

# Watershed Nature Camp 2018



## **OPEN HOUSES:**

January 13, 2-4 p.m.  
January 31, 6-7:30 p.m.  
February 24, 2-4 p.m.

## **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:**

Register by March 1

## A NOTE FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

Come explore nature with us and gain the benefits of nature by *just being in it*; breathing fresh air, being active, making new friends, and trying new things. Magic happens when campers explore the outside world, catching butterflies, stomping in streams and spending a night under the stars. These experiences transform seemingly ordinary days into something new and fresh. On a typical day, campers may explore a trail, find a praying mantis, build shelters in the woods, or take a challenging hike to Big Boulder. Each day offers time to freely explore outside, where campers' imagination and creativity are unleashed. I am thrilled to share my 10th camp season here with you, having fun, doing something that matters, and deepening our campers' understanding of the natural world around them. Join us!

*Tammy*

Tammy Love  
Camp Director

## THE WATERSHED CENTER AND RESERVE

We are located in a distinctive niche between the natural and engineered environments. Campers explore, learn, and play in our 950-acre Watershed Reserve of fields, forests, trails, ponds, and streams. We also examine the Watershed Center and its expression of sustainability and utilize the classrooms, exhibits, and science lab as part of the experience.

*The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is dedicated to keeping Central New Jersey's water clean, safe and healthy. Visit [thewatershed.org](http://thewatershed.org) to learn more.*



## SUMMER MEMORIES

*This* camp is simply the highlight of summer, generating luminous, lasting memories for our campers and staff. It offers a priceless 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. The seeds of science and stewardship are deeply sewn through immersion in nature—campers want to protect that which they love. In this regard, this camp is a critical piece of the Watershed Association's mission to keep water clean, healthy and safe. 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  
Education Director





## PROGRAMS

AGE ON OCT 1, 2018	July 2–6 (4 days)	July 9–13	July 16–20	July 23–27	July 30– August 3	August 6–10	August 13–17
5	Snail Trails	Tadpole Troop	Painted Turtles	Crafty Critters	Eco Explorers	Splish Splash	Fur & Feathers
6–7	Forest Friends	Artsy Ants	Trail Tales	Pond Pals	Bugs & Butterflies	Nature Nuts	Puddle Jumpers
8–9	Buggin' Out	Makin' Mud	Kid vs Wild	Wacky Waters	Watershed Safari	Trail Blazers	Pond & Beyond
10–11	Run A-Muck	Aqua Quest	Primitive Pursuits	Survival Revival	Frog Slog	Creative Chaos	Animals Antics
12–14		Skills & Thrills	Island Days	Trek It Out	Outdoor Odyssey	River Ramble	Home 'Shed Home
15–16	CIT Session 1			CIT Session 2		CIT Session 3	

## THEMES

Outdoor Skills	Water	Animals	Natural Art
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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Online registration for SBMWA members** begins on January 5, 2018.
- **Online registration for non-members** begins on January 19, 2018.
- **Parent's Guide** will be emailed on or about May 1.

## CANCELLATION POLICY:

- For refund, cancellations must be submitted by June 2 through CampDoc or postmarked by June 2.
- There is a \$40 processing fee for all refunds.
- After June 2, a 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.

## **REGISTRATION**

1. Go to our camp page: [www.thewatershed.org/camp](http://www.thewatershed.org/camp)
2. Click on our CampDoc portal (log in or create a login).
3. Register for your chosen sessions. Waiting lists are available.
4. Choose applicable discounts (not applicable to Before/After Care or Membership):
  - **Early Bird Discount:** Take 5% off when you register by 11:59 P.M. on March 1.
  - **Multi-week Discount:** Take 5% off when attending two or more weeks. Excludes CIT.
  - **Sibling Discount:** Take \$25 off once per camper that attends with a sibling.
5. Pay by e-check OR credit card. Pay in full or set up a payment plan. Final payments due by May 1, 2018.
6. Complete camper's health profile by May 1, 2018.

## **BEFORE & AFTER CARE**

- **Before Care:** 8-9 A.M., \$15 per camper per day.
- **After Care:** 4-5:30 P.M., \$20 per camper per day.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

- Available to families in the greater Trenton area based on financial need.
- Will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is dispersed.
- May be granted partially or in full. May be available for up to 2 weeks of camp per camper.
- Limited free bus transportation will be available to campers who receive financial aid:
  - July 9 – 27: Trenton/Ewing route: Dunn Middle School (401 Dayton St., Trenton), Trenton Central High School (1001 W. State St., Trenton), Armstrong Memorial Park (323 Ewingville Rd., Ewing Township)
  - July 30 – August 17: Princeton route: Princeton Community Village (Karl Light Blvd. at Butternut Row, Princeton) and other stops based on need
- SBMWA reserves the right to refuse aid to any applicant. If found that false information was presented, SBMWA has the right to terminate aid immediately.

