



Twelve Weeks of
Nature Discovery
Four Locations
to Explore
Countless Memories
to Last a Lifetime

2025

SUMMER CAMP

GUIDE



Preschool Summer Fun and Summer Camps Grades K-9

CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS

Members: Feb 3 / Non-members: Feb 10

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GET INVOLVED WITH DELNATURE

JOIN US AND MAKE IT A GOOD YEAR!

- Enjoy the wonders of nature. Sign up for our **public programs** which are offered for all ages.
- **Celebrate a birthday** at one of our four locations or host an event at Ashland.
- Eat fresh, buy local. The **Market at Coverdale** is open April – November for freshness grown just steps away.
- Give back to nature. **Volunteer** with your corporate group to help preserve our environment.
- Travel with your **group** to one of our locations to discover and explore the wonders of nature or we can **Bring DelNature to You!**
- New!: **Exclusive Members Only programs** at our four locations. *Your membership makes a difference! Join today and be a part of our community!*



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a Member**

**15% Off Camps &
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***Delaware Nature Society's
mission is to connect people
and nature to create a
healthy environment for
all through education,
conservation, and advocacy.***

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE
ACTIVITIES AND MORE
WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:**

DelNature.org



WELCOME TO SUMMER CAMP 2025

At Delaware Nature Society (DelNature), we believe that the most meaningful learning happens when children engage with the world around them through play, adventure, and exploration. Our camps are designed to cultivate a curiosity for the natural world, in a fun, welcoming, positive, and safe environment. Through hands-on experiences, campers develop a strong connection to nature and are empowered to take an active role in its preservation. Our parents, guardians, and camp staff know that spending time in nature has profound benefits for children's physical health, mental well-being, and cognitive development. Research shows that outdoor experiences improve focus, creativity, and emotional resilience, while also promoting social skills and fostering a sense of independence. At DelNature, we prioritize these benefits, offering a wide range of activities that challenge children to step outside their comfort zones, solve problems, and collaborate with others. Our camp staff

participate in extensive training to be able to provide exceptional experiences and foster an inclusive camp community for everyone. Our small staff to camper ratios ensure personalized attention from staff, allowing us to provide a positive camp experience that fosters your child's growth, now and for years to come.



Join us in 2025 for a summer of wonder and outdoor experiences for the whole family. See you at camp!

-Erynn DeGennaro,
Associate Director of Summer and Youth Programs

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CAMP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

PRESCHOOL SUMMER FUN:

Age 3-4: Grown Up and Me programs bring grown-ups and children together with a range of outdoor experiences. Explore the magic of the outdoors with a week of bonding and adventure.

Age 4-5: These are half-day programs where children learn through sensory-based adventures. Play-based activities designed to support child development milestones, relationship building, and self-expression.

FULL DAY SUMMER CAMPS ORGANIZED BY GRADE COMPLETED:

Grade Completed K or 1: Campers lean into curiosity through exploration and play. Activities challenge campers to be active and creative while developing confidence and social skills in a natural setting.

Grade Completed 2 or 3: Break into adventure with activities designed to build confidence and promote independence. Campers have opportunities to take charge of their experience through decision-making.

Grade Completed 4, 5, or 6: Kick it up a notch with adventures that dive deeper into learning new skills and environmental topics. Campers step outside their comfort zone with a wide range of offerings and topics from art and cooking to paddle sports and survival skills.

Grade Completed 7, 8, or 9: Advanced experiences designed to engage Tweens and Teens. They'll build and learn new skills from experts in conservation, wildlife, recreation, and more!

OUR SUMMER CAMP PROMISE

Our Summer Camps will have your children safely exploring and discovering the wonders of nature. We guarantee daily doses of fun! Whether your child is a budding naturalist, an outdoor explorer, or a future educator, our camps offer a unique and safe summer experience in natural areas and preserves. We connect children with nature through hands-on, outdoor experiences with highly qualified instructors. We are committed to:

- Providing opportunities that stimulate the development of each camper's self-esteem.
- Helping each camper appreciate the natural surroundings and take an active role in the stewardship of our environment.
- Providing situations for each camper to set goals and challenge themselves, through exploring and learning while discovering his or her own skills, abilities and interests.
- Allowing each child to experience being part of a group and the opportunity to socialize with others.



Visit DelNature.org/ParentsCorner for the full list of our Summer Camp goals.

DELNATURE SITES & CAMP LOCATIONS



- 1 Ashland Nature Center (headquarters)
3511 Barley Mill Rd, Hockessin, DE
- 2 Coverdale Farm Preserve
543 Way Rd, Greenville, DE
- 3 DuPont Environmental Education Center
1400 Delmarva Ln, Wilmington, DE
- 4 Abbott's Mill Nature Center
15411 Abbott's Pond Rd, Milford, DE
- 5 Bucktoe Creek Preserve
432 Sharp Road, Avondale, PA
- 6 2900 Montchanin Rd., Wilmington, DE
- 7 Slaughter Beach Public Pavilion
359 Bay Ave, Milford, DE

“I have two kids who are very excited to come back to Camp Perseid next year.”

- Summer Camp Parent



MEET OUR CAMP STAFF

Our Leadership



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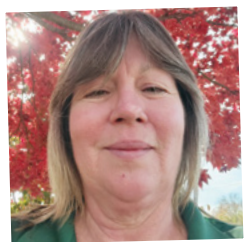
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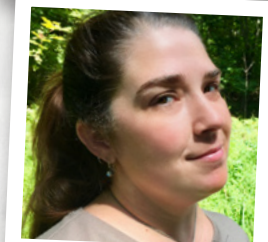
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Back to Camp Night



Ashland & Coverdale
Fri 6/6 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Abbott's Mill
Fri 6/13 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Take a tour, ask questions, and
meet the staff. FREE for everyone.

End of Summer Family Picnic



Thur 8/21 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Celebrate the end of summer at Ashland
Nature Center! Sip, snack, and savor the
beauty of a late summer evening.

Food and beverages available for purchase.
Live music and activities for all ages | Free

JOIN OUR CAMP STAFF

HELP CHILDREN DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF NATURE

Our Instructors



- Experts in outdoor education
- Trained in environmental education techniques, natural history, outdoor/canoe/kayak/van-driving safety
- Background-checked
- First Aid and CPR certified

Camp Instructors

Paid Positions, Age 18+

Lead a full week (or weeks!) of adventures with campers and make memories to last a lifetime. Choose from a variety of camper ages and teaching themes to fit your experience. Work a minimum of 1 week of camp.

Summer Internships

Paid Positions, Age 18+

Spend the full summer adventuring with camp! An opportunity for college students to gain experience using the latest environmental education techniques. Support delivery of educational lessons and activities for children ages 3 - 15. Housing provided if needed and available.

Camp Counselors

Paid Positions, Age 16+

Become a leader at summer camp! Support the delivery of activities for children ages 5 - 12. Form a bond with campers each week while traveling between activities, making up cheers, playing games, and more. Work a minimum of 6 weeks during the summer.

Become a Camp Aide through the DelNature Environmental Leaders Program.

