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Nature & Environmental Summer Day Camp 2012

OPEN HOUSES:
March 10, 1-4pm,
April 21, 1-4pm and May 19, 1-4pm
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION:
by March 31, 2012

A message from Jeff Hoagland, Education Director

For over **35 years** our camp has offered the fun and fellowship of summer camp, the magic and inspiration of nature and the timeless value of education about our environment. We aim to connect the soul of the child and the heartbeat of the natural world—a connection critical to the growth, development and well being of our children. Our nature reserve setting has expanded to 930-acres of field, forest, pond and stream, offering unique opportunities for insightful and enriching experiences. As we pursue our **Bold Vision** for the Watershed Association, including a new LEED Platinum-certified Environmental Center, expect the camp to further embrace the notion of stewardship and sustainability.



An update on 2012 camp themes & activities from your Camp Director, Tammy Love

Campers will enjoy *even more* activities inspired by our weekly themes—more water, more animals, and more outdoor skills! All weeks will include your favorite stream visits, shelter-building, and campfire. We have added one new theme this year—Earth Energy—which is inspired by the renewable energy of the sun, wind, and water!

Camp Week & Theme:	June 26–28 SPECIALTY CAMP	July 2–3 & 5–6 WATER	July 9–13 ANIMALS	July 16–20 WATER	July 23–27 EARTH ENERGY	July 30–Aug. 3 NATURAL HANDCRAFTS	August 6–10 OUTDOOR SKILLS	August 15–17 SPECIALTY CAMP
Pre-K								Nature's Partners
Entering K & 1	Explorers							
Entering 1 & 2		Puddle & Pond	Tails & Trails	Drip Drop	Wishin' for Wind	Sticks & Stones	Nature Nuts	
Entering 3 & 4		Wacky Water	I Heart Wildlife	Wet & Wild	Solar Science	Woodland Artists	Trail Blazers	
Entering 5 & 6				River Runners	Eco-charged	Native & Creative	Can-do Canoe	
Entering 7, 8 & 9		Outdoor Adventure: Packs & Paddles						Teen Trekkers
Ages 15+		CIT Session I		CIT Session II		CIT Session II		

Summer Camp Registration

Summer Camp hours: 9am–4pm, M-F, except where noted. No camp on July 4, 2012.

Registration begins immediately—Choose from 4 easy ways to register...

- **Mail your forms to:** Education Dept., SBMWA, 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, NJ 08534
- **FAX your forms to:** Education Dept. at 609-737-3075
- **Deliver your forms in person to:** 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington
- **Sign up at one of our Summer Camp Open Houses—*March 10, April 21, and May 19, all 1–4pm***
- **Current SBMWA Family membership** is required for your child to attend camp. Becoming a member is easy—you can sign up on the camp registration form. If you are unsure of your membership status, please call the Education Department at 609-737-7592.
- **Full camp payment** is expected at registration time. Cash, check or credit card is accepted (MasterCard, VISA or Discover).
- **Camper health and medical form** must be completed, signed and submitted with registration form. New Jersey state law requires that all campers submit a current health record each year. Children will not be registered in camp without a properly completed/signed health form and immunization record. If your child is not vaccinated for medical or religious reasons, please provide documentation.
- **Camp confirmation** will be emailed to you upon receipt of forms and payment.
- **Pre-camp packet** with additional information will be emailed to you approximately one month before the start of camp. When you provide a valid email address, you help us **go green** and save postage!
- **Cancellation Policy:** Camp cancellations **MUST** be received in writing one month prior to the start of the scheduled session for refund of camp fee. Please direct written cancellation and request for refund to the attention of the Education Department. If written notice of cancellation is received less than one month prior to the start of session, refund will be issued only if another camper fills the space. Vacancies may be filled first from established wait lists. There will be a \$40 processing fee for all cancellations. SBMWA membership fee is not refundable.
- **Discounts and Special Offers for 2012!** Check all that apply on your registration form:
 - **Sibling Discount:** When 2 or more siblings attend camp the same week, each camper receives a \$25 discount (excluding *Explorers, Nature's Partners, Teen Trekkers* and *CIT*).
 - **Multi-week Discount:** When a camper attends more than one week of camp, the camper receives a \$25 discount for each session (excluding *Explorers, Nature's Partners, Outdoor Adventure, Teen Trekkers* and *CIT*).
 - **Bring a Friend Discount:** Returning campers—when you attend one of our Summer Camp Open Houses with a NEW, first-time camper and you both register at the Open House for the same week of camp, you will each receive \$10 off one session.
- **Early Bird Registration Bonus:** Register your child(ren) by March 31, 2012 and each child will receive a Special Gift.

