

2017 Summer Nature Program

Spend a week discovering the New Jersey Shore in a fun and hands-on way! Engage in science experimentation and exploration, play games, go on field trips, explore the beach, create arts and crafts, and much more all while enjoying a new theme each week: **Creation Nation, Explore the Shore: Have to Have a Habitat, Fins, Skins, Scales, Tails: Fashion and Function in the Wild Outdoors, Go with the Flow, Amazing Mammals in the Sea, Weather or Not, and Seashore Scientist and Their Tools for Exploration.**

For children ages 5-13, programs are held weekly from July 5 - August 16, 2017 and include field trips and beach days. Children age 4 can enjoy special programs during the weeks of July 5, July 17, July 31, and August 14, 2017. Children ages 4-5 attend programs daily from 9:30am - 12:00pm and children ages 6-13 attend programs daily from 9:30am - 2:00pm. **Don't delay, register today! Discounted registration ends May 1, 2017!**



Celebrating the program theme **Fins, Skins, Scales, Tails**, the 2017 Summer Nature Program T-shirt is lemon yellow and features an iconic terrapin design!



July 5 - 7, 2017 (Wednesday - Friday)

Theme: **Creation Nation**

Get your CREATIVE juices flowing this week! We'll be learning about nature while we use natural materials in a variety of ways to have fun creating all kinds of cool awesome art.

July 10 - 14, 2017 (Monday - Friday)

Theme: **Explore the Shore: Have to Have a Habitat**

Many habitats have shorelines ripe for discovery! This week we'll be looking closely at the edge of the land and the edge of the water - where two totally different habitats come together. This can get very interesting! What do you think we'll find? Bring your ideas and designs; this week we'll be working on our project for the 4H Fair.

July 17 - 21, 2017 (Monday - Friday)

Theme: **Fins, Skins, Scales, Tails: Fashion & Function in the Wild Outdoors**

Fish, turtles, octopi, and butterflies. What do they and other animals have in common? How are they different? We'll be "wearing ourselves out" learning what a wild life there is out there.

July 24 - 28, 2017 (Monday - Friday)

Theme: **Go with the Flow**

It's in the air we breathe, in the food we eat, in our bodies, under our feet, above our heads, down stream, up stream, and everywhere in between. It's a solid liquid gas, man! We'll be floating and sinking with this totally cool, hot topic!

July 31 - August 4, 2017 (Monday - Friday)

Theme: **Amazing Mammals in the Sea**

Let's dive deeper into the sea to see what we can see! Our "sea cousins" - dolphins, whales, and other sea mammals - will be our subjects of discovery. Just how do they live their lives almost entirely in the sea?? And still do the same things we do here on land?? We'll have a whale of a time discovering.

August 7 - 11, 2017 (Monday - Friday)

Theme: **Weather or Not**

Wind, sun, clouds and storm, from one day to the next the conditions outside are changing. We're predicting a flood of fun for this week. Rain or shine!

August 14 - 16, 2017 (Monday - Wednesday)

Theme: **Seashore Scientist & Their Tools for Exploration**

Nets and buckets are only the beginning. Let's make our own terrific, scientific field equipment, conduct experiments, and test hypotheses. The shore is waiting for new discoveries!

Extra August 14 - 16 Only!

Come back to the beach on Wednesday evening to watch the moon rise, and hunt for ghost crabs along the beach tonight.



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2017 Summer Nature Program Participant Permission Form

All information will be kept confidential.

Participant's Name: _____

Age as of July 5, 2017: _____

Date(s) of Registered Program(s): _____

I, _____, hereby give permission for _____
(Parent/Grandparent/Guardian Name—Please Print) (Child's Name—Please Print)

to participate in Summer Nature Program on site at The Wetlands Institute, at Stone Harbor Point beach dune areas (ages 5–13), and on special field trips off the Institute grounds specified at the beginning of each week (ages 5–13). I recognize that The Wetlands Institute reserves the right to change plans if weather or other circumstances dictate.

I understand that The Wetlands Institute staff will take all precautions to ensure the welfare of my child. I understand that activities can bring with them dangers from known and unexpected risks. I do waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against The Wetlands Institute and its staff for any injuries that may be suffered by the child named above during this program.

I give permission for The Wetlands Institute staff to administer emergency first aid in the event of an accident. I further give permission for the staff to take my child to the hospital if in their opinion this is necessary. I understand that every effort will be made to notify me in the event of an emergency. I give permission for a staff member to drive my child in his/her own car if this is necessary.

In signing this agreement I certify that my child is healthy and free from problems that could be detrimental to his/her safety and that of others involved in Summer Nature Program. I am aware that precautions will be taken to avoid tick-infested areas, but I understand that ticks are an ongoing problem in New Jersey and that they can be picked up anywhere in the out-of-doors.

I authorize The Wetlands Institute to have and use photographs of the above named child as may be needed or for public relations purposes.

Signature: _____ Relationship to Child: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact and Healthy History Information

Primary Contact	Secondary Contact
Name:	Name:
Relationship to Child:	Relationship to Child:
Daytime Phone #:	Daytime Phone #:
Cell Phone #:	Cell Phone #:

Please indicate if your child has any allergies. If so, please explain or provide more detail as necessary.

None Bee Stings: Yes / No Medications: Yes / No Food/Drink: Yes / No Other Allergies: Yes / No

Please list any disabilities or medical conditions that our staff should be aware of:

