



2026

SUMMER CAMP

GUIDE

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



Preschool Summer Fun and Summer Camps Grades K-9

CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS

Members: Feb 2 / Non-members: Feb 9

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BECOME A MEMBER AT DELNATURE

SHAPE A YEAR OF NATURE, COMMUNITY, AND IMPACT

- 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!**
- **Exclusive Members Only programs** at our four locations. *Your membership makes a difference! Join today and be a part of our community!*



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

DelNature.org

Become
a Member
15% Off Camps &
Early Registration
DelNature.org/Join

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



WELCOME TO SUMMER CAMP 2026

We are overjoyed to share that thanks to your incredible support, DelNature Summer Camps have been voted “Best of Delaware” by the readers of Delaware Today magazine!

This honor is more than just an award; it's a reflection of the community we have built together. Thank you to every family who has trusted us with your children's summer adventures and supported us over the years.

The unique spirit of DelNature Summer Camps comes from the passion of our dedicated volunteers, enthusiastic staff, and especially from families like yours who believe in our mission. Together, we create unforgettable summer experiences that nurture curiosity and foster a love for nature.



Your input each season inspires us to grow to make every summer better than the last. At Delaware Nature Society, we are committed to continually improving the camp experience so that every child can explore nature, learn new skills, and create lifelong memories.

Thank you for being an essential part of the DelNature family. We can't wait to get outside with you again this summer!

-Erynn DeGennaro,
Director of Education



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SHIELD OF PROTECTION PARTNER

CAMP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

PRESCHOOL SUMMER FUN:

Age 3-4: Grown Up and Me programs bring grown-ups and children together through nature exploration, cooking, and imaginative play. Share time bonding, discovering, and enjoying outdoor adventure together.

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 Slaughter Beach Public Pavilion
359 Bay Ave, Milford, DE

“As a parent, it is reassuring that my child is learning, playing, and creating in a safe, supportive, and fun environment.

- Summer Camp Parent



MEET OUR CAMP STAFF

Our Leadership



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PRESCHOOL SUMMER FUN

ASHLAND AND COVERDALE

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Back to Camp Night



Ashland & Coverdale

Fri 6/5 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Abbott's Mill

Fri 6/26 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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

End of Summer Family Picnic



Thur 8/13 5:30 pm - 8:00 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

Apply at DelNature.org/Jobs

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, environmental mentorship, career building, 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 per season. 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!

Hurry online, applications close April 1st, 2026. DelNature.Org/Teen

GROWN-UP AND ME AGES 3-4 YEARS

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

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Join us

for a day or 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, feathered and slithery critters. Enjoy the time of discovery, exploration, bonding and adventure!

Adult participation required, free of charge.

Grown-up and Me: Senses in Nature

Mon 7/27 - Fri 7/31

\$265/wk, \$53/day (Members Get 15% off)

Discover the sights, sounds, and textures of meadows, streams, and trails while enjoying sensory activities, nature walks, and creative play together.

Join us for 1 or multiple days!

Registration includes one child and one adult.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Grown-up and Me: Art Adventures

Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26

\$265/wk, \$53/day (Members Get 15% off)

Spend a morning with your little artist exploring hands-on art & the outdoors! Use leaves, flowers & stones to inspire creativity while enjoying fresh air, sensory play & quality time together. Join us for 1 or multiple days!

Registration includes one child and one adult.

Grown-up and Me: Kinder Chefs

Mon 8/17 - Fri 8/21

\$265 (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 to savor. A delightful bonding and cooking adventure awaits.

Registration includes one child and one adult.



PRESCHOOL SUMMER FUN AGES 4-5 YEARS

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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Bubbles, Boats, and Floats

Mon 6/8 - Fri 6/12

\$290 (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!

Nature's Alphabet

Mon 6/15 - Thur 6/18

\$230 (Members Get 15% off)

Discover the ABCs of the outdoors! We'll discover a new letter each day through stories, crafts, and hands-on outdoor activities—learning about plants, animals, and the world around them in a fun, playful way. *This is a 4-day program.*

Water Wonders

Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26

\$290 (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.

Playful Pollinators

Mon 7/6 - Fri 7/10

\$290 (Members Get 15% off)

Buzz, flap, and flutter with Playful Pollinators! Little ones will explore bees, butterflies, and garden friends through hands-on activities, stories, and outdoor play while discovering the wonders of nature and pollination.

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Critter Cribs

Mon 6/8 - Fri 6/12

\$290 (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.