Join us for a one-of-a-kind opportunity to connect with nature and make lasting memories. This program is designed for teens who are passionate about the outdoors and want to develop leadership skills while giving back to their community and the environment. The Environmental Leaders Program strives to empower high schoolers to become leaders in environmental conservation, advocacy, and education! Starting this spring, the program begins by preparing teens with a leadership retreat and trainings to prepare participants to volunteer with Summer Camp as Camp Aides. After summer, participants will continue with community outreach, outdoor mentorship, and recreational opportunities throughout the year. Participants are required to volunteer for 4 weeks with summer camp as Camp Aides and will be required to attend one event seasonally. We understand that teens are busy, especially during the school year, and will be offering a variety of events to attend. Visit DelNature.Org/Teen for more information and a current schedule of events!

Hurry online, applications close March 1, 2025.

Apply at DelNature.org/Jobs

GROWN-UP AND ME AGES 3-4 YEARS

GROWN-UP AND ME SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 9:30 AM - 12 PM

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Join us

for a week of exciting activities that bring grown-ups and children together in nature. Explore the magic of the outdoors, cook up tasty treats, hike to discover new places or make friends with furry, feather and slithery critters. It's a week of bonding and adventure!

Adult participation required, free of charge.

Grown-up and Me: Little Wanderers

Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20

\$210 (Members Get 15% off)

What's beneath that rock, or flying up in the sky? Come for a week of hands-on play as Little Wanderers explore and immerse themselves in a variety of natural areas. This program will be held at both Coverdale Farm Preserve and Ashland Nature Center on alternating days.

Adult participation required free of charge.

No camp 6/19 for Juneteenth.

Grown-up and Me: Farm Tales

Mon 7/14 - Fri 7/18

\$260 (Members Get 15% off)

Venture the farm with your young explorer! Watch storybook characters come alive during visits to our farm animals, gardens, and the preserve. A magical experience for you and your little one.

Adult participation required free of charge.

Grown-up and Me: Kinder Chefs

Mon 8/11 - Fri 8/15

\$260 (Members Get 15% off)

Unleash the culinary creativity of little hands.

Join your mini-chef in our farm kitchen to cook up simple, delicious dishes that you both will savor. A delightful bonding and cooking adventure awaits.

Adult participation required free of charge.



PRESCHOOL SUMMER FUN AGES 4-5 YEARS

ALL PRESCHOOL SUMMER FUN SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 12 PM

Potty Training: Our staff are focused on providing safe and fun experiences for your children. Our camp staff are not equipped for diaper changing.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Critter Babies

Mon 6/9 - Fri 6/13

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

Summer is the time when baby animals are all around us. Look at baby birds from a bird box, dip for tadpoles in the marsh, see eggs before they hatch, and hunt for caterpillars. Meet adult animals and compare them to their babies.

Secrets of the Forest

Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20

\$230 (Members Get 15% off)

Discover the shady secrets of Ashland's forests! Who's staying cool under the leaves? Who's hiding inside a hollow log? Can we find snails, salamanders, squirrels, or spiders? Work to solve a forest mystery each day!

No camp 6/19 for Juneteenth.

Get Your Hands Dirty

Mon 6/23 - Fri 6/27

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

Mud pies, mud castles, puddle splashing in the sun. See how dirty your hands can get in the mud of Ashland. Search through marsh mud to see what you can find. Wear your boots for some muddy-licious fun!

Nature's Jams

Mon 6/30 - Thur 7/3

\$230 (Members Get 15% off)

Do you hear the sounds of nature? Listen for a frog call, a bird song, and the whispering wind in the trees. Explore Ashland and mimic the music you hear outside. Create your own instrument, play in nature's band, participate in a musical celebration.

This is a 4-day camp.

Let's Go Play

Mon 7/7 - Fri 7/11

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

Roll on a hill, make a mud pie, build a small dam, and play games in the grass. Have fun in nature playing among hills, along streams, at a marsh, and in our open spaces. Use your five senses to explore and enjoy a summer week outdoors.

Buckets and Boots

Mon 7/14 - Fri 7/18

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

What's in your bucket? Can we fill it with ripe berries? Toads, worms, and salamanders? Minnows from the stream? Each camper gets a personalized bucket to take home. Don't forget to wear your boots!

Bugs and Blooms

Mon 7/21 - Fri 7/25

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

Where do flowers come from? What type of bees, butterflies, and other insects visit flowers? Explore the meadows, woods, and wetlands of Ashland to observe the different types of bugs and blooms.



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Bubbles, Boats, and Floats

Mon 7/28 - Fri 8/1

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

Water play Ashland style! Build your own wooden boat and float it in the stream, experiment with objects to find the ones that float, and end the week with a bubble celebration. Come prepared to get wet!

A is for Animals

Mon 8/4 - Fri 8/8

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

B is for butterflies, C is for crayfish! Have fun with the letters of the alphabet, then search forest & streams for animals that match!

Bee Deep in a Flower

Mon 8/11 - Fri 8/15

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

Flutter through Ashland's meadows, forests, and marshes in search of plants to smell and feel. Look closely at a flower, search for seeds, read stories, and plant a flower for your home garden.

Water Wonders

Mon 8/18 - Fri 8/22

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

Discover animals that live in ponds, marshes, and streams. 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.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Down on the Farm

Mon 6/9 - Fri 6/13

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

Down on the farm the rooster crows, the garden grows, the trees are tall, and the stream flows. Bring your sensory toolbox to explore the sights, sounds, smells, and wonders of Coverdale Farm Preserve. Fresh air, warm sun, and lots of outdoor fun will ensure that coming home a little tired and a little dirty is a good thing.

Critter Cribs

Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20

\$230 (Members Get 15% off)

Dive into the fascinating world of animal abodes. Discover the secrets of nests, burrows, dens and more as we uncover where critters call home. Join us in this adventure to understand the remarkable habitats of our wildlife neighbors.

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Feathers, Fur, and Fluff

Mon 6/23 - Fri 6/27

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

Experience and explore textures from tickling feathers, fuzzy fur, and soft fluff! Which animals need fur? What would happen if fluffy animals had feathers? Come play with us and explore the variety of animals in nature.

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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Ashland Safari

Mon 6/9 - Fri 6/13

\$350 (Members Get 15% off)

Find turtles, snakes, fish, frogs, birds, and insects in their natural environment. Look under logs, in trees, streams, and meadows. Go on a scavenger hunt to find hidden treasures! Make safari crafts and hear tales of adventure.

Become a Pirate

Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

Ahoy mateys! Bring yer eyepatch and bandana and join Arrrrr crew! We'll be craftin' pirate ships, buildin' and launchin' catapults, and tellin' pirate stories galore. Climb the crow's nest and have a treasure-trove of fun at Ashland.

No camp 6/19 for Juneteenth.

Playing in Nature

Mon 6/23 - Fri 6/27

\$350 (Members Get 15% off)

Get outside and play! Spend the week exploring nature by looking for animals, building dams, catching critters, and playing in streams. Do fun outdoor crafts and make your own nature picture frame.

