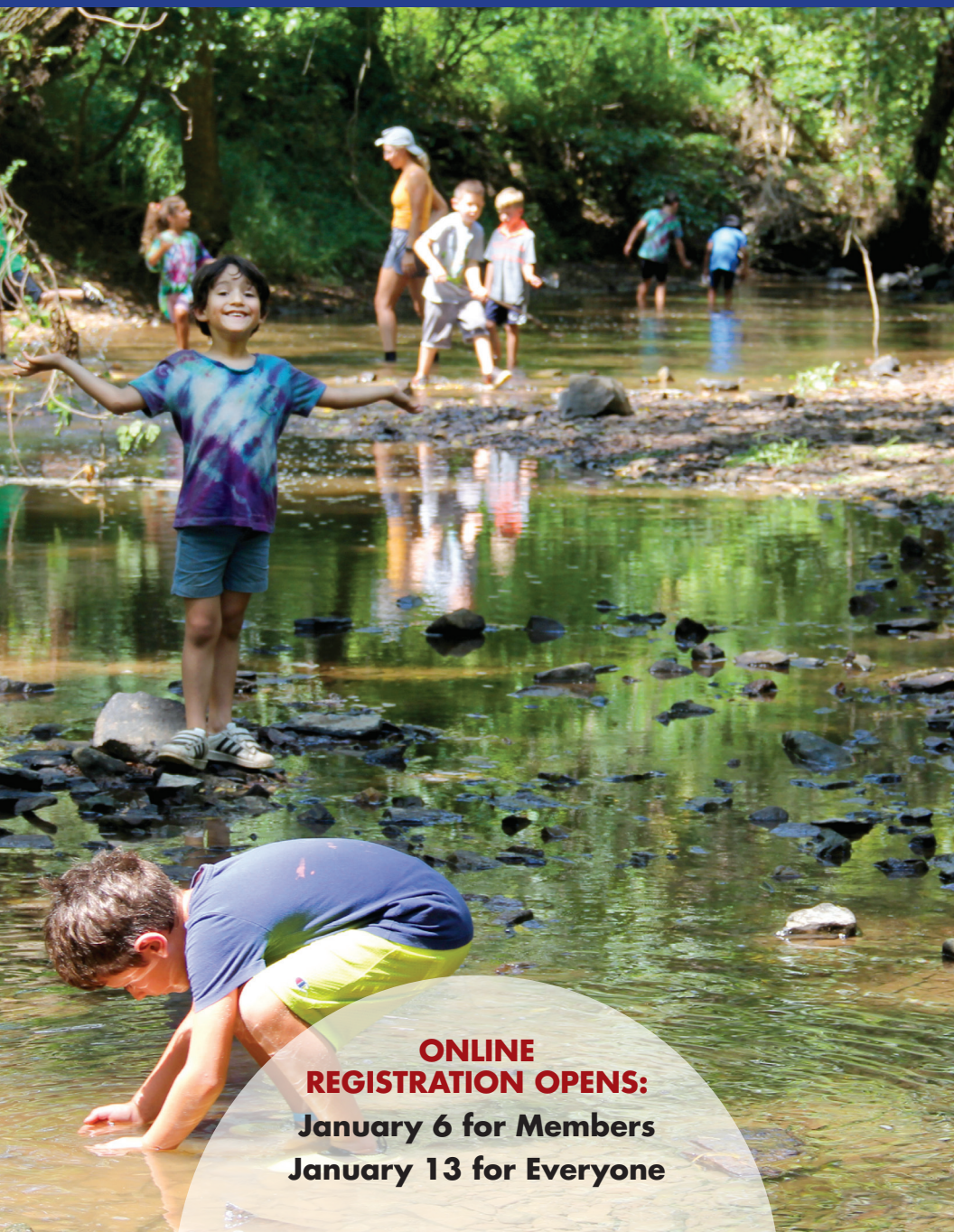


Watershed Nature Camp

2020



**ONLINE
REGISTRATION OPENS:**

January 6 for Members

January 13 for Everyone

WELCOME FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR



Welcome to Watershed Nature Camp
- *the highlight of the summer!*

Your child will experience nature in its many forms each day, and they'll return home brimming with stories and lasting memories.

On a typical summer day, our campers venture into the woods to explore under logs, out into the meadow to catch butterflies or down to the stream to explore watery worlds.

