

Journeyman Adventurers (Ages 11 - 13)

2021 Weekly Themes & Schedule



Disclaimer: The program will run as outlined due to COVID-19 regulations as they stand now. Please know this could change, requiring adjustments. All campouts will be at NCNC this summer. Campers and staff will wear masks at all times and during transport, windows will be open for increased ventilation.



Where the Water Goes (June 21 – June 25)

This week is all about exploring our amazing local wetlands and waterways. We will take our canoes up to local ponds, swim and splash along the shores of Long Island Sound and visit hidden waterfalls and water holes. We will work to learn how all our waterways are connected!

Thursday Night Campout: the "wilds" of NCNC

Identification Masters (June 28 – July 2)

This region of CT/NY is filled with amazing creatures big and small. This week we will trek to some of our most beautiful preserves, exploring open fields and covered forests in search of insects, birds, and mammals. We will investigate these wildlands and track the trail of clues left behind by critters who call these places home. If you're looking for an Adventurer's paradise you have found it!

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Canoeing in our Backyard (July 6 – July 9)

Grab a paddle and a PFD (personal floatation device) as we load up our canoes and hit some regional waterways in search of local wildlife and wild times on the water. Perfect your paddling prowess while we venture from lakes to ponds to rivers and marshes. Put-ins could include Bantam River & Lake, Mianus River, Squantz Pond, or more. Come join us for this wet and wacky, water-filled adventure!

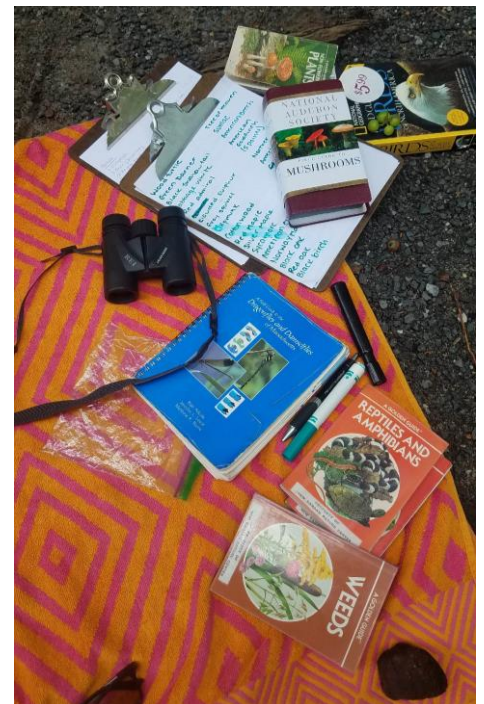
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Survival Challenge – Natural and Man-Made (July 12 – July 16)

Whether by land, by sea, or a combination of all that lies between, this week has a little bit of everything to challenge and delight the avid adventurer. From seining in Long Island Sound to exploring regional caves and rock formations or camping alongside forested streams - we'll see what it takes to survive within these habitats for animals and humans alike.

This week in the mornings we will adventure, and in the afternoons, we will return to the Nature Center to engage in engineering and land stewardship projects. This week we will challenge ourselves both inside and outside flexing our naturalist and engineering abilities.

There will be no Camp Out this week





Identification Olympics (July 19 – July 23)

Our local landscape provides amazing trails that wander to hidden watering holes, meander to cascades and caves, and ascend to fantastic ridgelines and vistas. This week we will trek to some of our most beautiful spots looking for critters to identify. We will investigate these wildlands and track the trail of clues left behind by critters who call these places home. We will challenge your citizen science skills, come sharpen them with us!

Thursday Night Campout: the “wilds” of NCNC

Adaptations and Survival (July 26 – July 30)

We will see what it takes to survive our local habitats for animals and humans alike. We will learn basic survival skills like fire building, knot tying, first aid, knife work, and shelter building. While out and about, we'll even take some time to give back and be stewards of the land and water. Come test your skills and learn some new ones!

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Explore the Outdoors (August 2 – August 6)

Can't decide what you like more? This end of summer sampler takes campers on an odyssey of adventures as we delve into a variety of natural sanctuaries to uncover the mysterious underpinnings and complex interconnections of living systems. We'll scour the trails and waterways of CT and NY at locales such as Indian Council Caves, Saugatuck Falls, Burr Pond, and Sherwood Island as we round out a summer of great fun in the great outdoors.

Thursday Night Campout: the “wilds” of NCNC

2021 Overview and Pricing

Journeyman Adventure campers meet Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm each day, except for Overnight Adventure Thursdays when they campout through the night until the end of camp on Friday afternoon. Maximum of 12 campers per session (counselor-camper ratio of 1:6).

A weekly fee of \$550 features:

- Off-site field trips exploring local hideaways, trails, and waterways by foot and canoe.
- One overnight camping experience at a local/regional park or out in the “wilds” of the Nature Center (*campers bring their sleeping bag, sleeping pad & backpack – all other supplies provided*).
- Dinner, breakfast, and Friday lunch for Overnight Adventure Thursday campout.
- Two experienced, highly trained staff with certifications in Wilderness First Aid, CPR, Lifeguarding & Small Watercraft Safety