## **APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID**

1. Register as above, but choose **ONLY** the financial aid application.
2. Pay the non-refundable \$25 deposit.
3. Provide documentation of financial need via upload, email, or mail:
  - Letter detailing financial need and special circumstances **AND**
  - Approved 2017-2018 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals **OR**
  - 1040 tax form
4. We will inform you of your eligibility after a confidential review of your application.
5. Partial FA recipients must pay the balance by June 1, 2018.

## 5-YEAR-OLD CAMPERS

Each week we spend time playing, exploring, going for hikes, building with nature, visiting the stream and doing a few art projects too.

Each week has a different topic (see individual program descriptions). Camp day is 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and includes a short afternoon rest period.

### SNAIL TRAILS

*July 2–6 (4 days) \$275*

Learn how animals survive and how we keep safe when out in nature!

### TADPOLE TROOP

*July 9–13 \$340*

Explore watery worlds and creatures including stream and pond!



### PAINTED TURTLES

*July 16–20 \$340*

Observe animals large and small, especially reptiles and amphibians!

### CRAFTY CRITTERS

*July 23–27 \$340*

Build and create with nature and some human-made supplies, too!

### ECO EXPLORERS

*July 30–August 3 \$340*

Hike as far as we can go, stopping along the way for snacks and exploration!



### SPLISH SPLASH

*August 6–10 \$340*

Chill streamside and focus on everything we can find in and around the water!

### FUR & FEATHERS

*August 13–17 \$340*

Discover animals large and small, especially birds and mammals!



## 6 & 7 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

Each week we spend time hiking, exploring, building with nature, playing games, journaling, visiting the stream and doing a few art projects, too.

Each week has a different topic (see individual program descriptions).

Camp day is 9 a.m.–4 p.m.



### TRAIL TALES

*July 16–20* **\$340**

Hit the trails, learn trail safety and even get 'lost' in the woods!

### POND PALS

*July 23–27* **\$340**

Get your feet wet catching critters and exploring at the pond and the stream!

### BUGS & BUTTERFLIES

*July 30–August 3* **\$340**

Observe and catch insects and search for signs of other animals!

### FOREST FRIENDS

*July 2–6 (4 days)* **\$275**

Discover animal signs like tracks, scat, nests and more!

### ARTSY ANTS

*July 9–13* **\$340**

Get creative with natural and recycled materials!



### NATURE NUTS

*August 6–10* **\$340**

Build a map, take an extra-long hike, and find out how animals and people survive!

### PUDDLE JUMPERS

*August 13–17* **\$340**

Cool off with week full of stream exploration plus a pond visit!

## 8 & 9 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

Each week we spend time hiking, playing games, visiting the stream, building shelters, creating art projects and journaling. Each week has a different topic (see individual program descriptions). Thursday evening cookouts are included. Camp day is 9 a.m.–4 p.m., except Thursdays 9 a.m.–8 p.m.



### BUGGIN' OUT

*July 2–6 (4 days) \$295*

Discover insects and other animals in a variety of habitats!

### MAKIN' MUD

*July 9–13 \$370*

Create individual and group projects using natural materials!

### KID VS WILD

*July 16–20 \$370*

Learn to build fires and different types of shelters!



### WACKY WATER

*July 23–27 \$370*

Stomp the Stony Brook, near and far, as we discover its critters!

### WATERSHED SAFARI

*July 30–August 3 \$370*

Focus your attention on wild critters, such as butterflies, mammals, and reptiles!



### TRAIL BLAZERS

*August 6–10 \$370*

Practice compass, map, and GPS skills!

### POND & BEYOND

*August 13–17 \$370*

Explore what lives in the pond and stream!

## 10 & 11 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

Each week we pack our days full of hiking, exploration, games, building shelters, visiting the stream and making natural art. Each week includes a day trip to enhance our weekly topic (see individual program descriptions). Thursday overnights feature evening programming, tent camping and campfire cooking! Camp day is 9 a.m.–4 p.m. plus Thursday overnights.



### RUN A-MUCK

*July 2–6 (4 days) \$380*

Discover signs of creatures in our habitat and on our hiking trip to Sourland Mountain Preserve!



### AQUA QUEST

*July 9–13 \$475*

Investigate aquatic habitats here and on our canoeing trip to a local water body!