Led by our amazing staff, our campers enjoy fresh air, make new friends, and receive a healthy dose of adventure. While our offerings vary in each camp week, our underlying values –Enthusiasm for nature, respect for others, and joy for being outdoors- are threaded through each day.

I am thrilled to share another magical summer at Watershed Nature camp and to continue fostering great camp experiences! No matter if your child is a newcomer or a returning camper, they will gain an appreciation of our natural world and their place in it. Hope to see you soon!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M-D.".

Michelle Perkins
Camp Director



THE WATERSHED CENTER AND RESERVE

Campers will explore our 950-acre Watershed Reserve of fields, forests, trails, ponds and streams. They will also examine the Watershed Center, its expression of sustainability as well as our exhibits and science lab.

The Watershed Institute is dedicated to keeping Central New Jersey's water clean, safe and healthy. Visit thewatershed.org to learn more.



SESSIONS

AGE ON OCT 1, 2020	JUNE 29– JULY 2	JULY 6–10	JULY 13–17	JULY 20–24	JULY 27–31	AUGUST 3–7	AUGUST 10–14	AUGUST 17–21
5	Painted Turtles	Tadpoles	Raccoons	Mayflies	Praying Mantids	White Tailed Deer	Screech Owls	Crayfish Catchers
6–7	Forest Friends	Nature Nuts	Splash Splash	Trail Mix	Puddle Jumpers	Bugs and Butterflies	Stream Team	Trail Tales
8–9	Watershed Safari	Buggin' Out	Making Mud	Stony Brook Story	Kid vs Wild	Wacky Water	Trail Blazers	Stream and Beyond
10–11	Frog Slog	Follow H ₂ O	Walk the Watershed	Aqua Quest	Creature Feature	Survival Revival	Wild or Not?	Creative Chaos
12–14		See and Shore	Skills and Thrills	Trek it Out	River Ramble	Outdoor Odyssey	Island Days	Home 'Shed Home
15–16	CIT Session 1		CIT Session 2		CIT Session 3		CIT Session 4	

THEMES

Water	Outdoor Skills	Animal	Natural Crafts
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EARLY & LATE CARE

- **Early Care:** 8–9 a.m., \$10 per camper per day.
- **Late Care:** 4–5:30 p.m., \$15 per camper per day.
- *Membership and Multi discounts also apply to early and late care*

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

- To be eligible for refund, cancellations must be submitted by March 31
- After March 31, a refund will be issued only if we are able to fill the vacancy
- All refunds will be charged a \$50 processing fee per camper after March 31
- Watershed Institute memberships are not refundable

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REGISTRATION

1. Become a member or renew your membership before January 1, 2020 to receive members-only early access to registration on Monday, January 6.
2. Register for open sessions or waitlists by going to: thewatershed.org/camp
3. Discounts:
 - a. **Membership:** A 5% discount will apply automatically if you are a member
 - b. **Multiple Discount:** When you register for 2 or more weeks use code MULTI2020 to receive 5% off
4. A 50% deposit is due upon registration, full payment is due by May 1, 2020.

FINANCIAL AID

- Available based on financial need
- Will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is dispersed.
- Will include limited bus transportation as follows:
 - July 13–July 31: 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)
 - August 3–21: Princeton route:** Princeton Community Village (Karl Light Blvd. at Butternut Row, Princeton) and other stops based on need

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID

1. Complete documentation and send to tlove@thewatershed.org:
 - Financial Aid Application found online: thewatershed.org/camp
 - EITHER: Approved 2019-2020 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals OR: 1040 tax form
2. We will review your application and inform you of your eligibility.
3. If you receive partial financial aid, recipients must pay the balance by May 1, 2020.



5 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

\$365 per week

We spend time playing, exploring, going for hikes, building with nature, visiting the stream and creating natural art. Camp day is 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and includes an indoor afternoon rest from activities.

PAINTED TURTLES (\$295)

June 29–July 2 (4 days)

Explore the natural world through art! Search for colors and textures in plants and animals. Create your own artwork with natural materials as well!



PRAYING MANTIDS

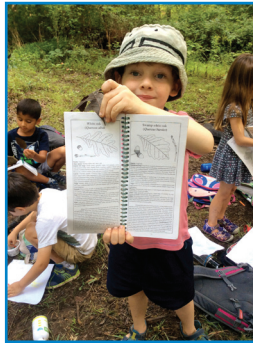
July 27–31

Our focus is everything insect this week. We'll catch bugs in the meadow, visit the butterfly house and learn about what an insect is!