Down on the Farm

Mon 6/15 - Thur 6/18 (1:00 pm - 4:30 pm)

\$230 (Members Get 15% off)

Spend your afternoons on the farm—roosters crow, gardens grow, and streams flow. Explore your senses at Coverdale Farm Preserve. Sunshine, fresh air, and outdoor fun make coming home a little tired—and happy! *This is a 4-day program.*

Down on the Farm

Mon 6/15 - Thur 6/18 (8:30 am - 12:00 pm)

\$230 (Members Get 15% off)

Experience life on the farm. Roosters crow, gardens flourish, trees tower, and streams flow. Explore with all your senses and experience fresh air, warm sun, and outdoor adventures. *This is a 4-day program.*

Enchanted Garden

Mon 6/29 - Thur 7/2

\$230 (Members Get 15% off)

Explore a magical garden! We will discover plants, bugs, and garden creatures through stories, crafts, and hands-on play. Enjoy fresh air, curiosity, and nature in this enchanted outdoor adventure!

This is a 4 day program



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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Feathers, Fur, and Fluff

Mon 7/6 - Fri 7/10

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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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Mon 8/3 - Fri 8/7

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“Camp has been a highlight of my family's summer for 5 years because of the scholarship!”

- Summer Camp Parent

Little Chefs and the Garden

Mon 8/10 - Fri 8/14

\$290 (Members Get 15% off)

Tiny hands, big flavors! Preschoolers explore cooking with fresh garden ingredients, discovering fruits, veggies, and herbs. Mix, measure, and create tasty treats while enjoying sensory fun and nature-inspired outdoor learning.

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Mon 8/24 - Fri 8/28

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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Outdoor Games

Mon 6/8 - Fri 6/12

\$360 (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!

Wings and Water

Mon 6/15 - Thur 6/18

\$290 (Members Get 15% off)

Learn about the creatures of air and water while exploring the fields and wetlands at Ashland. Meet turtles and frogs, visit the butterfly house, and create crafts of your favorite animals.

This is a 4-day camp.

The Salamander Room

Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26

\$360 (Members Get 15% off)

Search woods, wetlands, and streams for salamanders and other creatures. Create a "Salamander Room" like the one in The Salamander Room by Anne Mazer. Hear stories about animals we see at Ashland everyday.



Creature Wild

Mon 6/29 - Thur 7/2

\$290 (Members Get 15% off)

Go wild with your creature friends, Wild Kratts style! Use your creature powers to discover the animals and habitats of Ashland. Use your imagination and go on creature-saving animal adventures.

This is a 4-day camp.

Wild Things of Ashland

Mon 7/6 - Fri 7/10

\$360 (Members Get 15% off)

Let your imagination run wild this week as you play new games and explore hidden habitats! Design and build a small boat to race in the Red Clay Creek. Meet nature's "monsters" and create your own wild things crown!

Mudpie Madness

Mon 7/13 - Fri 7/17

\$360 (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.

Enchanted Forest

Mon 7/20 - Fri 7/24

\$360 (Members Get 15% off)

What enchanting creatures live in the woods waiting to be discovered? Fairies, gnomes, and mystical trees, we'll find this and more with games, crafts, and a bit of Fairy Magic.



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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Nature's Builders

Mon 7/27 - Fri 7/31

\$360 (Members Get 15% off)

Why does Velcro stick like a burr? How do spiders create their webs? Find out who nature's best engineers are and put your skills to the test as you use their materials to weave nests, build forts, and construct dams.

Ashland Safari

Mon 8/3 - Fri 8/7

\$360 (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.

Secrets of the Stream

Mon 8/10 - Fri 8/14

\$360 (Members Get 15% off)

Discover the watery secrets of Ashland! Who's hiding under a rock in the stream? Who's living in the depths of the pond? Search the waterways of Ashland for snails, salamanders, fish, and more

Bugs and Butterflies

Mon 8/17 - Fri 8/21

\$360 (Members Get 15% off)

Explore meadows, forests, marshes, ponds, and streams to catch bugs of all kinds. Become a master of butterfly catching and enjoy a week of all things fluttering.

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Cook the Rainbow

Mon 6/8 - Fri 6/12

\$500 (Members Get 15% off)

Explore the science of flavors, colors, and nature, both in the kitchen and classroom. Unleash your culinary creativity and taste the rainbow!

