

Watershed Nature Camp

2017

OPEN HOUSES:

January 28, 1-3pm

February 28, 6:30-8pm

March 25, 1-3pm

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:

Register by April 1



EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF NATURE!

Come spend a week (or more!) with us out in the woods and the fields! Whether you join us for a water-themed week or an outdoor skills, animal or natural art one, you are sure to have a fabulous time running around in the fresh summer air. Our campers benefit from physical activity, making new friends, trying new things, and learning first-hand about nature. The spirit of camp is even more than that though—it's magical! Camp magic can be experienced through trail



THE WATERSHED CENTER AND RESERVE

Our camp has a distinctive home in our natural and engineered campus! The Watershed Center for Environmental Advocacy, Science, and Education is our new LEED Platinum-certified facility. It is a model for green building in our region. Campers will have a chance to learn in our classrooms, exhibits, science lab and weather station. The Watershed Reserve encompasses 930 acres of field and forest that boasts trails, ponds, and streams as natural places to play, learn and explore.

surprises (box turtle laying eggs!), participating in traditions (and creating new ones!), discovering a new favorite activity, and accomplishing a challenge (hiking to Big Boulder!). As I share my 9th camp season here with you, I see the true evidence that we are doing something that matters—campers return year after year, some become CITs, and even work here as staff members to help new campers have the same (or even better) magical camp experience. Join us!

Tammy

Tammy Love
Watershed Nature Camp Director

SUMMER MEMORIES

This camp is simply the highlight of summer, generating luminous, lasting memories for our campers and staff. It is the marriage of nature, science, spirit, play, and community. Our legacy is an enduring sense of curiosity and a deeper understanding of our place in the natural world. Campers explore and inhabit our acres of fields, forest, farm, pond and stream. They examine the Watershed Center and its expression of sustainability and discover a hidden world through microscopes in our lab. Summer is a time for rejoicing, and a time for growth—I invite you to join the Watershed family through our camp.

Jeff

Jeff Hoagland
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PROGRAMS

AGE BY July 5, 2017	July 5-7	July 10-14	July 17-21	July 24-28	July 31- August 4	August 7-11	August 14-18
5	Tricky Tracks	Paths & Puddles					
6-7	Critter Crazy	Sticks & Stones	Trail Mix	Stream Stompers	Tails & Trails	Backwoods Basics	Drip Drop
8-9	Wings & Things	Nature's Artists	Survivor Kids	Wet & Wild	Animal Adventures	Helter Shelter	Pond-emonium
10-11	Trail Team	Can-do Canoe	Creature Feature	Skill Quest	Artrageous Adventure	Wandering Water	Watershed Wildlife
12-14			Packs & Peaks	Mission: Adventure	Island Days	Paddles & Pines	Home 'Shed Home
15-16		CIT Session 1		CIT Session 2		CIT Session 3	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Registration begins on January 21, 2017. Registration is online only.**
- **Current SBMWA family membership is required.** Sign up or renew on registration form. If your camp form does not match our records, we will add or adjust your membership fee. Contact us to check your membership status.
- **Parent's Guide** will be emailed around June 1.
- **Open Houses:** January 28 1-3pm, February 28 6:30-8pm, March 25 1-3pm.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- Cancellations must be submitted by June 5 for any refund. There is a \$40 processing fee for all refunds.
- Submit request for cancellation through CampDoc OR send written cancellation by mail postmarked by June 5.
- After June 5, refund will be issued only if we are able to fill the vacancy. Vacancies will be filled from wait lists.
- SBMWA membership is not refundable.

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is dedicated to keeping Central New Jersey's water clean, safe and healthy. Founded in 1949, the Watershed Association protects and restores water and the environment through conservation, advocacy, science and education. Visit thewatershed.org to learn more.

BE PART OF WNC 2017!