TADPOLES

July 6–10

Discover the creatures that live in ponds, streams, and damp forest floors! Search for them on the trails and in the water. Build a toad house and visit some of our resident amphibians!



RACCOONS

July 13–17

Discover which animals live here and how they survive! We'll see how far we can hike this week while searching for animal signs.

MAYFLIES

July 20–24

Join us in learning through play at the stream! We will flip rocks, use nets and discover all the small critters that live in the stream this week. You'll be amazed at who we can find!

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Aug 3–7

Learn how humans survived 300 years ago! We will explore natural artifacts to discover what life was like here long ago for those that lived here.

SCREECH OWLS

Aug 10–14

Song birds, raptors, water fowl, owls and more! Discover which birds live here and how to spot them.

CRAYFISH CATCHERS

Aug 17–21

Enjoy the stream and water every day this week! We'll catch plenty of critters in the stream and explore as much water as we can.

6 & 7 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

\$365 per week

We spend time hiking, exploring, building with nature, playing games, journaling, visiting the stream and crafting natural art.

Camp day is 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

FOREST FRIENDS (\$295)

June 29–July 2 (4 days)

Discover animal signs while hiking and exploring. Explore animal artifacts like bones, tracks, nests, and even scat!



NATURE NUTS

July 6–10

This week is all about playing with nature. Create natural pieces of art using mud, stones, sticks, leaves and more!

SPLISH SPLASH

July 13–17

Have fun with everything water this week! Hike to different water sources here and discover what's there, and splash in the Stony Brook!

TRAIL MIX

July 20–24

This week we'll get to make a treasure map, hike as far as we can and learn how people survived 300 years ago!

PUDDLE JUMPERS

July 27–31

Cool off with a week full of stream and water exploration. Find out what creatures live in our streams and waterways!

BUGS AND BUTTERFLIES

Aug 3–7

Observe and catch insects all over the trails and even in the water too. Visit the butterfly house and see how we raise caterpillars!

STREAM TEAM

Aug 10–14

Get your feet wet catching critters and exploring the stream! We will also have the chance to meet a resident aquatic animal.



TRAIL TALES

Aug 17–21

Hit the trails this week and learn how to stay safe while exploring outdoors! Have the chance to get 'lost' in the woods and how to find your way back.



8 & 9 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

\$400 per week

We spend time hiking, playing games, visiting the stream, building shelters, creating art projects and journaling. Thursday evening cookouts are included. Camp day is 9 a.m.–4 p.m., except Thursdays 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

WATERSHED SAFARI (\$325)

June 29–July 2 (4 days)

We'll focus our attention on all the critters that live here. Bugs, butterflies, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles! We will also have a chance to meet many of our resident animal ambassadors.



BUGGIN' OUT

July 6–10

Hike and explore, searching for the small critters that live all around us! We will discover many of the insects that live here and even visit the butterfly house.

MAKING MUD

July 13–17

Get dirty with us this week! We will make mud, harvest clay, and design art from what we collect outside!

STONYBROOK STORY

July 20–24

Explore our stream, the Stony Brook! Who lives there? Where does the water go? Learn through exploration and play!



KID VS WILD

July 27–31

Learn how the Lenape lived here 300 years ago. Practice some bush craft by building a fire, survival shelters, and natural rope.

WACKY WATER

Aug 3–7

Stomp the Stony Brook, discover new areas of the stream as well as the critters that live there!

TRAIL BLAZERS

Aug 10–14

Come hike with us as we explore using compasses, maps, and GPS. Maybe we will even find some hidden treasure!



STREAM AND BEYOND

Aug 17–21

Explore what lives in the water! This week we'll explore as many bodies of water that we can while searching for critters.

10 & 11 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

\$500 per week

We pack our days full of hiking, exploration, games, shelter-building, visiting the stream and making natural art. Wednesdays include a day trip and Thursday overnights include evening programming, tent camping and campfire cooking! Camp day is 9 a.m.–4 p.m. plus Thursday overnights.

Trip Overviews available on our website.

FROG SLOG (\$410)

June 29–July 2 (4 days)

Investigate aquatic habitats this week.

We will explore both here and during our canoeing trip on the D&R canal!



FOLLOW H₂O

July 6–10

Discover the stream like no camper before, travel through it to discover new locations on the reserve. Our trip will take us to Institute Woods to follow the Stony Brook on its path to the Millstone!