Little Artist

Mon 6/15 - Thur 6/18

\$310 (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! *This is a 4-day camp.*



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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Enchanted Farm

Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26

\$390 (Members Get 15% off)

Dewdrops sparkle, animals graze, and fluffy clouds drift around the Fairy Tree in the Fir Grove. Welcome to a magical week at Coverdale! Explore where farm and nature meet—let your imagination soar!

Little Farmer

Mon 7/6 - Fri 7/10

\$390 (Members Get 15% off)

Spend time with our farmers and explore the vegetable and flower fields, pastures, and barns. Meet our animals, help with light farm chores, and create fun enrichment activities to keep our animals happy and engaged!

Fresh Air, Friends, and Fun

Mon 7/13 - Fri 7/17

\$390 (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: there is no better way to spend the day!



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Love that you break the campers out into smaller groups. Helped my child feel less overwhelmed and made it easier to engage and make friends.

- Summer Camp Parent



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

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

Wings and Things

Mon 6/29 - Thur 7/2

\$240 (Members Get 15% off)

Take a closer look at all things that fly, glide, and soar. Explore natural habitats that harbor native flying creatures including insects, birds, bats, and flying squirrels! Learn about the mechanics of flight. Construct your own kite and paper airplane. Discover the importance of flight in the natural and human-made world. Visit the incredible Air Mobility Command Museum in Dover and take a close look at their many historic planes! Van transportation for field trips provided. *This is a 4-day camp.*

Crafting With Nature

Mon 7/13 - Fri 7/17

\$300 (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 challenge you with natural craft and art projects all week long! Prepare for frequent outdoor nature hikes in search of inspiration!

Adventure Camp

Mon 7/27 - Fri 7/31

\$300 (Members Get 15% off)

Explore Abbott's Mill environments as you seek out adventures in the wild! Paddle your way around a mill pond and explore its natural beauty. Cast out a line and catch a fish. Take nature hikes and search for insects big and small. Discover animal tracks and other signs of living things. Learn about machines and mechanics first-hand. Every day experience a new outdoor adventure at Abbott's Mill!



ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Fort Building Club

Mon 6/8 - Fri 6/12

\$375 (Members Get 15% off)

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

Ashland Adventures

Mon 6/15 - Thur 6/18

\$300 (Members Get 15% off)

"Do you have what it takes to be an Ashland Adventurist? Go fishing, geocaching, and test your archery skills. Hike some of Ashland's hidden trails and learn what it takes to survive in nature. Create nature crafts, play outdoor games, and cool off as you explore the many creeks of Ashland. *This is a 4-day camp.*

Tough Mudder Nature Jr.

Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26

\$375 (Members Get 15% off)

Get moving with a muddy adventure! Wade through the creek, hop across logs, and climb over rocks as you compete in events that build all around strength, mental grit, and camaraderie.

Dirt Detectives

Mon 6/29 - Thur 7/2

\$300 (Members Get 15% off)

Dig down deep into the dirt and discover the many secrets beneath the soil. Grab your spyglass and solve a muddy mystery. Be prepared to get dirty!

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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Camp Ashland

Mon 7/6 - Fri 7/10

\$375 (Members Get 15% off)

Get into the camp spirit at Ashland! Make a campfire, tie-dye, and compete in capture the flag. Yell camp cheers and compete in an obstacle course. Build forts, play games, and come see how much fun we have at camp every day!

Care of Magical Creatures for Wizard Wannabees

Mon 7/13 - Fri 7/17

\$375 (Members Get 15% off)

Become a wizard in a world full of magical creatures. Classify your own fantastic beasts, figure out what it takes to be a magi-zoologist, and learn about the animals of Ashland and their "magical" traits. Pack your wands!

Wild Art

Mon 7/20 - Fri 7/24

\$375 (Members Get 15% off)

Unleash your creativity and turn the wonders of nature into amazing art. Explore the outdoors, gathering natural materials and repurposing everyday items to craft colorful collages, sculptures, and other imaginative creations.



Eco Lab

Mon 7/27 - Fri 7/31

\$375 (Members Get 15% off)

At Eco Lab, campers don't just explore nature—they investigate it. Every trail, stream, and meadow becomes a living laboratory, where young scientists observe, experiment, and uncover the hidden secrets of the natural world.

Trail Quest

Mon 8/3 - Fri 8/7

\$375 (Members Get 15% off)

Adventure calls, young heroes! Set out on an epic journey through the wilds of Ashland—where every trail holds a mystery, and every quest brings new challenges to conquer. Adventurers will learn the ways of the wild: how to build strong shelters, follow hidden tracks, read ancient trail maps, and protect the wonders of nature.

The trails are calling, and your quest awaits!

