2018 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 so much more all while enjoying a new theme each week.

For children ages 5-13, programs are held weekly from June 27 - August 22, 2018 and include field trips and beach days. Children age 4 can enjoy special programs during the weeks of June 27, July 9, July 23, August 6 and August 20, 2018. 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.

June 27-29, 2018
Theme: Solar, Polar, Fire and Ice
Summer is heating up with hot, melty days ahead. We’ll be cooling down with some icy activities as we work with the sun in the north, south and everywhere in between. It’s time to chill: think penguins, polar bears, glaciers, and **SNOW**.

July 2-6, 2018
Theme: Explore the Shore: Beneath the Shell
Anyone who has walked the beach knows how much fun it is to find what the sea has left behind. Let’s look closer and find out about the bivalves, gastropods, crustaceans and other animals “under” those shells.

July 9-13, 2018
Theme: Get in Shape: Structures in Nature
Fish and submarines, nests and shelters, wings and airplanes: it’s all about the shape of things. Bring your thinking cap this week. We’ll be examining natural structures, then designing and building some of our own. Bring your creative ideas; this week we’ll be working on our project for the 4H Fair.

July 16-20, 2018
Theme: Marine Micro Macro: Lifestyles of the Wet and Tidal
From the tiniest copepod to the mega-giant whales, marine life has incredible ways of living in and around water. Microscopes and binoculars are just some of the tools we’ll use to examine critters and the things they do to keep wet and stay dry.

July 23-27, 2018
Theme: Nature of Night
Have you ever sat outside at night and listened quietly? Have you noticed how the night smells or what it feels like? What can you see in the dark? When the sun goes down, nightlife turns on using senses and body parts to deal with the change. The difference is like “night and day”!

July 30-August 3, 2018
Theme: Tagged, You’re It!
People have been tracking animal movements for thousands of years. Tracking not only helps us learn about animal behaviors, but also allows us to find out about the health of our environment. From footprints, bands, and radio chips, let’s learn the stories of wildlife.

August 6-10, 2018
Theme: Herps and Terps
What has scales and breathable skin, four legs and no legs, lays eggs in water and in the ground, and has been around for millions of years?? … Give up??? You’ll just have to swim, slither and hop on in this week to find out what a herpetologist studies!

August 13-17, 2018
Theme: Common Ground
We’ve lived on this planet all our lives, but how much do we really know about the changing Earth beneath our feet? It’s full of tales of cycles, ebbs and flows, landforms, landscapes and wildlife. Let’s explore how the land has changed wildlife and … how wildlife has changed the land.

August 20-22, 2018
Theme: Safari in the Saltmarsh
We’ll be trekking’ through the outback and dippin’ in the creeks, on the hunt for “wild wetland game”. Get your mud on!

Extra! Extra! Extra!
July 23-27 and August 20-22
For two weeks only, come back to the beach on Wednesday evening to watch the moon rise, and hunt for ghost crabs along the beach.

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2018 Summer Nature Program
Participant Registration Form

Please submit one application per participant. We cannot accept participant registration by phone. Mail, email, fax or walk-in completed application (registration and permission form) with full payment to:

The Wetlands Institute
1075 Stone Harbor Boulevard
Stone Harbor, NJ 08247

Email: admissions@wetlandsinstitute.org • Fax: (609) 368-3871 • Any Questions? (609) 368-1211

Program Availability, Theme and Pricing Information

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Participant Information

Participant Name (Please Print): ____________________________

Age as of June 27, 2018: ____________________________

Parent/Grandparent/Guardian Name (Please Print): ____________________________

Email Address (Required for Registration Confirmation):

Winter Mailing Address:
(Valid from _______________ to _______________)

Phone:

Summer Mailing Address:
(Valid from _______________ to _______________)

Phone:

Program Registration Information

Register by May 1, 2018 and receive a discount! Age 4-5 receive $5.00 off and age 6-13 receive $10.00 off!

Program Dates | Program Theme and Age Group | Program Fee
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------
|               |                            |             |

Youth Size T-shirt Circle One: XS S M L XL ($12.00)

*For safety reasons, our t-shirt is required for all age groups. Adult and toddler sizes upon request. Order now, pick up first day.

Members Only Discount ($15.00 per program)

Early Registration Discount ($5.00 or $10.00 per program)

Total Amount Due

Choose payment method. Full payment must accompany complete application.

Please Note: Payment is nonrefundable unless notice of withdrawal is given 30 days prior to the start of the program. Any program changes will incur a $10.00 administrative fee.

☐ Credit Card   ☐ Cash   ☐ Check payable to “The Wetlands Institute”

Card #:______________________ CVV ____  Exp. ____________  Name on Card: ____________________________

Regardless of payment method, please sign and date. Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________
2018 Summer Nature Program Participant Permission Form
All information will be kept confidential.

Participant’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Age as of June 27, 2018: _____________________________________________________

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

I, ________________________________________, hereby give permission for ____________________________ (Parent/Grandparent/Guardian Name—Please Print) to ____________________________ (Child’s Name—Please Print) 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

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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:

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