WALK THE WATERSHED

July 13–17

Learn how to use a GPS unit this week while exploring on and off the trails this week. Finally put your skills to the test for a **Friday** geocaching trip to Ted Stiles Preserve.

AQUA QUEST

July 20–24

Enjoy a week of exploring the stream and water here. We will also take a trip to paddle on the D&R canal!

CREATURE FEATURE

July 27–31

Explore what it's like to be a critter here be it mammal or insect! Discover creatures here and while hiking in the Sourland Mountain Preserve.



SURVIVAL REVIVAL

Aug 3–7

Sharpen your outdoor skills through tracking, shelter-building, and fire-building. Then take a trip to Churchville Nature Center to learn how the Lenape lived here 300 years ago.

WILD OR NOT?

Aug 10–14

Explore the Reserve for native animals and their signs. We'll then take a trip to meet domesticated animals at Howell Living History farm!

CREATIVE CHAOS

Aug 17–21

Enjoy hiking and collecting natural material to use in natural crafts. We will visit Grounds for Sculpture this week and explore the artwork and garden surrounding it!

12-14 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

(price differs per week)

We include big hikes, habitat and animal investigations, group challenges and creative projects. Each week includes a trip and an overnight.

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

Weeks are rated 1 🐾 (most relaxed) to 5 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾 (most challenging).

Trip Overviews are available on our website.

SEE AND SHORE 🐾🐾

July 6-10 **\$535**

Discover the ecology of a coastal habitat this week as we *bike* our way around Sandy Hook in Gateway National Park! Take your binoculars to view the interesting birds that inhabit the thin peninsula, we may see osprey, piping plovers, and many more seabirds. Overnight trip is Thursday-Friday.

SKILLS AND THRILLS 🐾

July 13-17 **\$500**

The Watershed Reserve is your home base for hiking and camping. Our Wednesday trip will be to YMCA Camp Bernie to do high ropes and archery. Reserve overnight is Thursday-Friday.



TREK IT OUT

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July 20-24 **\$535**

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

RIVER RAMBLE 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾

July 27-31 **\$560**

Spend two days canoeing through a sandy, tea-colored Pine Barrens river! We hope to discover local gems such as carnivorous plants and spotted turtles! Overnight trip is Thursday-Friday.

OUTDOOR ODYSSEY 🐾🐾

Aug 3-7 **\$545**

Enjoy three days in Wawayanda State Park. We will canoe, hike, and swim all around massive Lake Wawayanda this trip! Overnight is Wednesday-Friday.



ISLAND DAYS

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Aug 10-14 **\$585**

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.

HOME 'SHED HOME 🐾

Aug 17-21 **\$500**

Spend time exploring the furthest reaches of the Watershed Reserve! We'll also take a trip to Manasquan reservoir to observe animals both on and off the water! Reserve overnight is Thursday-Friday.

15 & 16 YEAR OLDS—COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING

\$260 per session

CITs gain valuable experience and training as they assist camp staff with our younger campers. The fun of being a CIT comes from helping campers enjoy camp!

CITs will work with a different age group each week, and will be placed based on experience and camp needs.

CIT day is 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. except Thursdays until 8 p.m. or overnight. For more details on how to register please visit thewatershed.org/camp

After a successful summer, CITs may be invited back for a second year as Senior CITs.

SESSION 1 *July 6–17*

SESSION 2 *July 20–31*

SESSION 3 *August 3–14*

SESSION 4 *August 10–21*

WATERSHED NATURE CAMP FAQ

1. What are the dates and hours of camp?

The 2020 camp season is June 29–August 21. Sessions run Monday through Friday from are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with exceptions for cookouts, campouts, and CIT's.

2. What is the dress code?

Dress for active outdoor play—shorts, t-shirt, and closed-toe, hard-sole shoes. Open-toe or soft-sole shoes (flip flops, crocs, and open-toed sandals) are not allowed.

3. Do you serve meals?

Campers must bring a lunch and at least two snacks daily (campers attending Early and/or Late Care should bring an extra). Healthy meals are provided during overnights and cookouts.

4. What do campers need to bring?

The three main items to remember are: plenty of water and food for the day, a change of shoes, and a change of clothes. For a complete list please refer to the Camp Guide on the website.

5. How do you handle food allergies?

Please inform us of all food allergies when you complete the health profile. We do not exclude foods from camp. Campers are instructed to clean their hands after eating to avoid contamination.



6. What about weather?

In the rain, we put our jackets and ponchos on and keep exploring! For extreme weather conditions campers will be sheltered in the Watershed Center or other hard shelter on site and activities will continue indoors.