Butterfly House Helpers

Mon 8/10 - Fri 8/14

\$375 (Members Get 15% off)

Explore the meadows of Ashland in search of butterflies and moths. Learn to create habitats and care for the butterflies and caterpillars you catch. Can you find all the butterfly species of Ashland?

Flight Fancy

Mon 8/17 - Fri 8/21

\$375 (Members Get 15% off)

Birds and bats, beetles and butterflies take flight with the wonderful world of airborne animals. Discover the secrets of flight and feathers. Search fields and forests for birds and insects.

Biolympics

Mon 8/24 - Fri 8/28

\$375 (Members Get 15% off)

Can you lead a worm through a maze? Put yourself to the test while you compete in games and challenges all week long. Join our team and get ready for fun in nature at Ashland!

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COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Farmer's Helpers

Mon 6/8 - Fri 6/12

\$390 (Members Get 15% off)

Join the Coverdale Farm Team for a Week of Farming Fun! Experience the outdoors, care for animals, discover what's growing, and explore the harmonious relationship between the farm and nature.

Outdoor Explorers

Mon 6/15 - Thur 6/18

\$310 (Members Get 15% off)

Spend the week outside exploring the farm and the nature preserve. Visit the stream with dip nets, roam the meadows, and enjoy the simple joys of being outdoors while discovering the world around you.

This is a 4-day camp.

Art on the Farm

Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26

\$420 (Members Get 15% off)

Transform inspiration into masterpieces! Create 2D and 3D art while exploring the farm and preserve. Don't miss our Friday art show to admire the beautiful creations.

DeINature Games

Mon 6/29 - Thur 7/2

\$320 (Members Get 15% off)

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Field and Feast

Mon 6/29 - Thur 7/2

\$400 (Members Get 15% off)

Combine hands-on cooking experiences with the hustle and bustle of the farm. See where things grow and practice kitchen skills. Make delectable recipes including fresh, seasonal produce right from our vegetable garden. *This is a 4-day camp.*

Scientific Farmer

Mon 7/6 - Fri 7/10

\$390 (Members Get 15% off)

Discover how the natural world and farming go hand-in-hand at Coverdale Farm Preserve. Explore the ecosystem under our feet, experiment with the structure of eggs, investigate the incredible diversity in our preserve.

Nature Detectives

Mon 7/13 - Fri 7/17

\$390 (Members Get 15% off)

Dig into the mysteries of nature all around us!

Nature detectives will hone their observation, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills as they uncover clues to the mysteries of the natural world.

Come with questions and leave every day with a better understanding of the outdoors as we explore fields, forests, streams, and beyond.



SUMMER CAMP GRADE COMPLETED 2 OR 3

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

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Farmer's Helpers

Mon 7/27 - Fri 7/31

\$390 (Members Get 15% off)

Join the Coverdale Farm Team for a Week of Farming

Fun! Experience the outdoors, care for animals, discover what's growing, and explore the harmonious relationship between the farm and nature.

Nature Detectives

Mon 8/3 - Fri 8/7

\$390 (Members Get 15% off)

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Art on the Farm

Mon 8/10 - Fri 8/14

\$420 (Members Get 15% off)

Transform inspiration into masterpieces! Create 2D and 3D art while exploring the farm and preserve.

Don't miss our Friday art show to admire the beautiful creations.

Outdoor Explorers

Mon 8/17 - Fri 8/21

\$390 (Members Get 15% off)

Spend the week outside exploring the farm and the nature preserve. Visit the stream with dip nets, roam the meadows, and enjoy the simple joys of being outdoors while discovering the world around you.



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- Summer Camp Parent

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

ABBOTT'S MILL NATURE CENTER

On Abbott's Pond

Mon 7/6 - Fri 7/10

\$300

Take a deep dive into pond ecosystem exploration! Have fun as you paddle by canoe, seine, fish, test water quality, and observe plants and animals both macro and microscopic. Learn about the many secrets of pond ecology and enjoy recreational opportunities that ponds have to offer.

Survivor: Abbott's Mill

Mon 7/20 - Fri 7/24

\$300

Become an outdoor survivalist and set yourself loose in the wild! Have fun as you learn valuable survival skills including fire building, first aid, trail safety, wild edible plants, cooking in the wild, shelter building, fishing, and orienteering (map and compass). Put your outdoor and team building skills to the test as you compete in survival challenges.

Van transportation for field trips provided.