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is central New Jersey's first environmental group. Since 1949 we have been protecting clean water and the environment throughout our region through conservation, advocacy, science and education. Visit thewatershed.org to learn more.



Campers Entering Grades 1 & 2 • Fee: \$300 each week (PUDDLE & POND \$270)

PUDDLE & POND

July 2–6 (No camp on July 4)

Water is all around us this week! Spend most of your time at the pond and stream meeting a fascinating world of creatures. “Wet” your appetite with water explorations, crafts, and play. Your imagination will be your guide! Campers may register for both water weeks.

WISHIN’ FOR WIND

July 23–27

Get energized this week! Discover how nature makes and uses energy as we explore, build, and play. Do some science experiments with wind, water, and sun. Our games, crafts, and hikes will be energy themed!

TAILS & TRAILS

July 9–13

Come meet your friends! The Watershed Reserve is teeming with animals of all shapes and sizes. Spend the week learning about animals from fluttering butterflies to bellowing bullfrogs! Exploration, crafts, games, and stories will help bring out our inner critters!

STICKS & STONES

July 30–August 3

Be free to be creative during this full week of hands-on natural art! Make and build things every day out of materials found in nature! Nature exploration, games, and hikes round out this exciting week!

DRIP DROP

July 16–20

Another week of water fun! Spend most of your time at the pond and stream meeting a fascinating world of creatures. “Wet” your appetite with water explorations, crafts, and play. Your imagination will be your guide! Campers may register for both water weeks.

NATURE NUTS

August 6–10

Grab your water bottle and let’s hit the trail! With your counselors as your guides, build, hike, and imagine your way through the forest, fields, pond, and stream. Play ‘shelters,’ make meals for squirrels and fairies, and even discover some secrets of the outdoors!

Campers Entering Grades 3 & 4 • Fee: \$320 each week (WACKY WATER \$290)

WACKY WATER

July 2–6 (No camp on July 4)

Water’s the big idea? A week full of watery adventures, of course! Explore the stream and pond using our hands, nets, and seines. We’ll hike to meet schools of fish, armies of crayfish, and maybe even a Great Blue Heron! Campers may register for both water weeks.

SOLAR SCIENCE

July 23–27

The energy of the earth is all around us! Animals and plants use it and so do people! We will use wind, water, and sun energy to make and power our activities this week. We may build boats, kites, and solar cookers. Then use your own energy source to explore and play in nature!

I HEART WILDLIFE

July 9–13

Splash, jump, and fly through a week of exploration all over the Watershed Reserve! Meet insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and fish; discover signs of the elusive mammals! Discover some of the many secrets of the animals that live around us!

WOODLAND ARTISTS

July 30–August 3

You can make it! This week is full of hands-on creative experiences! We will focus on building, creating, and playing with natural and recycled materials—sticks, leaves, clay, cardboard, and string, to mention a few. Join us this week for nature exploration, hikes, and active creativity!

WET & WILD

July 16–20

Water’s the big idea? Another week of water fun! Spend the majority of your week exploring the stream and pond using hands, nets, and seines. We’ll meet schools of fish and armies of crayfish! Campers may register for both water weeks!

