



Programs for Ages 6-8

Ashland Nature Center

Owl Prowl

Max: 13

Course#: W08-058-AS

Sat. February 9 - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$9/\$13

Leader: David Pragoff, School Program Coordinator

Who can swoop down and grab a small running animal when it is pitch-dark outside? Owls, of course! Visit Ashland in the evening to find out which owls are spreading their silent wings over the winter landscape. Learn about their calls and incredible night senses. Read the book "Owl Moon" before setting out on an owl prowling through Ashland's forest.



Photo Linda Young

Winter Scavenger Hunt at Bucktoe

Max: 13

Course#: W08-059-BK

Sat. February 23 - 9:00 am - Noon

Member/Non-Member: \$12/\$18

Leader: Amanda Goldberg, Education Intern

Who can find the groundhog's winter burrow, raccoon tracks, and last summer's bird nests? Explore and discover at Bucktoe Creek Preserve near Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Our adventure will take us on many trails through this wild property as we search for its many natural treasures. Each participant will complete a scavenger hunt checklist and receive a tracking booklet to take home with them. Meet at Ashland Nature Center and carpool to the nearby site.

Spring Break: Ashland Rangers Day Camp

Max: 13

Course#: S08-61-AS

Wed. March 26 - 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$35/\$50

Leader: Jamila Fagan, Teacher Naturalist

Spring Break is here, and all Ashland Rangers must report for duty! We are searching for a few good campers to join us for a fun day of hiking, meeting live animals, exploring wetlands, and creating nature logs. Take part in a Reptile Quiz Show and explore the trails of Ashland during an orienteering exercise. By successfully completing the day of challenging activities, you will receive an official "Ashland Ranger" badge to proudly wear.

Frog and Salamander Safari

Max: 13

Course#: S08-063-AS

Sat. April 26 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$9/\$13

Leader: Sarah Fisher, Teacher Naturalist

Head out to Ashland's freshwater marsh for a wetland exploration and locate different life stages of frogs and toads. Then head to the forest and stream to search for slippery salamanders. Keep your eye out for newts, turtles, and other water creatures as we explore their aquatic habitat. Meet face to face with amphibians and reptiles from Ashland's collection. Come celebrate National Wildlife Week with some of our local wildlife.



Photo Joe Sebastiani



Photo Rod Hampton

Coverdale Farm

For the Love of Chocolate

Max: 12

Course#: W08-064-CF

Fri. February 8, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$25/\$30

Leaders: Michele Wales, Farm Program Coordinator and Bea Kaplan, Teacher Naturalist

Where does the cacao bean come from and how is it transformed from tree to treat? Spend the evening discovering the wonders of chocolate, the natural history of chocolate, listening to chocolaty stories and crafting chocolate treats for your Valentine. We'll create a beautiful box of hand-dipped chocolates using ingredients grown at Coverdale Farm. Dinner and all supplies are included in the program fee.

Friday Evening Farmers

Max: 12

Course#: S08-065-CF

Fri. April 18 - 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$20/\$25

Leaders: Michele Wales, Farm Program Coordinator and Bea Kaplan, Teacher Naturalist

Join us for an evening of gardening, farm animal chores and making soup and bread! We'll work together planting the spring seeds for a summer garden, tending to the livestock, caring for their daily needs and creating delicious soup and bread to satisfy our grumbling tummies.



Photo Jim White

Abbott's Mill

Crappie Time at Abbott's Pond

Max: 10

Course#: S08-066-AM

Sun. March 30 - 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$5/\$7

Leader: Jason Beale, Abbott's Mill Manager

Have fun trying to catch crappie in Abbott's Pond. Bring your own pole or use one of our cane poles. Learn how to bait a hook and maybe bring home dinner! Get up close and personal with some of the fish, reptiles, and amphibians that call Abbott's Pond home.

Outdoor Skills at Burrows Run

Max: 13

Course#: W08-060-BR

Sat. March 8 - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$12/\$18

Leader: David Pragoff, School Program Coordinator

Explore the beautiful Burrows Run Preserve as we learn practical outdoor skills like map reading, animal tracking, and plant identification. Try using a GPS unit to track where we go on our outdoor adventure. Visit Coverdale Pond and search for aquatic creatures. Learn how to build a fire and roast marshmallows as a wrap-up to our active afternoon.

Mining and Minerals

Max: 13

Course#: S08-062-AS

Sat. April 5 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Member/Non-Member: \$9 (adults and children)/
\$13 (adults and children)

Leader: David Pragoff, School Program Coordinator

Dig for mineral treasures like mica, quartz, and garnet at a unique feldspar quarry near the Brandywine River. Learn why these minerals are here and how they were mined. Bring your rock hammer or borrow ours as we head out on a rock-ing mining expedition. Meet at Ashland to ride in the van to the nearby location.