

Adventure Camp

2024 Weekly Themes & Schedule



Adventure campers meet Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm each day, except for Late-night Adventure Thursdays when they stay for a cookout and campfire games until 7:00pm.

Grades 6th-8th

Identification Olympics (June 24 – 28)



Learn how to identify everything from dragonflies and birds to trees and frogs, as we crisscross our region in search of all creatures great and small! Make your own butterfly/dragonfly nets, master the use of binoculars, and other science equipment, and aid NCNC in our land stewardship efforts. During the week, your team's challenge is to use your newfound knowledge to find more than 200 different species of plants and animals! You have just one week. Can your team, do it? We'll contribute our findings to iNaturalist, eBird, and other community-based science projects.

Advanced Paddle Masters: (July 1 – July 3) 3-Day - Grades 7-9

Older campers, here's your chance to master new skills, improve your paddling prowess, and take on more advanced paddling challenges. Try your hand at paddling in a wildlife-rich saltmarsh, a scenic lake or meandering river. We'll top off our week kayaking out to the Norwalk islands. We'll also make time to swim and explore the shores for wildlife.



Survival and Robotics Week – Natural and Man-Made Challenges (July 8 – July 12)



See what it takes to survive in the wild and how local wildlife thrives in their habitats. In the mornings, learn basic survival skills, including shelter- and fire-building, knot tying, first aid, and knife work, while exploring the great outdoors for wildlife. In the afternoons, hone your engineering skills tackling robotics projects using LEGO Robotics. Challenge yourself; test your abilities and learn some new ones! **No Thursday late-night this week.**

Paddle Masters (July 15 – July 19)

Come explore our regional waterways! Search out local creatures, and enjoy good times on the water, while mastering your paddling skills! Canoes can take us to hidden places inaccessible on foot where wildlife often hides. We'll have lunch on an island, visit a series of chain lakes, paddle in ponds, and enjoy scenic lakes and rivers. There will be swimming, and time to explore the shores during this week of fun water-filled adventure.



Rock'n Gem Jam! - (July 22 – July 26)



Go tracking for dinosaurs, sluicing for gems, and mining for minerals in this rock- and fossil-filled week of adventure! We'll prospect for garnets, dig into geodes, cast dinosaur tracks, and see just how cool an abandoned iron mine can be. Thursday we'll tour PA's fabulous Lost River Caverns and sift for gems in their sluice. Who will strike it rich? It could be you!



Explore the Outdoors (July 29 – August 2)



Test your knowledge and learn new skills as we visit the many amazing places that critters call home. From hidden waterways to meandering streams, scenic cascades to ancient forests, we'll search out wildlife where they live. Whether we're hiking ridgelines with amazing views, visiting Leatherman's Cave, or wading after turtles in a stream, there's a world of hidden treasures to discover in our end of the summer sampler. Join us for adventures to remember!

A 5-day weekly fee of \$607 features: *

- Maximum of 12 campers per session (counselor-camper ratio of 1:6).
- Off-site field trips exploring local hideaways, trails, and waterways by foot and canoe.
- Thursday late-night fireside/cookout experience in the "wilds" of the Nature Center
- Dinner for Thursday Late-night Adventure.
- Two experienced, highly trained staff with certifications in Wilderness First Aid, CPR, Lifeguarding & Small Watercraft Safety.