Nature's Magic

Mon 8/3 - Fri 8/7

\$300

Nature is chock full of truly amazing features, you just need to know where to look! Learn about medicinal plants and how humans rely on the natural environment for their daily needs. Peer through a microscope lens for closeup views of the tiny world that is all around us but rarely seen. Appreciate the "magical" things that abound in nature!



ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Excellent Adventures

Mon 6/8 - Fri 6/12

\$495 (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 provided.

Child Versus Wild

Mon 6/15 - Thur 6/18

\$375 (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 for field trips provided. *This is a 4-day camp.*

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

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Small Watercraft Adventures

Mon 6/15 - Thur 6/18

\$350 (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.

Canoe Club

Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26

\$435 (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.

Young Herpetologists

Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26

\$435 (Members Get 15% off)

Visit local habitats in search of snakes, turtles, salamanders, and frogs. Catch them, handle them, and learn how to identify them. Meet a local herpetologist and make a herpetology book. Van transportation for field trips is provided.



Tough Mudder Nature

Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26

\$435 (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!

DeNature Games

Mon 6/29 - Thur 7/2

\$320 (Members Get 15% off)

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Natural History of Battlefields

Mon 6/29 - Thur 7/2

\$390 (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 provided. *This is a 4-day week.*

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

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Young Ornithologists

Mon 6/29 - Thur 7/2

\$350 (Members Get 15% off)

Become an ornithologist - master the science of birds! Meet with experts and visit 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.

This is a 4-day camp.

Kayak Club

Mon 7/6 - Fri 7/10

\$435 (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 provided.

Ultimate Scavenger Hunt

Mon 7/6 - Fri 7/10

\$435 (Members Get 15% off)

Spend the week geocaching 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 is provided.

Camp Avatar

Mon 7/6 - Fri 7/10

\$435 (Members Get 15% off)

Water. Earth. Fire. Air. Do you have the skills to master them all? Become a bender for the week and take on challenges and adventures. Find out who has what it takes to master all four elements!

Canoe Club

Mon 7/13 - Fri 7/17

\$435 (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.

Careers in Science

Mon 7/13 - Fri 7/17

\$465 (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 provided.



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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER



Fun with Fishing

Mon 7/13 - Fri 7/17

\$465 (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 everyday and become an expert angler. Bring your own equipment or use ours. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Rock Hunters

Mon 7/20 - Fri 7/24

\$435 (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.

Tom Sawyer

Mon 7/20 - Fri 7/24

\$435 (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.

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Nature Photography

Mon 7/27 - Fri 7/31

\$490 (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.

Aqua Lab

Mon 8/3 - Fri 8/7

\$465 (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.

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Young Entomologists

Mon 8/10 - Fri 8/14

\$480 (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 8/10 - Fri 8/14

\$470 (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 with an experienced astronomer.



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Young Botanists

Mon 8/17 - Fri 8/21

\$435 (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.

Sporting in Nature

Mon 8/24 - Fri 8/28

\$465 (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

Kitchen Chemistry

Mon 6/15 - Thur 6/18

\$400 (Members Get 15% off)

Chemistry can be delicious! Step into the kitchen at Coverdale and take a bite of food science, from fizzing chemical reactions to changes in states of matter. Together we will take on edible experiments, learn more about the chemistry in everyday recipes, and enjoy our scrumptious creations. *This is a 4-day camp.*

Farm Quest

Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26

\$400 (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 7/13 - Fri 7/17

\$420 (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 7/20 - Fri 7/24

\$500 (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.

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Farmer's Apprentice

Mon 8/10 - Fri 8/21

\$820 (Members Get 15% off)

Join us for 2 weeks of 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 trip is provided."



SUMMER CAMP GRADE COMPLETED 7, 8, OR 9

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

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Kayak Adventures

Mon 6/8 - Fri 6/12

\$435 (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 a challenge paddle down the Brandywine. All experience levels welcome. Must know how to swim. Van transportation for field trips provided.

Island Adventures

Mon 6/15 - Thur 6/18

\$415 (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 provided. *This is a 4-day camp.*

Teen Wildlife Biologists

Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26

\$465 (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 for field trips provided.

Survivor

Mon 7/13 - Fri 7/17

\$465 (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.

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Canoe Adventures

Mon 7/20 - Fri 7/24

\$435 (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.

Beginning Backpackers

Mon 7/27 - Fri 7/31

\$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.