Registration:

1. Enter our CampDoc portal through: www.thewatershed.org/summer-camp
2. Log in or create a CampDoc login.
3. Register for your favorite camp sessions. If full, sessions will take a wait list.
4. Take all applicable discounts:
 - **Early Bird Discount:** Take 5% off program fees when registered by 11:59pm on April 1.
 - **Sibling Discount:** Take \$25 off per sibling.
 - **Multi-week Discount:** Take \$25 off per week per camper when attending more than one week. Excludes CIT.
5. Pay in full by electronic check or credit card OR set up a payment plan (\$10 fee). All payments due by May 1, 2017; no payment plan available after that date.
6. Complete camper's health profile by May 1, 2017.
7. For help with camp, contact us; for help with CampDoc, use their help page or contact them.

Before & After Care:

- **Before Care:** 8–9AM, \$75 per camper per week or \$20 per camper per day.
- **After Care:** 4–5:30pm, \$105 per camper per week or \$25 per camper per day.
- **Before and After Care:** 8–9AM and 4–5:30pm, \$155 per camper per week.
- **Weekly rates are prorated** for July 5–7, CIT, and if program includes evenings or overnights.

Financial Aid:

- We offer Financial Aid (FA) to families in the greater Trenton area based on financial need.
- FA will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is dispersed.
- FA may be granted in full or in partial. FA may be available for up to 2 weeks of camp.
- Eligibility: Families that receive free or reduced school lunch, NJ SNAP, or NJ TANF are likely eligible for full FA. We also use the Income Eligibility Schedule for Publicly Subsidized Child Care Assistance (NJ Dept. of Human Services) as a guide.
- Campers who receive FA may also receive free bus transportation:
 - July 10–28: Trenton/Ewing route: Dunn Middle School (401 Dayton St., Trenton), Trenton Central High School (1001 W. State St., Trenton), Antheil Elementary School (339 Ewingville Rd., Ewing Township)
 - July 31–August 18: Princeton route: Princeton Community Village (Karl Light Blvd. at Butternut Row, Princeton) and Witherspoon Street (address TBA)
- To apply for FA:
 - Follow the steps in 'Registration' above, choosing the FA session.
 - Pay non-refundable \$25 application fee. If partial FA is granted, the \$25 will be applied to the balance; remainder is due by June 1, 2017.
 - Provide documentation of financial need via upload, email, or mail:
 - 1040 tax form AND 4 weeks proof of income (pay stubs or letter from employer) OR
 - Approved 2016-2017 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals
 - We will inform you of your eligibility after a confidential review of your application.
- SBMWA reserves the right to refuse FA to any applicant. If found that false information was presented, SBMWA has the right to terminate FA immediately.

5-YEAR-OLD CAMPERS

Explore, hike, play and create!

Camp day is 9am–2pm

TRICKY TRACKS \$170

July 5–7 (3 days)

Get wild about the Watershed's furry, feathery, and scaly creatures this week! We will meet our own resident animals up close, then explore outside for signs of wildlife too!



PATHS & PUDDLES \$285

July 10–14

Water you waiting for? Jump in and get messy with us as we explore the stream, trails, and pond for critters and creative inspiration!



6 & 7 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

Play, explore, hike, build fairy and gnome homes, visit the critters and create!

Camp day is 9am–4pm

CRITTER CRAZY \$200

July 5–7 (3 days)

Wonderful wildlife abounds, and we will discover it! Find tracks, scat and nests with us!



STICKS & STONES \$335

July 10–14

Get creative with us as we use natural and recycled materials to make fairy houses, wind chimes and clay projects!

TRAIL MIX \$335

July 17–21

Hit the trail with us! We will roam the Reserve learning trail safety and even get 'lost' in the woods!



STREAM STOMPERS \$335

July 24–28

Let's get our feet wet! Catch sunfish, build boats and explore at the pond and the stream too!

TAILS & TRAILS \$335

July 31–August 4

Who's flying in the fields? Catch butterflies and grasshoppers and search for other signs of animals.

BACKWOODS BASICS \$335

August 7–11

Find out how animals and people survive! We will even learn map skills on a hike to the Lone Tree!

DRIP DROP \$335

August 14–18

Cool off as we enjoy a week full of stream exploration! We will visit the pond once too!

8 & 9 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

Enjoy favorite Watershed activities plus unique themed ones!
Thursday evening cookout included!

Camp day is 9am–4pm, except Thursdays 9am–8pm.