### PRIMITIVE PURSUITS

*July 16–20 \$475*

Sharpen your outdoor skills through tracking, shelter-building and a trip to a Lenape village!

### SURVIVAL REVIVAL

*July 23–27 \$475*

Practice building fires and shelters, then navigating Ted Stiles Preserve with map, compass, and GPS!



### FROG SLOG

*July 30–August 3 \$475*

Splash about in the stream and pond every day and even on our night hike, plus take a canoeing trip to a local water body!

### CREATIVE CHAOS

*August 6–10 \$475*

Build and create with nature, plus a trip to Grounds for Sculpture!

### ANIMAL ANTICS

*August 13–17 \$475*

Explore the Reserve for wilderness animals and their signs and take a trip to meet domesticated animals at Howell Living History Farm!

## 12-14 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

Each week we include big hikes, habitat and critter investigations, group challenges and creative projects. Each week includes a trip and at least one overnight to enhance our weekly topic (see individual program descriptions).

Camp day is 9 a.m.–4 p.m. except overnights.

Programs are rated 1 🐾 (easiest) to 5 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (most challenging).



### SKILLS & THRILLS 🐾🐾

*July 9–13 \$480*

The Watershed Reserve is your home base for canoeing, hiking, and camping. Our Wednesday day trip is rappelling and archery at YMCA Camp Bernie and our overnight is on Thursday–Friday.

### ISLAND DAYS 🐾🐾🐾🐾

*July 16–20 \$580*

Enjoy kayaking, fishing, birding and more at Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center on the coast of NJ! Overnight trip is Tuesday–Friday.

### TREK IT OUT 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾

*July 23–27 \$500*

Learn about your own strength, backpacking methods, and wilderness ethics as you enjoy the views on the Appalachian Trail! Overnight trip is Wednesday–Thursday.



### OUTDOOR ODYSSEY 🐾🐾🐾

*July 30–August 3 \$525*

Discover the NJ Pinelands! We will use Belleplain State Park's comfy cabin as home base for our hiking, swimming, and nature excursions! Overnight trip is Wednesday–Friday.

### RIVER RAMBLE 🐾🐾🐾

*August 6–10 \$525*

Travel the northern Delaware River by canoe for wildlife watching and camping in NJ's ridge and valley region! Overnight trip is Wednesday–Thursday.

### HOME 'SHED HOME 🐾

*August 13–17 \$480*

Return 'home' to the Watershed Reserve for canoeing and hiking. Our Wednesday day trip will take us to the steep banks and cool stream of Hacklebarney State Park. Overnight is Thursday–Friday.



## 15 & 16 YEAR OLDS—COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING

CITs gain valuable experience and training as they assist camp staff with our younger campers. CITs must be responsible, enjoy the outdoors and working with children. CITs will work with a different age group each week. CIT day is 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. except Thursdays until 8 p.m. or overnight. After one successful year as CIT, participants may be invited back for a second year.

**SESSION 1 \$350;** *July 2–20*

**SESSION 2 \$250;** *July 23–August 3* • **SESSION 3 \$250;** *August 6–17*

## WATERSHED ACADEMY for High School Students

The Watershed Academy's week-long programs in science and stewardship are designed to engage students in hands-on investigation and action alongside professors and professionals in the fields of Green Architecture, Climate Change, Clean Water, and Field Science.

Registration opens online January 19 at [thewatershed.org/academy](http://thewatershed.org/academy)

## WATERSHED NATURE CAMP FAQ

### 1. What are the dates and hours of camp?

The 2018 camp season is July 2–August 17. Programs run Monday through Friday (we are closed July 4). Most are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with exceptions for cookouts, overnights and CIT.

### 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. Campers attending Before and/or After Care should bring extra snacks.

### 4. What do campers need to bring?

Water bottles (1 liter total 5–9 years old; 2–3 liters total for 10+ years old), a full set of extra clothes, hat, rain jacket, towel, 'wet' bag or plastic bag for wet/dirty clothing, a second pair of shoes for getting wet (sneakers or close-toed, hard-soled water sandals), a comfortable backpack for trail essentials, and a large bag/duffel to carry everything into camp. A small hip-pack is suggested for children with Epi-pens or rescue inhalers.

**5. What about weather?**

If it rains, we put our jackets on and keep exploring! Bring a poncho or rain jacket. 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 whatever sunscreen and/or insect repellent you wish. Campers will be instructed to re-apply mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Staff will 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. Campers should also check themselves daily. 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 them home and call us to report their absence. Campers must be symptom-free (fever, vomit or diarrhea) for 24 hours before returning to camp. If your child becomes ill during the camp day, we will call you; early pick up may be necessary.





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