinds and generous individuals, a limited number of scholarships are available for individuals needing assistance. For information, call 302-239-2334, ext. 133.

Questions?

Visit our website, email dnsinfo@delawarenaturesociety.org, or contact:

Ashland Nature Center at 302-239-2334
Abbott's Mill Nature Center at 302-422-0847

Mail, fax or deliver your registration form to:

Ashland Nature Center
P.O. Box 700
Hockessin, DE 19707

Abbott's Mill Nature Center
15411 Abbott's Pond Road
Milford, DE 19963

(No phone registrations accepted and once online registration is available, we can no longer guarantee first come/first served processing for mailed and faxed forms)

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. 2nd
- Two (2) Free guest trail passes for Ashland and Abbott's Mill Nature Centers
- Four (4) Free passes to Ashland's Harvest Moon Festival

• 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. 16th

• 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, East Coast Garden Center and Wild About Birds

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