TRAIL BLAZERS

August 6–10

Set a course for adventure! With backpacks ready, let’s hit the trail in search of nature discoveries! This week will be full of building shelters, learning trail signs and safety, and making friends as we roam the forest, fields, stream, and pond. Explore the world ‘out there’ on the Watershed Reserve!

Campers Entering Grades 5 & 6 • Fee: \$400 each week

RIVER RUNNERS

July 16–20

Ready, set, paddle! Spend the week near water as we explore the stream and pond for frogs, crayfish, herons, and turtles. Water-related activities, hikes, and fishing make this week terrific! We will learn canoeing skills by taking a day trip on the Delaware & Raritan Canal. End the week camping overnight on the Watershed Reserve and participating in a scientific bat count!

CAN-DO CANOE

August 6–10

Have fun sharpening your outdoor skills this week as you make new friends and tackle team challenges. Roam the property with your counselors to discover interesting animals and plants! We will learn and develop our canoeing skills by taking a day trip on the Delaware & Raritan Canal. Then cook over a fire and camp overnight on the Watershed Reserve!

ECO-CHARGED

July 23–27

Investigate the energy of the earth—wind, water, and sun! Discover how it is used in nature and how we can harness it for our own solar-powered science project! Use up some energy by trying the climbing wall, low ropes, and archery on a day trip to YMCA Camp Bernie! End the week camping overnight on the Watershed Reserve and participating in a scientific bat count!

NATIVE & CREATIVE

July 30–August 3

Go wild and get creative! All week, create and build with natural materials—clay dug from the stream, dyes made from plants, and woodland treasures. Then experience a Lenape village hands-on as we take an exciting day trip to Churchville Nature Center in Pennsylvania. End the week cooking over a fire and camping overnight on the Watershed Reserve!

Campers Entering Grades 7, 8 & 9

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE— PACKS & PADDLES

July 2–13 (No camp on July 4)

Fee: \$865

Get ready for two weeks of fun and adventure! Hiking and nature exploration are paired with games, teambuilding, and making new friends at the Watershed Reserve. We will head north to challenge ourselves with an overnight backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail, a famous trail with amazing views! Then enjoy sandy beaches and scenic cedar swamps as we canoe and camp on the Mullica River in Wharton State Forest, a hidden gem of the Pine Barrens! Trip meals, equipment, transportation, and adventure are included with the fee.

TEEN TREKKERS

August 15–17 • **Fee: \$325**

This short but action-packed week includes three big adventures: geocaching on the Watershed Reserve, hiking in Hacklebarney State Park, and canoeing on a local National Wild & Scenic River—the Delaware River! On Thursday, stay at camp late and we will cook dinner over a campfire! Equipment, transportation, Thursday dinner, and adventure are included with the fee!

Summer Counselor- In-Training (CIT) Fee: \$225

Choose July 2–13 (No camp on July 4),
July 16–27, or July 30–August 10;
9am–4:30pm daily

Become a summer camp CIT and gain resume-building experience and knowledge! This program, for students 15 years and older, is ideal for teenagers who enjoy the outdoors and working with young children. CITs work with campers, are mentored by the camp staff, and are trained by the Camp Director. Training topics include natural history, assisting with camp, and completing a leadership project. This valuable program has limited availability. All CITs should submit camp registration and health forms plus Watershed Association membership fee. New CITs must also submit CIT application (available from Camp Director), letter of recommendation and CIT program fee. No program fee for returning CITs.

Shorter Sessions for Our Youngest Campers

EXPLORERS

June 26–28, 9:30am–12pm

Fee: \$80

Children entering Kindergarten and first grade in September can sample our summer camp in this special 3-day session! Our Staff will help your young camper explore the stream for crayfish, take a hike in the forest, and go on an insect safari!

NATURE'S PARTNERS

August 15–17, 9:30–11:30am

Fee: \$90 per pair

Preschoolers (3-5 years old) and a parent/guardian will spend time exploring nature together with one of our Teacher-Naturalists. You and your young explorer will learn about woodland creatures, play games, make simple crafts and discover the plants and animals that live around the Watershed Reserve.