WINGS & THINGS \$210

July 5–7 (3 days)

The Reserve is buzzing with insects to discover! Join us as we search for animals in a variety of habitats.



NATURE'S ARTISTS \$360

July 10–14

Play and create with us using natural materials! Individual and group projects let your creativity shine.

SURVIVOR KIDS \$360

July 17–21

Can we make it? Hit the trail with us and learn how to use compass, map and GPS unit!

WET & WILD \$360

July 24–28

What can we find in the stream? Stomp the Stony Brook near and far as we discover its critters!



ANIMAL ADVENTURES \$360

July 31–August 4

Hawk, who goes there? Wild critters are our focus, from vultures to butterflies and foxes to snakes!

HELTER SHELTER \$360

August 7–11

Can we survive? Learn to build fires and different types of shelters as we meet a group challenge!

POND-EMONIUM \$360

August 14–18

Pond it up with us as we get wet and muddy, use dip-nets, and explore what lives in pond and stream!



10 & 11 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

Day trip included each week to enhance our weekly theme!
Watershed Reserve overnights included each Thursday featuring night hikes, tent camping and campfire cooking!
Camp day is 9am–4pm except for Thursday overnights.

TRAIL TEAM \$260

July 5–7 (3 days)

Let's sharpen our outdoor skills through tracking, plant identification, shelter-building and more. Then explore new territory as we hike Merrill Creek Reservoir!



ARTRAGEOUS ADVENTURE \$435

July 31–August 4

Venture outside to find your inner creativity! Collect natural materials all over the Reserve and turn them into art! Then enjoy fossil hunting on our trip to Big Brook!

CAN-DO CANOE \$465

July 10–14

Join us for water fun every day while we investigate our stream and pond. Then we will go canoeing on a local canal or lake!

CREATURE FEATURE \$450

July 17–21

Explore the Reserve for amazing creatures! Then visit Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge for a special program and up-close critter encounter!

SKILL QUEST \$465

July 24–28

Practice our outdoor survival skills such as fire-building and compass navigation, then try out the low ropes course and climbing wall at YMCA Camp Bernie!

WANDERING WATER \$465

August 7–11

Ready, set, paddle! Make a splash in the Stony Brook finding frogs, crayfish, herons, and turtles. Then we will go canoeing on a local canal or lake!

WATERSHED WILDLIFE \$435

August 14–18

Crazy for critters? Explore the Reserve for animals and their signs, spot hidden critters, and take a trip to the Mercer County Wildlife Center for a special meeting with rehabilitated wildlife!

12–14 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

Overnight trip each week; rated 1 (easiest) to 5 (most challenging).
Favorite activities and group challenges.

Camp day is 9am–4pm except overnights. 4pm except overnights.

PACKS & PEAKS \$470



July 17–21

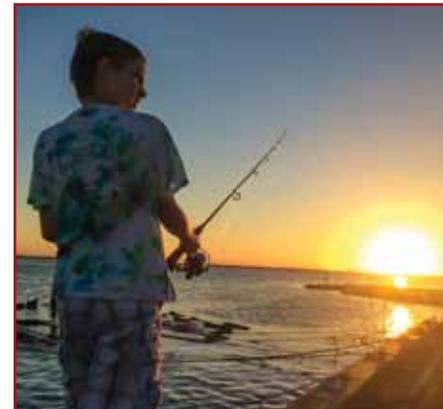
Pack up and join us on the trail in New York's Harriman State Park! Learn backpacking techniques and wilderness ethics as we summit mountains and enjoy the views! Overnight trip is Thursday-Friday.

MISSION: ADVENTURE \$515



July 24–28

Journey north to NJ's highest elevation! We will get to know High Point State Park through hiking, swimming, and exploring from our base camp at their group cabin! Overnight trip is Wednesday-Friday.



ISLAND DAYS \$545



July 31–August 4

Enjoy kayaking, fishing, birding and more at Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center! This unique spot on the coast of NJ is home to some amazing wildlife! Overnight trip is Wednesday-Friday.



PADDLES & PINES \$515



August 7–11

Spend two days canoeing through piney, sandy wilderness! We hope to discover local gems such as carnivorous plants and spotted turtles! Overnight trip is Thursday-Friday.