Enchanted Forest

Mon 6/30 - Thur 7/3

\$280 (Members Get 15% off)

What enchanting creatures live in the Ashland woods waiting to be discovered? Who will we find hidden under the brush? Fairies and gnomes, elves and mystical trees, we'll explore all this and more with games, crafts, and a bit of Fairy Magic.

This is a 4-day camp.

Catching Critters

Mon 7/7 - Fri 7/11

\$350 (Members Get 15% off)

Take a net and jar to catch grasshoppers, butterflies, caterpillars, crickets, and much more! Explore the marsh and catch frogs, salamanders, and water striders. Venture down to the stream and find crayfish, minnows, and many more exciting animals.

Outdoor Games

Mon 7/14 - Fri 7/18

\$350 (Members Get 15% off)

Each day, play many different outside games! Learn new games you've never heard of and play them in fields and forests. Each afternoon, play in the water, read stories, and get crafty with natural materials!

Bug Catcher's Club

Mon 7/21 - Fri 7/25

\$350 (Members Get 15% off)

Explore meadows, forests, marshes, ponds, and streams to catch bugs of all kinds. Show off what you catch each day and then have a bug release party at the count of 1,2,3! Grab your net and let's see what you can catch.

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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Ashland Rangers

Mon 7/28 - Fri 8/1

\$350 (Members Get 15% off)

Join our team of rangers at Ashland as we blaze trails, catch animals, and search 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.

Wild About Water

Mon 8/4 - Fri 8/8

\$350 (Members Get 15% off)

Explore watery habitats at Ashland and discover the life they support. Search along muddy banks, look under rocks, and use nets to catch a few creatures. Feel the movement of water in a stream and get your hands muddy at the pond.

Moth Wings and Butterfly Things

Mon 8/11 - Fri 8/15

\$350 (Members Get 15% off)

Have you ever marveled at moths, or wondered why butterflies are so brilliant? Explore the lovely lives of lepidoptera, from the tiniest grass moth to the stunning Monarch and more! Craft your own beautiful butterflies, help feed tiny growing caterpillars, and discover what's in our butterfly house. Become a master of butterfly catching and enjoy a week of all things fluttering.

Mini Hikers

Mon 8/18 - Fri 8/22

\$350 (Members Get 15% off)

Strap on your hiking shoes, grab your canteen, and hit the trail at Ashland! Take hikes through the woods and fields, up and down fun hills, across bridges, and to secret places you will love. Look for animals hiding, and find your reflection in the creek water, as you stretch your legs on the trail. Learn to leave no trace and become an expert hiker!

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Little Artist

Mon 6/9 - Fri 6/13

\$380 (Members Get 15% off)

Get inspired by nature. This fun-filled art camp invites curious kids to explore creativity through nature-inspired crafts, projects, and hands-on activities. Let your imagination grow as we create, play, and discover!

Little Farmer

Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20

\$305 (Members Get 15% off)

Step into the shoes of a Coverdale farmer! Delight in a week where children transform into the next generation of young farmers, getting hands-on and dirty while discovering the marvels of farming and nature.

No camp 6/19 for Juneteenth.



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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Egg-citing Eggs

Mon 6/23 - Fri 6/27

\$380 (Members Get 15% off)

Egg-xplore the oviparous creatures that live on the farm! Where do chickens, frogs, snails, fish, turtles, and songbirds lay their eggs? Get inspired by eggs to make a variety of hands-on creations. Crack up with your friends during this egg-citing week.

Fresh Air, Friends, and Fun

Mon 6/30 - Thur 7/3

\$305 (Members Get 15% off)

Join friends for a week of engaging in nature, working on the farm, playing outside, and discovering that coming home a little tired and dirty is a good thing! Fresh air, friends, and fun: a great way to spend the day!
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Cook the Rainbow

Mon 7/28 - Fri 8/1

\$495 (Members Get 15% off)

Dive into cooking with tasty desserts, breakfasts, and snacks. Explore the science of flavors, colors, and nature, both in the kitchen and classroom. Unleash your culinary creativity and taste the rainbow!

Fresh Air, Friends, and Fun

Mon 8/4 - Fri 8/8

\$380 (Members Get 15% off)

Join friends for a week of engaging in nature, working on the farm, playing outside, and discovering that coming home a little tired and dirty is a good thing! Fresh air, friends, and fun: a great way to spend the day!

Enchanted Farm

Mon 8/11 - Fri 8/15

\$380 (Members Get 15% off)

Dewdrops sparkle, animals graze, fluffy clouds drift, and the Fairy Tree sits among the Fir Grove. Welcome to a magical week at Coverdale! Dive into an enchanting world where farm meets nature. Let your imagination soar!

Coverdale 4D

Mon 8/25 - Fri 8/29

\$380 (Members Get 15% off)

Take in the landscapes, natural areas, and unique farming opportunities of Coverdale Farm. In this camp, you will experience all the wonderful things the 377 acres of Coverdale Farm offers, including but not limited to hiking, exploring, creating, sampling vegetables from fields, and visiting our animal friends.



SUMMER CAMP GRADE COMPLETED 2 OR 3

ALL CAMP SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 3 PM

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Pirate Adventure

Mon 7/14 - Fri 7/18

\$320 (Members Get 15% off)

Join arrrr Abbott's Mill crew and partake in a pirate expedition cruise on the Lewes Canal. Build and sail a genuine boat with yer summer camp mates. We'll be craftin' a pirate ship, launchin' catapults, and tellin' stories as you revel in a treasure-trove of fun at Abbott's Mill.

Nature Crafting and Art

Mon 7/28 - Fri 8/1

\$285 (Members Get 15% off)

Express your creative inner self using natural and recycled materials. Inspired by nature and the great outdoors, let your imagination run wild as our camp staff challenges you with natural craft and art projects all week long. Prepare for frequent outdoor nature hikes in search of inspiration.

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Go Green

Mon 6/9 - Fri 6/13

\$365 (Members Get 15% off)

Kids can change the world! Learn simple things you can do for the environment and help your family go "green"! Conduct environmental experiments and observe wildlife while you become a conservation master.

Remarkable Reptiles and Magnificent Mammals

Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20

\$295 (Members Get 15% off)

Observe live cold-blooded animals such as turtles, tortoises, frogs, and snakes. Explore Ashland in search of these fascinating creatures. Explore the world of warm-blooded animals and search for tracks, homes, and evidence they leave behind.

No camp 6/19 for Juneteenth.

Crafting in Nature

Mon 6/23 - Fri 6/27

\$365 (Members Get 15% off)

Do you know how to 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 fun and unique crafts. Practice recycling by reusing household materials to create crafts to take home or give as gifts!



Adventure Hikers

Mon 6/30 - Thur 7/3

\$295 (Members Get 15% off)

Explore Ashland trails as a junior hiker! Make a hiking stick, and discover a new part of the nature center property each day. Hear stories of nature adventures and take part in your own as you trek through forests and fields. Experience the many different sides of hiking and nature exploration.

This is a 4-day camp.

Young Treasure Hunters

Mon 7/7 - Fri 7/11

\$365 (Members Get 15% off)

Calling all adventurers! Look for treasures, both natural and man-made! Explore for living things in their habitats, hunt for tracks and seek out what humans have left behind, including special hidden treasure boxes throughout Ashland.

