



Summer Camp 2010



***A new summer camp
adventure awaits you....***

DISCOUNT!
Register before March 27th
for a 5% discount!

Our Camp Philosophy

Set on 47 acres of forest and trails, the Rye Nature Center offers an adventurous and educational summer program for children aged 3 ½ to 13 years. Our camp creates an enthusiastic setting for children to explore the inter-relationships and balances within nature. By enjoying the outdoors, learning about animals, and making scientific inquiries, our camp focuses on making environmental stewardship fun.

About Our Program

Campers at the Rye Nature Center are exposed to a variety of experiences during each camp day including hiking, ecological exploration and observation, and outdoor games. Over the course of each week, the children rotate through a series of special activities organized by our expert lead teachers such as science experiments, art in nature, dramatic arts and hands-on animal time.

All full-day campers bring a bag lunch. To beat the heat, there is daily water play time – including a spray tent, water slide, sprinklers and/or ice cube games.

Example of a group's typical day:

9:45-10:00	Drop-off and playground time
10:00-10:45	Art in Nature
10:45-11:00	Snack
11:00-11:45	Hike to Ecological Site of the Week
11:45-12:30	Science Lab
12:30-1:30	Lunch/Games/Water Play
1:15-2:30	Hands on Animal Time
2:30-2:45	Dramatic Arts and Clean-up

Our camp program is not just for the children, but for parents as well. Our summer camp cookout kicks off the season, allowing all the parents and campers to meet in a festive atmosphere. An end of the week skit shows off the talent our campers have developed. Our drive-through pick up and drop off routine for all campers except Explorers, provides a quick and easy way for your children to safely be guided to their camp group.

Experienced Staff

Rye Nature Center staff are exceptional, experienced educators in the areas of environmental science, ecology, and marine biology. Our lead teachers have been teaching children in and around the community for many years. Each camp counselor is trained in safety skills, as well as ecology, education and recreation. Many of our camp counselors are returning for their third or more summer.

Summer Camp Programs

Explorers

Entering preschool or K in fall
\$260 member*/\$310 non-member
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Program designed to emphasize the use of all five senses. Arts and crafts, games, music and outdoor activities based on the session theme and general nature education. Daily outings to explore the surrounding trails.

Discoverers

Entering K – 2nd grade in fall
\$345 member*/\$395 non-member
9:45 am – 2:45 pm
This full day camp is a great introduction for children entering kindergarten through second grade in the fall. Campers will explore the full spectrum of our grounds. A nurturing staff will encourage fun learning through experiments, games, and music!

Naturalists

Entering 3rd – 5th grade in fall
\$345 member*/\$395 non-member
9:45 am – 2:45 pm
Campers will discover and experience summer in new ways! Weekly science experiments will be taught by expert presenters. Daily hikes explore our natural habitats. Outdoor games, skit presentations and daily water activities add up to lots of fun!

CITs (Counselors in Training)

Entering 6th - 8th grade in fall
\$395 member*/\$445 non member
9:45 am – 2:45 pm
Campers receive leadership training, hands-on natural history study, conservation, and outdoor living skills. Each week, CITs have a Thursday Night Camp Out at the Rye Nature Center or go on a special field trip.

* Fees listed are per week. Family membership or above required for discount.
Note: Please send a snack with Explorers and lunch with all other campers.



Join the Student Environmental Action Learning Squad (S.E.A.L.S.)!

Middle school students can apply to join the S.E.A.L.S. program for the weeks of June 28 – July 2nd and July 6 – 9th. The S.E.A.L.S. program is a supervised work program that gives students the experience of undertaking environmentally beneficial projects with their peers. Guest speakers enhance the learning experience. Application and interview required for acceptance into this selective program. (Fee is \$75 per week.)

Summer Camp Weekly Themes

Traces of the Past: July 12 – 16

From dinosaurs to Native Americans to our Nature Center's very own "ruins," traces of what's past abound. Learn how to detect what happened when by reading the natural history of our forest, making your own fossils, and learning about the long ago relatives of today's animals.

Ready, Set, Survive: July 19 – 23

Get ready, get set and go this week with survival strategies in both the animal world and the world of people. Are you as fast as a cheetah? Can you jump as high as a kangaroo? Learn how to outsmart predators, adapt to the demands of nature and survive in the wild's of the Rye Nature Center woodlands.

Through the Woods: July 26 – 30

Find out about the animals who live in our trees, which trees provide food and shelter, and which trees give us products like wood, leaves, roots, or sap. We'll do wood crafts and make natural mobiles. Discover the world of decaying logs and the critters that live in them. Try some "wood-lore", and learn to track animals in the woods, use a compass and map, and more!

Spies Like Us: August 2 – 6

Become a spy who can spot natural "hideouts." Learn to make a natural shelter, how to see wildlife without being seen, and discover the art of being camouflaged. Meet animals who can hide in their environments, and play games to improve your skills at finding secretive creatures!

It's Sustainable: August 9 – 13

From reforestation to composting to waterways, we will uncover how our natural eco-systems are self-sustaining and what lessons we can incorporate into our own lives. We'll focus on our ponds and streams for some fizzy water quality testing experiments. Will build "recycled boats" and race them to round out a week of conservation fun.

Camp Kickoff Cookout

Friday, July 9, 2010 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Bring the whole family to meet all our camp staff! Our counselors will flip the burgers and dogs. Sample some of the most popular camp games and activities and take an (optional) guided hike on trails to see your campers' favorite special spots.

**Registration begins
Saturday, February 27th!**

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