HOME 'SHED HOME \$470



August 14–18

Return to the Watershed Reserve for this last week. Canoe the pond, hike to Big Boulder, and camp in the wilds—all in our own 'backyard'! Overnight is Thursday-Friday.



15 & 16 YEAR OLDS—COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT): FEE \$245 PER SESSION

CIT day is 8:30am–4:30pm
(Thursdays until 8pm or overnight).

- For responsible people that enjoy being outdoors and working with children.
- Gain valuable experience and training as you assist camp staff with our younger campers.
- Additional information will be sent after you register.
- Register for one session only.
- After one successful year as a CIT, participants may be invited back for a second year.



SESSION 1 **\$245; JULY 10–21**

SESSION 2 **\$245; JULY 24–AUGUST 4**

SESSION 3 **\$245; AUGUST 7–18**

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS!

Looking for a meaningful experience this summer?

Attend one of **The Watershed Science & Stewardship Academies**—Week-long programs designed to engage high school-aged students in real-time science and stewardship practices that promote awareness, investigation, action, and leadership as they enter their adult roles in their community.

Topics include: water quality, green architecture and technology, environmental stewardship, sustainability, and the scientific process.
Registration opens early in 2017.

For more details visit <http://thewatershed.org/education/academy>

WATERSHED NATURE CAMP FAQ

1. What are the dates and hours of camp?

The 2017 camp season is July 5–August 18. Programs run Monday through Friday except July 5–7. Most are 9am to 4pm, with exceptions for cookouts, overnights, and ages 5, 15, and 16.

2. What is the dress code?

Dress for active outdoor play—shorts, t-shirt, and two pairs of close-toed, hard-soled shoes, including one pair that can get wet. No flip-flops, crocs, any open-toed or soft-soled shoes.

3. Do you serve meals?

No, campers must bring a lunch and two snacks daily. During overnights, healthy dinner, breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided. Before and After Care campers should bring extra snacks.

4. What do campers need to bring?

Water bottles (at least 1 liter total capacity; 2-3 liters for older campers), a full set of extra clothes, hat, rain jacket, towel, plastic bag for wet/dirty clothing, a second pair of shoes for getting wet (sneakers or close-toed, hard-soled water sandals), a large bag for everything, and a small backpack for trail essentials.

5. What about weather?

If it rains, we put our jackets on and keep exploring! Bring a poncho or rain jacket—no umbrellas. We seek shelter in heavy rain, thunderstorms, and excessive heat.

6. What is the staff like?

Groups are staffed at a ratio of 5 to 7 campers per staff member. Staff is primarily comprised of college students and full-time staff. All camp staff members are First Aid and CPR certified, and some possess Lifeguarding or other advanced certifications.

7. Should I bring insect repellent or sunscreen?

Campers should arrive wearing sunscreen and know how to apply it themselves. Insect repellent is optional and a personal choice. Staff does not apply either to campers. No aerosol sprays please.

8. What about poison ivy and ticks?

Staff members are trained to teach campers how to identify and avoid natural hazards like ticks and poison ivy. We recommend that campers also check themselves nightly after bathing. If you have further questions, contact the Camp Director.

9. What if my child is sick before or during the camp day?

If your child is not feeling well, please keep him/her home and call us to report his or her absence. If your child becomes ill during the camp day, we will call you; early pick up may be necessary. Campers must be fever-free, vomit-free, and diarrhea-free for 24 hours before returning to camp.

10. Do you offer before or after camp extended care?

Yes, we offer extended care for your convenience. Before Care is available from 8 to 9AM and After Care is available from 4 to 5:30pm. Card games, board games, paper, and crayons are provided.

11. Why are groups divided by age this year?

Grouping campers by age instead of grade makes it easier to place children in a camp group. It is also more appropriate for a physically strenuous camp like ours to group children according to physical age instead of academic grade. To register for a group, campers must be the appropriate age by the start date of that group.

12. How do you use my email address?

We send all camp communication by email, including important CampDoc communication, Parent's Guide, and receipts.

13. What is your refund policy?

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