

SUMMER 2019

# NATURE CAMPS



## FAMILY CAMP

For two or more Parent & Child combos  
Ages 3 and up!

Week Ten; Aug 26-30  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
(with Thursday evening special program)

Two person rate: \$175/week

Each additional family member: \$50

### HOME IS WHERE YOUR HABITAT IS

Join us as we use science and art to learn about the immensely diverse Cape May habitats. The week will be filled with exploring a different natural spot each day from the harbor beaches, saltmarsh, meadows, freshwater ponds, woodlands and more! Each family will make their own take home exploration kit to use on their own adventures. In addition to our daily explorations we will include a night hike for ghost crabs and a back bay boat trip!

## NATURE CENTER OF CAPE MAY

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Cape May, NJ 08204

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:  
609-427-3045

REGISTER AT:  
[njaudubon.org/summer-camps](http://njaudubon.org/summer-camps)

NEW JERSEY AUDUBON LOOKS FORWARD TO SHARING THE  
WONDERS OF NATURE WITH YOUR CHILD THIS SUMMER.

We are committed to guiding your child in outdoor adventures that foster a deeper connection with the natural world and that support S.T.E.A.M learning. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)

NJ Audubon membership is required to sign up for camps. Members strengthen the voice with which NJA speaks out for protection of NJ's wildlife and natural areas.



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# DISCOVERY KIDS NATURE CAMP

FOR AGE GROUPS: 3-4 YEAR OLDS, 5-6 YEAR OLDS, 7-8 YEAR OLDS, 9-12 YEAR OLDS.

Join the staff at the Nature Center this summer as we discover the wonders of the world around us. This camp is designed to inspire the scientist, artist, and adventurer within.

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
\$150/week

Must be a NJ Audubon Family member  
Includes one free tee-shirt for the camper per summer.  
*Daily options are also available upon request.*

## WEEK ONE: (June 24-28) Dinosaurs Rock!

Travel back in time with us as we learn about how dinosaurs lived. Let's go on a fantastic fossil find, search for "Cape May Diamonds", and learn how scientists discover the way things were by studying bones. We will look at modern day dinosaurs and learn how animals and the earth have changed over time.

## WEEK TWO: (July 1-5) Breathtaking Birds

Tiny warblers tweet and flit from the bushes while raptors soar overhead looking for a meal. While herons wade in the water, cormorants dive below the surface in search of food. This week we will play games and discover why a bird's beak bends; we'll study the structure of a feather, and learn about backyard birding so that a budding birder will be able to start their "life list".

## WEEK THREE: (July 8-12) Survivor: Pirates

AAARGH! We love to play pirate at "Thee old Nature Center." During this week we will learn how legends were made by experiencing what it was like to live the life of a pirate in the 17th Century. Together, we'll practice skills to help us survive aboard a pirate ship, on deck or in a shipwreck! We will even construct vessels to set sail in Cape May's harbor, all while learning about the ships that travel our local waterways. Join us for a legendary week at the Nature Center!



## WEEK FOUR: (July 15-19) Radical Reptiles and Happening Herpetofauna

It is ssss-surprising to learn that snakes are not slimy after all. Our resident reptiles at the Center will help teach everyone that our slithering, burrowing friends are not to be feared when we learn to respect them. Find out the differences between reptiles and amphibians as we explore these amazing animals.

## WEEK FIVE: (July 22-26) Marvelous Marine Mammals

Whales, dolphins, and seals, oh my! These beautiful creatures are mammals like us, but have adapted to life in the water. The largest mammal in the world eats the smallest organisms in the water while other marine mammals are apex predators as they hunt for fish or other animals. We will study echolocation and understand what to do if we find a stranded whale or dolphin on the beach. Come play like a dolphin in the bay!

## WEEK SIX: (July 29-Aug 2) Creepy Crawlies and Beautiful Butterflies

This week we explore the micro-world of tiny little six-legged friends. We will learn what makes bugs so fascinating from bright colors and wings to hiding in dirt and slimy things. With magnifying glass in hand we will investigate how these critters work and why they depend on the plants around us.

## WEEK SEVEN: (August 5-9) Survivor: Native Americans

By popular demand we bring you a second week of survivor! Come learn Lenape customs like building a shelter, starting a fire, and catching fish. Campers will have fun with target games, animal totems, and fire by friction. Join us this week as we take a break from technology and truly appreciate the land on which we live.

## WEEK EIGHT: (Aug 12-16) The Science of a Sandcastle and Secrets of the Shore

Join our very own award-winning sand sculptor Mr. B, as he leads this week to look at the beach under a different lens...as a detective! We will learn how the beach works from the tiny organisms in between the grains of sand to the crashing waves and water. This fun-filled week will be fueled by our own fascinations and curiosities. Through experiments, we will see how sand can "stick", and what it is made of, and why Cape May is a great spot to engineer a sand castle masterpiece.

# ADVENTURE CAMPS

Times vary (see descriptions below)  
\$275/week  
Includes one free tee-shirt for the camper per session.

## GUY HILL BUCKELEW MEMORIAL YOUTH FISHING CAMP - Ages 9 and up

Week Nine: August 19 to 23 | 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.; including a one 4-hour fishing trip & a 2-hour early evening, inside view of a fishing tournament

Preparation, practice and patience: three principles that will help you succeed in any aspect of life will be presented to our young anglers. A combination of classroom activities, skills practice and actual hands-on fishing opportunities will fill each half day session. Included in the camp experience are an offshore fishing trip and a scheduled visit to the Mid Atlantic Fishing Tournament's weigh-ins.

## OUTDOOR ECO-ADVENTURE CAMP - Ages 11 and up

Week Five: July 22-26 | 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.\* + one 4-hour fishing trip & one all day (9-4) ferry and bicycle trip.

This camp is full of exciting outdoor activities. We'll explore salt marshes, coastal dunes, Cape May's Wildlife Management areas, the back bays, harbor, and the Delaware Bay. Outdoor activities will include hiking, kayaking, birding, fishing, seining, and biking. Our exploration wouldn't be complete without a fishing trip out on the Delaware Bay aboard the Cape May Lady and a ferry trip to our sister Cape in Delaware to bike through the beautiful Cape Henlopen State Park. *\*Times and locations may vary based on activities; parents will receive detailed information regarding preparations and meeting locations the week prior to camp. Call for more information.*

## AQUA TRAILS KAYAK AND PADDLEBOARD CAMP - Ages 12-16

Week Four: July 15 -19 | Week Eight: August 12 - 16  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Young enthusiasts will be introduced to the sports of sea kayaking and stand-up-paddleboarding. Experienced instructors from Aqua Trails will cover topics including safety, basic paddling, wet exit, and self and aided rescues. Tours of the harbor and wetlands are included. No paddling experience is necessary, but campers must be able to swim. All equipment is provided. Campers should bring sunscreen, water shoes, sunglasses (with retainer), a towel, a windbreaker, water, and a bathing suit. Classes are limited to 8 students.



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