SUMMER CAMP GRADE COMPLETED 2 OR 3

ALL CAMP SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 3 PM

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Outdoor Skills Adventure

Mon 7/14 - Fri 7/18

\$365 (Members Get 15% off)

Put your outdoor skills to the test! Learn how to build shelters, track animals, make tools, identify edible wild plants, and learn how Native Americans lived off the land. Use maps, compasses, and natural clues to find your way around an orienteering course.

Play in Streams

Mon 7/21 - Fri 7/25

\$365 (Members Get 15% off)

What could be better than playing in a cool stream during the heat of summer? Explore streams, creeks, ponds and marshes. Discover the plants and animals that live there. Meet animals with special water adaptations from Ashland's animal collection.

Earth Explorers

Mon 7/28 - Fri 8/1

\$365 (Members Get 15% off)

Discover the mysteries of the earth's surface and what lurks below. Look at streams, valleys, and ocean rifts. "travel" inside the earth to learn about rings of fire, volcanic activity, and earthquakes. Investigate how the shape of the earth affects plants, animals, and people.

Catching and Caring for Animals

Mon 8/4 - Fri 8/8

\$365 (Members Get 15% off)

Keep records as we exercise, feed, weigh, and measure animals at Ashland. Catch and care for wild animals to observe their activities before releasing them. Talk to animal experts and caretakers to learn about the complex needs of wildlife.

Water Force

Mon 8/11 - Fri 8/15

\$365 (Members Get 15% off)

What can defy gravity, crack giant boulders, and even melt a mountain? Find out how powerful water is and how soft it can feel. Perform experiments to test water's properties and explore Ashland's creeks, marshes, and ponds to find out how water force has shaped these waterways.

Butterfly House Helpers

Mon 8/18 - Fri 8/22

\$365 (Members Get 15% off)

Explore the meadows of Ashland in search of butterflies and moths. Look on plants for hiding caterpillars and learn to create caterpillar habitats. Care for the butterflies and caterpillars you catch. Can you find all the butterfly species of Ashland?

Fort Building Club

Mon 8/25 - Fri 8/29

\$365 (Members Get 15% off)

Work together to build forts at Ashland made out of natural materials. Make a grass fort in a meadow, a stick fort in the woods, and a fort of your own creation! At the end of the week, take the forts down and "leave no trace" of our adventures.



SUMMER CAMP GRADE COMPLETED 2 OR 3

ALL CAMP SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 3 PM

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Farmer's Helpers

Mon 6/9 - Fri 6/13

\$380 (Members Get 15% off)

Come be a part of the Coverdale Farm team for a week of farming fun! Enjoy the fun side of farming and the joys of being outdoors. Help care for animals, find out what is being planted, and explore the preserve to see how the farm and the natural area work together.

Food, Farm, and Fitness

Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20

\$305 (Members Get 15% off)

Embark on a journey where food, farming, and fitness intersect to create a holistic and enriching summer experience. Campers will explore the farm to learn about sustainable agriculture, engage in hands-on cooking lessons using fresh ingredients, and participate in exciting fitness activities to promote a healthy lifestyle. Join us for a summer filled with delicious meals, farm adventures, and fun fitness challenges as we grow, cook, and move together.

No camp 6/19 for Juneteenth.

Scientific Farmer

Mon 6/23 - Fri 6/27

\$380 (Members Get 15% off)

Join us for an exciting journey into the intricate connection between agriculture and the natural world. You will delve into the hidden wonders of ecosystems, investigate egg structures, and unlock the secrets of biodiversity within our preserve. Unearth the scientific aspects of farming and gain a deeper understanding of our environment.

DelNature Games

Mon 6/30 - Thur 7/3

\$310 (Members Get 15% off)

Experience the best of Ashland and Coverdale with an exciting week that blends farm and nature! Compete in outdoor games, obstacle courses, scavenger hunts, and nature challenges during this 4-day adventure. Explore forests, streams, and farm while testing your skills and connecting with the natural world. This camp will combine ages to offer unique opportunities for older and younger campers to collaborate for extra fun. Campers from 2nd to 6th grade will be spread across 4 teams to create an inclusive and exciting experience for everyone. Drop off and pick up will take place two days at Ashland and two days at Coverdale.

This is a 4-day camp.

Field and Feast

Mon 7/7 - Fri 7/11

\$495 (Members Get 15% off)

Combine hands-on cooking experiences with the hustle and bustle of the farm. See where things grow, practice kitchen skills, and make delectable recipes including fresh, seasonal produce right from our vegetable garden.



SUMMER CAMP GRADE COMPLETED 2 OR 3

ALL CAMP SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 3 PM

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Scientific Farmer

Mon 7/28 - Fri 8/1

\$380 (Members Get 15% off)

Join us for an exciting journey into the intricate connection between agriculture and the natural world. Delve into the hidden wonders of ecosystems, investigate egg structures, and unlock the secrets of biodiversity within our preserve. Unearth the scientific aspects of farming and gain a deeper understanding of our environment.

Art on the Farm

Mon 8/4 - Fri 8/8

\$410 (Members Get 15% off)

Explore ways to capture the beauty of Coverdale Farm Preserve. Learn how to take what inspires you and transform it into a masterpiece. This camp will explore the farmyard and the preserve to inspire artwork in both 2D and 3D mediums. Campers will show off their masterpieces in an art show on Friday! Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Farmer's Helpers

Mon 8/18 - Fri 8/22

\$380 (Members Get 15% off)

Come be a part of the Coverdale Farm team for a week of farming fun! Enjoy the fun side of farming and the joys of being outdoors. Help care for animals, find out what is being planted, and explore the preserve to see how the farm and the natural area work together.

“The culture and individual effort to make each child have a good experience at camp was evident daily.”

- Summer Camp Parent



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SUMMER CAMP GRADE COMPLETED 4, 5, OR 6

ALL CAMP SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 3 PM

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Abbott's Outdoor Adventure Part I

Mon 7/7 - Fri 7/11

\$340 (Members Get 15% off)

Oh, the places you'll see! Explore a variety of local waterways, cruise along scenic bike trails, splash, cool off, and ride the slides at a water park, stroll through shady forests and buzzing meadows observing nature first-hand, and test your courage on a challenging climbing wall with different experiences each week.

Abbott's Outdoor Adventure Part II

Mon 7/21 - Fri 7/25

\$340 (Members Get 15% off)

Oh, the places you'll see! Explore a variety of local waterways, cruise along scenic bike trails, splash, cool off, and ride the slides at a water park, stroll through shady forests and buzzing meadows observing nature first-hand, and test your courage on a challenging climbing wall with different experiences each week.

Abbott's Outdoor Adventure Part III

Mon 8/4 - Fri 8/8

\$340 (Members Get 15% off)

Oh, the places you'll see! Explore a variety of local waterways, cruise along scenic bike trails, splash, cool off, and ride the slides at a water park, stroll through shady forests and buzzing meadows observing nature first-hand, and test your courage on a challenging climbing wall with different experiences each week.



ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Excellent Adventures

Mon 6/9 - Fri 6/13

\$490 (Members Get 15% off)

Go fishing, paddling, geocaching, and test your skill and stamina as we climb at the DE Rock Gym.

Hike into the woods, play outdoor games, and experience a new adventure each day! Challenge yourself on a high ropes adventure and shed the summer heat in while you explore a local creek.

Van transportation for field trips included.

Child Versus Wild

Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20

\$370 (Members Get 15% off)

Become an outdoor survivalist and set yourself loose in the wild! Learn to survive in the wild by learning skills in fire building, first aid, trail safety, wild edible plants, cooking in the wild, shelter building, fishing and archery. Get yourself out of the boondocks in one piece. Van transportation provided for field trips.

No camp 6/19 for Juneteenth.

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ALL CAMP SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 3 PM

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Natural History of Battlefields

Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20

\$380 (Members Get 15% off)

Explore local battlefields and fortifications to understand the impact of terrain and nature on historical events. Explore and examine the natural ecosystems of these areas. Visit and tour the sites of the battle of the Brandywine (Revolutionary War), Fort Delaware (Civil War to WWII) and Fort DuPont (Spanish American War to WWII). Learn how nature is a prime factor in shaping both local and world history. Van transportation for field trips included.

No camp 6/19 for Juneteenth.

Young Ornithologists

Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20

\$340 (Members Get 15% off)

Become an ornithologist - master the science of birds! Meet with experts and go to special places to observe amazing feathered creatures! See herons, eagles, shorebirds, and many other species on our travels. Conduct real scientific research and become a citizen scientist! Van transportation provided for field trips.

No camp 6/19 for Juneteenth.

Fun with Fishing

Mon 6/23 - Fri 6/27

\$455 (Members Get 15% off)

Begin your week at a private pond where we will learn the basics of fishing and fish identification. Cast a line, use different lures, fish with live bait and master the art of unhooking your catch. Fish every day and become an expert angler. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Tom Sawyer

Mon 6/23 - Fri 6/27

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Enjoy nature and marvel at its beauty - Tom Sawyer style. Hunt for worms and follow a trail of ants. Investigate ladybugs and listen for birds. Listen to excerpts from the Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain. Explore and tube your way down the Brandywine River. Write a play, make costumes, and present the masterpiece at a camp rally. Spread your blanket, lie back, and search for hawks as you enjoy a picnic at an overlook. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Tough Mudder Nature

Mon 6/23 - Fri 6/27

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Swing, scramble, splash, and compete in events that build strength, fitness, mental grit, and camaraderie on the rugged terrain of the Brandywine Valley! Challenges contain Mudder Nature's finest - creeks, forests, webs, logs, and mud! Drop off and pick up at 2900 Montchanin Rd. Wilmington, DE 19807. Van transportation included when needed for weather.

Bucktoe Creek Classic

Mon 6/30 - Thur 7/3

\$430 (Members Get 15% off)

Get in the camp spirit at Bucktoe Creek Preserve! Try your hand at natural crafts, build forts, compete in games, and explore Bucktoe after dark. Wednesday, bring your sleeping bag and camp out under the stars. Van transportation for day trips to Bucktoe provided. Pick up on Thursday is at 1pm at Bucktoe Creek Preserve.

This is a 4-day camp.



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ALL CAMP SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 3 PM

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

DelNature Games

Mon 6/30 - Thur 7/3

\$310 (Members Get 15% off)

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This is a 4-day camp.

Small Watercraft Adventures

Mon 6/30 - Thur 7/3

\$340 (Members Get 15% off)

Use various small watercraft to ply local waters.

Canoe, kayak, and tube your way around lakes, ponds, and rivers. Learn proper techniques and have a blast on the water! Campers must know how to swim. Van transportation for field trips provided.

This is a 4-day camp.

Camp Avatar

Mon 7/7 - Fri 7/11

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Water. Earth. Fire. Air. Do you have the skills to master them all? Become a bender at Bucktoe for the week and take on challenges and adventures. Find out who has what it takes to master all four elements! Meets at Bucktoe Creek Preserve, 432 Sharp Road, Avondale, PA 19311. Van transportation included when needed for weather.

Careers in Science

Mon 7/7 - Fri 7/11

\$455 (Members Get 15% off)

Have you ever wondered what it takes to become an environmental advocate, a wildlife scientist, or a geologist? Visit with professionals from a variety of scientific careers to discover their jobs.

Conduct experiments, track wildlife, explore marshes, handle reptiles, and much more. Van transportation for field trips included.

Kayak Club

Mon 7/7 - Fri 7/11

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Experience the thrill of controlling your own boat during this water adventure. Hone your paddling skills and explore local waterways. Sneak up on all different types of wildlife, including mammals, water birds, and turtles! Start the week in a nearby lake and work your way up to creeks and rivers. All experience levels welcome. Must know how to swim. Van transportation for field trips included.



SUMMER CAMP GRADE COMPLETED 4, 5, OR 6

ALL CAMP SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 3 PM

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Canoe Club

Mon 7/14 - Fri 7/18

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Put your paddling skills to the test! Start by learning basic strokes and enjoying wildlife like eagles, herons, and beavers. Then, put your skills to work on a cruise down the Brandywine River. Use nets to sample aquatic life on your way. All experience levels welcome. Must be able to swim. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Rock Hunters

Mon 7/14 - Fri 7/18

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Get ready to Rock & Roll! Collect samples throughout the week and start your own rock collection! Explore unique rock formations and visit a local mineral shop. Create a rock exhibition to display our finds. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Young Botanists

Mon 7/14 - Fri 7/18

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Become a Botanist! Discover the world of plants from native edible plants to houseplants. Keep a botany journal for all your new finds. Explore a local garden center and become a master of propagation. Experience life on the farm through gardening and learn about the importance of sustainable agriculture. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Aqua Lab

Mon 7/21 - Fri 7/25

\$455 (Members Get 15% off)

Get wet and wild exploring freshwater ecosystems and experiment with water! Search for aquatic animals while you tube down the Brandywine River. Sample stream water, aquatic organisms, and compare fish. Make a jar aquarium to take care of for the week. Van Transportation for field trips provided.

Child Versus Wild

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Fun with Fishing

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Kayak Club

Mon 7/28 - Fri 8/1

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Have the thrill of controlling your own boat during this water adventure. Hone your paddling skills and explore local waterways. Sneak up on all different types of wildlife, including mammals, water birds, and turtles! Start the week in a nearby lake and work your way up to creeks and rivers. All experience levels welcome. Must know how to swim. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Nature Photography

Mon 7/28 - Fri 8/1

\$480 (Members Get 15% off)

Try your hand at the exciting art of nature photography as you explore local natural areas. Seek great photo opportunities of birds, butterflies, frogs, turtles, and an assortment of mammals. Meet with local wildlife photographers, create a portfolio, participate in a photo contest and be a star in your own photo art show. Family and friends are invited to attend the art show on Friday! Van transportation for field trips provided.

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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Young Entomologists

Mon 7/28 - Fri 8/1

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Explore the world of insects from honeybees and dragonflies to cicadas and katydids. Catch insects and study their behaviors from various ecosystems, meet with professional entomologists, and create your own collection of real specimens. Visit local insect hotspots and keep an insect field journal.