7. 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 other advanced safety certifications.

8. Should I bring insect repellent or sunscreen?

Campers should arrive wearing your choice of sunscreen and/or insect repellent. Campers will be instructed to re-apply sunscreen mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Staff can assist younger children with application of sunscreen when necessary. No aerosol sprays please.

9. 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.

10. 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 and early pick up may be necessary.

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

Yes, we offer Before Care from 8 to 9 a.m. and After Care from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Some quiet activities will be available.

13. What is your refund policy?

To be eligible for a full refund, cancellations must be submitted by March 31. After March 31, a refund will be issued only if we are able to fill the vacancy. All refunds will be charged a \$50 processing fee per camper after March 31. Watershed Institute memberships are not refundable.



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Overnight Information

Reserve Overnights

10-14

On Thursday Nights* we hold **campouts** where we cook dinner over the fire, pitch tents on the reserve and sleep out! During the campout there will be activities specifically geared to exploring the reserve at night. This is a chance to experience the reserve at night, discover nocturnal animals, and play games you can only do at night!

Campouts are optional, we encourage all campers to stay the night as it's a great experience and tons of fun, but we understand if your camper cannot attend. It is important to note that once the campout has begun we do not permit early pick-ups. If your camper is not attending the campout pick-up is at 4 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. if you need aftercare.

**Week of June 29-July 2 the Campout will be held Wednesday-Thursday, July 1-2.*

Overnight Trip Information

See and Shore (July 6-10)

12-14

This week's trip we will travel to Sandy Hook in Gateway National Park and camp overnight from Thursday-Friday, July 9-10. Sandy Hook is an interesting coastal ecosystem and home to things we don't typically get to see on a trip to the beach such as: piping plovers, horseshoe crabs, and more. We will be renting bicycles to get around Sandy Hook, going swimming at lifeguarded beaches, and doing some birding. Campers will sleep in tents, boys and girls will sleep separately and there will be no more than 4 campers in a tent.



Trek it Out (July 20-24)

12-14

This week's trip we will be backpacking the Appalachian Mountains in the Delaware Water Gap. The overnight is Thursday-Friday, July 23-24. Backpacking is a fun and challenging way to enjoy the outdoors. The hike takes us along a ridge with stunning views and then down to waterfalls on the 2nd day where we can stick our feet in and enjoy the water. Campers will be sleeping in tents, boys and girls will sleep separately, and no more than 4 campers will share a tent. Campers will need to carry both their own overnight gear as well as group gear. This is a beginner level backpacking trip, perfect for a leisurely trip or as a new experience.



River Ramble (July 27-31)

12-14

This week's trip we will be canoeing and camping on the Mullica River in Wharton State Forest. Overnight is Thursday-Friday, July 30-31. The Mullica River is a stunning gem in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey. Being in the Pine Barrens it is a narrow and fast flowing tea-colored river surrounded by pines, flowering shrubs, and occasionally carnivorous plants. Campers will be sleeping in tents, boys and girls will sleep separately, and no more than 4 campers will share a tent. Because it is a winding narrow river it can be a challenging paddle for beginners. This trip can be done by any level of paddler but we suggest having some canoeing experience. If you enjoy canoeing and being outside in a beautiful place this is the trip for you.



Outdoor Odyssey (Aug. 3-7)

12-14

This week's trip we will be camping for 2 nights in Wawayanda State Park. The overnight will be Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 5-7. The bus will drop us off at our campsite and from there we will explore the park. We plan to go canoeing, hiking, and swimming in Lake Wawayanda (lifeguarded beach). We'll also have a great time at camp playing games, telling stories, and roasting marshmallows. Campers will be sleeping in tents, boys and girls will sleep separately, and no more than 4 campers will share a tent. This is a great trip to spend three days immersed in nature, and have a good time with friends!



Island Days (Aug. 10-14)

12-14

One of our most popular trips is this week to Sedge Island. The overnight will be Wednesday-Friday, Aug 12-14. It is a truly unique experience to be on the island and engage with the coastal and aquatic habitat surrounding it. Sedge Island staff will lead the campers kayaking, clamming, and fishing. Campers will sleep in bunks in the cabin on Sedge Island which is about a 30 min. boat ride from the mainland. Boys and Girls will sleep separately. This is an amazing trip for anyone to attend. **Your Camper must be 12 or older by August 10 to attend this trip**