SUMMER CAMP GRADE COMPLETED 7, 8, OR 9

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

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Bioblitz

Mon 8/3 - Fri 8/7

\$435 (Members Get 15% off)

Become a naturalist at Ashland Nature Center and beyond! Search for as many wildlife species as quickly as you can on this bioblitz challenge. Search for various wildlife, learn how to identify them, and submit your own data! Van transportation for field trips provided.

Earth and Sky

Mon 8/10 - Fri 8/14

\$575 (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 8/17 - Fri 8/21

\$435 (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, story-telling, and showing animals. Practice becoming a camp counselor at Ashland!

Van transportation for field trips provided.



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

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Teen Farm Camp

Mon 6/29 - Thur 7/2

\$330 (Members Get 15% off)

Grow real skills, build friendships, and dig into something real! Join us for a week of hands-on farming experiences and nature exploration. Get your hands dirty alongside our farmers, learn about animal care up close, pitch in on projects, and leave with a better understanding of what regenerative agriculture or "farming with nature" means at Coverdale. Develop a stronger connection with our land, water, and food systems every day. Van transportation for field trip is provided. *This is a 4-day camp.*

Kitchen Showdown

Mon 7/6 - Fri 7/10

\$500 (Members Get 15% off)

Step into the kitchen and let your creativity shine in this cooking camp! Experiment with exciting ingredients, bold flavors, and fun techniques as you craft your culinary masterpieces. Work in teams, test your skills, and embrace your competitive spirit. The week builds to an epic cook-off where you'll showcase your original creations and savor the taste of victory. Get ready for a week of kitchen adventures, teamwork, and delicious fun! Van transportation for field trip is provided.

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Christina River Rangers

Mon 6/29 - Thur 7/2 AND Mon 7/6 - Fri 7/10

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 Meet Marsh Animals programs, explore the new butterfly garden or canoe and kayak the Christina!

Learn more: DelNature.org



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 K, 1, 2 OR 3

Winter Wonders

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Mon 2/16, 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.

Spring Break at Ashland

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Thur 4/2 & Fri 4/3, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

\$140 (Members Get 15% off)

Dive into spring at Ashland. 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 two-day spring break adventure!

Bug Bonanza

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Mon 9/21, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

\$70 (Members Get 15% off)

Hunt for our smallest critters in the meadows, catch some creek creatures, and help us release a butterfly out into the wild. Explore the wonders of the insect world at the Ashland Nature Center!

Autumn at Ashland

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Wed 11/11, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

\$70 (Members Get 15% off)

Spend the day going back to summer camp as you hike the trails, search for birds, play with autumn foliage, and cozy up to a campfire at Ashland Nature Center!

GRADE COMPLETED 4, 5 OR 6

Winter Wizards and Lizards

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Mon 2/16, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

\$70 (Members Get 15% off)

Pack your wand for a day of magic and wizard fun. Take a winter hike into the forest.... visit our "Three Broomsticks Club" for music and fun and set off on a magical adventure!

Outdoor Adventures

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Thur 4/2 & Fri 4/3, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

\$180 (Members Get 15% off)

Join us for two days of sporting in nature! Go fishing, geocaching, and test your archery skills. Hike some of Delaware's hidden trails and learn what it takes to survive in nature.

Child Vs. Wild

ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

Thur 4/2 & Fri 4/3, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

\$70 (Members Get 15% off)

Learn how to keep yourself warm this fall by building shelters and fires, cooking outdoors, and fishing. Get yourself out of the boondocks in one piece in a orienteering adventure.



PARENTS CORNER: GET READY FOR CAMP!

Visit DelNature.org/ParentsCorner for the latest info.

SEASON DATES
Jun 8 - Aug 28

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

*unless otherwise indicated

How to Register

REGISTRATION OPEN DATES

Members: Feb 2 at 8:30 am

Non-members: Feb 9 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 8/24-8/28.

TIMES & PRICES

Before Camp: 7:30 - 8:30 am, \$60/week*

After Camp: 3:00 - 6:00 pm, \$100/week*

*15% Member Discount applies to Extended Camp

REGISTER ONLINE AT
DelNature.org/SummerCamp

Camp Communication:

Before your camp week

Prepping for your Summer Camp before the camp week:

- For your convenience, the Parent's 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

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

- This summer we will be using an 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. After registration, this spring, you will receive an email with instructions to access the app 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 DelNature Camp 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:

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ASHLAND NATURE CENTER

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Wednesday, April 22

NATIVE PLANT SALE

COVERDALE FARM PRESERVE

Friday, May 1 (Member Day!) and Saturday, May 2

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

DUPONT ENVIRONMENTAL
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Saturday, June 20



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