Van transportation for field trips provided.

Camp Perseid

Mon 8/4 - Fri 8/8

\$460 (Members Get 15% off)

It's Greek Week! Study Astronomy and the myths that are found in the summer skies. Prepare for our Pentathlon with running, archery, javelins, and chariot racing! Thursday evening, campers and families come together for an after hours experience to view the Perseid meteor shower in the shadow of the stone water tower. Drop off and pick up everyday at 2900 Montchanin Rd. Wilmington, DE 19807. Van transportation included when needed for weather.

Canoe Club

Mon 8/4 - Fri 8/8

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Put your paddling skills to the test! Start by learning basic strokes and enjoying wildlife like eagles, herons, and beavers. Then, put your skills to work on a cruise down the Brandywine River. Use nets to sample aquatic life on your way. All experience levels welcome. Must be able to swim. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Kayak Club

Mon 8/11 - Fri 8/15

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Have the thrill of controlling your own boat during this water adventure. Hone your paddling skills and explore local waterways. Sneak up on all different types of wildlife, including mammals, water birds, and turtles! Start the week in a nearby lake and work your way up to creeks and rivers. All experience levels welcome. Must know how to swim. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Excellent Adventures

Mon 8/18 - Fri 8/22

\$490 (Members Get 15% off)

Go fishing, paddling, geocaching, and test your skill and stamina as we climb at the DE Rock Gym. Hike into the woods, play outdoor games, and experience a new adventure each day! Challenge yourself on a high ropes adventure and shed the summer heat in while you explore a local creek. Van transportation for field trips included.

Sporting with Nature

Mon 8/25 - Fri 8/29

\$455 (Members Get 15% off)

Combine your love of sports with your love of nature! Spend the week sampling a different outdoor sport each day, discovering wildlife and nature as we go. Immerse yourself in aquatic habitats, fish, paddle, and dive into geology. Look for wildlife as you go geocaching and play frisbee golf. All experience levels are welcome. Van transportation for field trips provided.



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ALL CAMP SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 3 PM

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Wizard's Kitchen

Mon 6/23 - Fri 6/27

\$495 (Members Get 15% off)

Craft enchanting Pumpkin Pasties, Treacle Tarts, Fizzing Wizzbees, and more in the wizard's kitchen. Dive into movie-inspired recipes with most of your time spent conjuring culinary wonders.

Farm Quest

Mon 7/7 - Fri 7/11

\$390 (Members Get 15% off)

A journey awaits you. Solve riddles, discover secrets, play games, and embark on an adventure like never before! Use your skills to navigate the rolling hills of Coverdale guided by curiosity and some help from your friends. Rise to the challenge and work together to explore the wonders of nature.

Coverdale Artist

Mon 7/14 - Fri 7/18

\$410 (Members Get 15% off)

Nestled between rolling pastures, open meadows, a flowing stream, and a serene pond, Coverdale Artist summer camp offers a unique and inspiring environment for budding artists to unleash their creativity and hone their skills in the great outdoors. Our camp is a haven for young artists, where the beauty of nature becomes their canvas and the world around them becomes their muse.

Wizards and Lizards

Mon 7/21 - Fri 7/25

\$495 (Members Get 15% off)

Enroll in an enchanting journey where young wizards and curious creatures come together for a week of whimsical experiences. Dive into spellbinding activities, explore mythical creatures, and unlock the secrets of the magical world. Join us for a week filled with wonders beyond your wildest imagination.

Farmer's Apprentice Two Week Camp

Mon 7/28 - Fri 8/8

\$810 (Members Get 15% off)

Join us for a summer filled with hands-on farming experiences, nature exploration, and a deeper understanding of sustainable agriculture. Apprentices meet and work with our skilled farmers, learning the art of growing, tending to animals, and cultivating the land. Activities include caring for livestock, vegetable production, and maybe a little farm-to-table cooking. As the days pass, they'll develop a strong connection to the environment, understanding the vital role of farming in our lives. Van transportation for field trips provided.

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ALL CAMP SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 3 PM

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Abbott's Outdoor Teen Adventures

Mon 6/30 - Thur 7/3

\$300 (Members Get 15% off)

Actively participate in fun and exciting outdoor activities to improve your skills navigating a canoe, traversing a challenging bike trail, splashing around a water park, and braving a treetop journey of rope courses and ziplines.

This is a 4-day camp.



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DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Christina River Rangers

A partnership camp with the Wilmington Youth Rowing Association and Delaware Nature Society.

Youth ages 10 - 14 can dive into an unforgettable two-week adventure along the scenic Christina River! Christina River Rangers offers campers the chance to explore and experience the river's ecosystem from multiple angles. Start by learning the basics of rowing with the Wilmington Youth Rowing Association (WYRA) and experience the thrill of teamwork in the "ultimate team sport." Then, embark on a hands-on environmental exploration of the Christina River Watershed at the **DuPont Environmental Education Center (DEEC)**, where campers will use nets, traps, and other tools to observe local aquatic life up close. **For more information and registration visit WYRA.org.**

Make DEEC your destination this summer! Hike or bike the Markell Trail, enjoy Summer Saturdays with Netting at the Marsh and Visit with the Animals programs, explore the new butterfly garden or canoe and kayak the Christina! Learn more: DelNature.org

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Canoe Adventures

Mon 6/9 - Fri 6/13

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Put your paddling skills to the test! Start by learning basic strokes and enjoy wildlife like eagles, herons, and beavers. Paddle at ponds, rivers, and marshes for a fun week testing your skills on the water. Use nets to sample aquatic life on your way.

All experience levels welcome. Must be able to swim. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Kayak Adventures

Mon 6/16 - Fri 6/20

\$340 (Members Get 15% off)

Paddle in places where only kayaks can! Enjoy the thrill of cruising small rapids, running rubble dams, and sneaking up on wildlife. Learn the basics of kayaking and play kayak games. Test your skills with challenge paddles down the Brandywine.

All experience levels welcome. Must know how to swim. Van transportation for field trips provided.

No camp 6/19 for Juneteenth.

SUMMER CAMP GRADE COMPLETED 7, 8, OR 9

ALL CAMP SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 3 PM

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Outdoor Adventures & Videography

Mon 6/23 - Fri 6/27

\$490 (Members Get 15% off)

Experience the excitement of outdoor activities like climbing, kayaking, and fishing while capturing the action on digital video. As a group, we will create a film to document the week's adventures using GoPro cameras, a digital camcorder, and phone cameras. Bring your own equipment or use ours! Van transportation for field trips provided.

Island Adventures

Mon 6/30 - Thur 7/3

\$405 (Members Get 15% off)

Start the week learning to paddle at Lum's Pond, then explore a new island each day by motorboat, canoe, or kayak! Explore rocky shorelines, dig for clams, and play island games. Stay for an extended day on Wednesday and enjoy an "Island Celebration." Must be able to swim. Pick up at 7 pm on Wednesday. Van transportation for field trips included.

This is a 4-day camp.

Beginning Backpackers

Mon 7/7 - Fri 7/11

\$495 (Members Get 15% off)

Set off for adventure and learn the basics of backpacking! Pack a backpack, read a map, start a fire, and cook camp food. On Thursday, trek to the Bucktoe Creek Preserve on an overnight backpacking experience! Van transportation for field trips provided.

Conservation in Action

Mon 7/14 - Fri 7/18

\$495 (Members Get 15% off)

Spend the week exploring conservation! Become an environmental advocate and conservationist as you talk to policy movers and shakers, environmentalists, land managers, and other professionals during this extended day camp. Immerse yourself in the world of environmental policy by visiting Dover's Legislative Hall and participating in your very own mock hearing! Travel downstate for an overnight camping experience to finish the week. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Advanced Botany

Mon 7/21 - Fri 7/25

\$455 (Members Get 15% off)

Experience the life of an advanced botanist. Learn about the world of plants through botanists around Delaware. Visit local garden centers, botanical gardens, and an old growth forest. Complete a week-long project and make your own mini terrarium to take home! Van transportation for field trips included.

Canoe Adventures

Mon 7/21 - Fri 7/25

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Put your paddling skills to the test! Start by learning basic strokes and enjoy wildlife like eagles, herons, and beavers.

Paddle at ponds, rivers, and marshes for a fun week testing your skills on the water. Use nets to sample aquatic life on your way. All experience levels welcome. Must be able to swim. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Teen Wildlife Biologists

Mon 7/28 - Fri 8/1

\$455 (Members Get 15% off)

Spend the week becoming a wildlife scientist! Learn modern wildlife science techniques to find, examine, survey, and enjoy wildlife. Use radio-telemetry to track box turtles and record their position with GPS. Hike little-explored areas, learn from professionals, and become the complete wildlife scientist! Van transportation provided for field trips.

Survivor

Mon 8/4 - Fri 8/8

\$455 (Members Get 15% off)

Join our team, outwit, and outplay each other in the wild. Teams will complete obstacle courses and outdoor skill challenges to earn the "survivor" title each day. Do you have what it takes to survive the wild? Van transportation for field trips provided.

SUMMER CAMP GRADE COMPLETED 7, 8, OR 9

ALL CAMP SESSIONS RUN DAILY, 8:30 AM - 3 PM

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Earth and Sky

Mon 8/11 - Fri 8/15

\$565 (Members Get 15% off)

Join us for a week exploring earth and space through geology, paleontology, meteorology, and astronomy! Observe the moon, stars, and other celestial objects through high-powered telescopes at night. Make the jump to earth and hunt fossils, collect rock and mineral samples, and visit a historic mine. Perform weather experiments and track your observations and recordings for the week. Stay overnight in the Ashland lodge Wednesday and Thursday nights to explore Ashland after dark. Take night hikes, tell stories by campfires, play games, and much more! Van transportation for field trips provided.

Outdoor Leadership Skills

Mon 8/11 - Fri 8/15

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Do you love nature, animals, and children? Learn creative ways to interact and share your interests with a wide range of age groups. Practice leading games, crafts, and story-telling, and showing animals. Practice becoming a camp counselor at Ashland!

Kayak Adventures

Mon 8/18 - Fri 8/22

\$425 (Members Get 15% off)

Paddle in places where only kayaks can! Enjoy the thrill of cruising small rapids, running rubble dams, and sneaking up on wildlife. Learn the basics of kayaking and play kayak games. Test your skills with challenge paddles down the Brandywine. All experience levels welcome. Must know how to swim. Van transportation for field trips provided.



COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

ARTVenture

Mon 6/30 - Thur 7/3

\$355 (Members Get 15% off)

Creative campers, welcome! Join us for an inspiring art camp at the stunning Coverdale Farm Preserve and dive into advanced art techniques amidst beautiful farm and forest settings. Experience two exciting field trips to local art museums, discovering artistic potential and gaining fresh perspectives. Unleash your creativity and make lasting memories in this vibrant environment! Van transportation for field trips provided.

This is a 4-day camp.

Chopped: Coverdale Style

Mon 7/14 - Fri 7/18

\$495 (Members Get 15% off)

Embrace your creativity and competitive spirit in the Culinary Chopped Challenge! Savor the taste of victory with every delectable creation your teams whip up. Explore diverse ingredients, textures, and flavors to craft culinary perfection. Cap the week with a cook-off to showcase your original masterpieces. Get ready for kitchen adventures! Van transportation for field trips provided.

DAY OFF CAMPS

No School and you still have to work? We've got you covered!

Sign up for DelNature Day Off Camps and get your kids outdoors and into nature!

GRADE COMPLETED 4, 5 OR 6

Wizards & Lizards Overnight (Ashland Nature Center)

Sun 2/16, 3:00 PM - Mon 2/17, 5:00 PM

\$185 (Members Get 15% off)

Join your prefects and instructors from summer camp for this special winter event in the Ashland Lodge. Pack your wand and your sleeping bag for a night of magic and wizard fun. Our annual "Wizards and Lizards" overnight will be filled with fun and surprises! Take a moonlit hike into the forest... visit our "Three Broomsticks Club" for music and fun. Bring your own Wizard's dinner. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are included. Registrants will receive a list of what to bring.

Ultimate Scavenger Hunt (Ashland Nature Center)

Fri 4/18, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

\$75 (Members Get 15% off)

Spend the day geocaching in style on the ultimate scavenger hunt! Discover secret messages, hidden caches, and concealed treasures using clues and technology as you hike and geocache on local trails. Van transportation for field trips included.

GRADE COMPLETED K, 1, 2 OR 3

Winter Wonders (Ashland Nature Center)

Mon 2/17, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

\$70 (Members Get 15% off)

Winter brings many new secrets to explore at Ashland. Learn how native animals survive in the winter, build forts to keep warm, and discover the world of maple sugaring. Gather round a campfire for s'mores and stories. Play and explore on this winter adventure!

Spring Break at Ashland (Ashland Nature Center)

Fri 4/18, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

\$70 (Members Get 15% off)

Dive into spring at Ashland! Discover nature as it comes alive after winter's slumber. Listen to the chorus of frogs and birds, can you track down who is calling? Find spring amphibians, observe all the life stages of a frog, and visit with some of Ashland's live animals! Play and explore during this one day spring break adventure!

PARENTS CORNER: GET READY FOR CAMP!

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SEASON DATES
Jun 9 - Aug 29

GROWN-UP AND ME SESSIONS RUN 9:30 am - 12 pm
PRE-K SUMMER FUN SESSIONS RUN 8:30 am - 12 pm
CAMP SESSIONS RUN 8:30 am - 3 pm

How to Register

REGISTRATION OPEN DATES

Members: Feb 3 at 8:30 am

Non-members: Feb 10 at 8:30 am

REGISTER ONLINE AT

DelNature.org/SummerCamp

Online registration is the best way to ensure your child's spot in camp! If you need a paper copy of the registration form, please email Glynne Nagle at glynne@DelNature.org.

Paper registrations are processed in the order they are received.

Look for a confirmation email when you complete your registration and be sure to check your spam folder for DelNature updates.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Call 302.239.2334

You will need MMR and DPT vaccination dates to register.

Confirm access to your account by signing in **PRIOR** to registration day!

Extended Camp

Available only at Ashland for full day campers

Ashland attendees can register for Extended Camp before and after their camp session to play, explore, and create with us!

Only offered for camps that meet at Ashland.

No single-day options.

Not offered the week of 8/25-8/29.

TIMES & PRICES

Before Camp: 7:30 - 8:30 am, \$55/week*

After Camp: 3:00 - 6:00 pm, \$95/week*

**15% Member Discount applies to Extended Camp*

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Camp Communication:

Before your camp week

Prepping for your Summer Camp before the camp week:

- For your convenience, the Parents Corner, found on our Summer Camp webpage includes all the detailed information you will need for how to prepare for your camp week. If your camp has specific information you need to know, it will be posted at least two weeks prior to the start of the camp. Keep this link handy for all your camp information needs: DelNature.Org/CampInfo.

During your camp week

Homeroom App: Your hub for camp updates and pictures during the camp week:

- This summer we will be using the homeroom app to share updates during your child's camp week. We will be posting pictures and notifying parents of any important information and reminders throughout the week. Check the app to stay up to date with camp news. The week before your camp you will receive an email with instructions to access the private group for your child's camp. We can't wait to share all the fun of summer camp with DelNature parents!

PARENTS CORNER: GET READY FOR CAMP!

Vaccinations to Register

- Dates of 2 MMR and 1 DPT shot are required at time of registration.

Scholarship

- Scholarships are available. Download the application at DelNature.org/Scholarships

Refunds, Cancellations & Transfers

Effective June 1st, camp fees are non-refundable.

- Requests to withdraw from camp, made before June 1st, will be honored with a full refund if we can fill your child's spot, at the time of cancellation, with a child on the waiting list. If we cannot fill the spot at the time of cancellation, a cancellation fee of \$100 will be held. Effective June 1st, camp fees are non-refundable.
- Transfers will be accommodated as available. Two transfers, to another session, are permitted. Any additional transfers will be charged at \$35 administrative fee.

Photo Release

- By checking "yes" to photo release during registration, you are giving us the right to use photos/videos of your child to support our mission. We also reserve the right to use participant artwork to support our mission.

Camp Ages

- To provide the best experience possible, campers must have completed the correct grade indicated for each camp, to participate. Campers who are not in the correct grade group will be canceled from the camp.

How to Get On a Camp's Waitlist

- When searching camps on the Activities Calendar, you may see, after clicking on the camp, an alert saying the camp is full. In that alert, there is

a link to fill out a form to get on the waitlist for that camp. Submit that form to get on our waitlist.

Basic Policies for All Summer Camps

- **Absence:** If your child is not able to attend on a particular day, please let us know promptly so the camp is not delayed waiting for your child's arrival. See the Parents Corner for contact information for your camp site.
- **Non-Parent Pick-Up:** Add authorized pick-up people to your child's file during camp registration. After registration, authorized pick up people can be added through our front desk using the phone number below. IDs will be checked at pick up.
- **Inclement Weather at Pick-Up:** In case of heavy rain or thunderstorms please stay in your car until the storm abates. We will keep the campers in a safe, dry place during inclement weather and staff will then bring the campers out for pick up. Please note this may result in late pick up. Parents who cannot wait out the thunderstorm at pick up are welcome to pick up their child early before storms begin.
- **Road Closures:** During the summer, construction and road closures happen. We will do our best to alert you of these as we become aware of them. Updates will be posted on our website, Parents Corner, and the Homeroom App.
- **Lunch & Snacks:** Campers should bring water, lunch and snacks. If refrigeration is needed, campers will be asked to use an "Igloo" or similar personal lunch box with a cold pack. Water bottles can be refilled at the water fountain.
- **All allergies (food or other), emotional, physical and behavioral exceptionalities, restrictions, or medical needs** must be listed on your child's registration form, so that we can ensure they have a safe and

quality camp experience. The more we know about your child, the better we can make their experience. Feel free to call our camp staff to discuss your child's needs.

- **Sick Policy:** We ask parents to screen their child for illness before coming to camp each morning. If your child is showing any signs of illness, please keep them home. We will send children showing signs of illness home.

Drop Off & Pick Up

- Drop off begins 10 min. before the camp start time. Pick up begins 10 min. before the camp end time.

What to Bring

Make sure everything is marked with your camper's name

- Day pack with water bottle, snacks, and lunch – packs will be stored in a classroom during the day
- A change of clothes and shoes (shoes get wet, it's best to have a dry pair to change in to)
- Non-aerosol Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Bathing suit and towel (Ashland camps only)
- Medication (labeled and in original packaging w/instructions)

Medications

- For Campers requiring medications at camp, parents must complete the medication administration form and turn it in to the camp staff with the medication. Medication must be in the original container. For prescription medication, we must follow the dosage instructions on the prescription. For over-the-counter medications, dosage may not exceed the label instructions. The medication administration form can be found on the parent's corner web page. Please send only enough medications for the week and be sure to pick up the bottle at the end of the camp session.

PARENTS CORNER: GET READY FOR CAMP!

What to Wear

- Clothes that can get muddy and worn in all kinds of weather.
- Hat
- Closed-toe shoes (old sneakers, or water shoes) – no flip flops or sandals
- Dress for the weather - we go outside if it is raining

Kayak, Canoe, & Paddling Camps

What to Pack

- Lunch: Please pack in a waterproof container (like a dry bag)
- Water bottle
- Dry bag: We strongly suggest purchasing a 20-liter dry bag for your child to store and carry their lunch and belongings.

- Rain jacket if rain is in the forecast
- Towel
- Extra sunscreen/insect repellent

What to Wear

- Bathing suits or clothes that can get wet and dirty
- Closed-toe water shoes or sneakers that can get wet and that stay on
- Kayak gloves or a pair of good fitting garden gloves are optional, but they help prevent blisters and make hands more comfortable when paddling
- Hat (important for sun and insect protection)
- Sunglasses

Cooking Camps

What to Pack & Wear

- Wear closed-toe shoes
- Have hair tied back/braided and not hanging down loosely
- Avoid wearing shirts with flowing sleeves
- Bring 1-2 smaller plastic dishes with tight-fitting lids for campers to take samples home for sharing

FORMS

All forms mentioned can be found on the Parents Corner online

DelNature.org/ParentsCorner

See our map of locations on pages 5.
For location-specific questions, contact:

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

302.413.5074 | AbbottsPrograms@DelNature.org

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

302.413.5071 | AshlandPrograms@DelNature.org

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

302.413.5078 | CoverdalePrograms@DelNature.org

General Camp and Payment Questions 302.239.2334



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Hockessin, DE 19707

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Permit # 605

Save the Date!

ANNUAL MEETING

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Tuesday, April 22

*Join us to celebrate our accomplishments
in 2024 and our vision for the future!*

NATIVE PLANT SALE

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

**Friday, May 2 (Member Day!) and
Saturday, May 3**

*Plant Native, Buy Local.
Native plants provide vital habitats
and food for wildlife, conserve
water, and create visual interest
in your yard!*



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