Join us! Right here, in-person, at The Wetlands Institute!

Spend a week (or two or three!) 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 28 - August 23, 2023 and include field trips and beach days. Children age 4 can enjoy special programs during the weeks of June 28, July 3, July 17, July 31, August 14 and August 21, 2023.

Children age 4 attend programs daily from 9:30am - 12:00pm and children ages 5-13 attend programs daily from 9:30am - 2:00pm.

**June 28-30**
**The Nature of Art: Get in Shape**
This week you’ll unlock your artistic thinking and creative energy, as we go on a nature hunt in search of inspirational shapes in our environment. Along the way, you’ll create works of art, unlock the secrets of the Fibonacci sequence and, if you’re lucky, uncover the elusive Diamond in the Marsh. I wonder how many different shapes you can find!

**July 3-7**
**Wildlife Warriors**
Come be a protector of animals and nature! Learn how to help preserve animal habitats, meet the conservation scientists (and conservation animals!) behind-the-scenes at The Wetlands Institute, and brainstorm ideas to support our local wildlife. Join us this week to make a difference in the world!
*Field Trip to Cape May County Park and Zoo.*

**July 10-14**
**Ecology Explorers: Explore the Shore**
Get your exploration gear together and observe how all living things connect to our environment. From the small, but mighty fiddler crab to the tasty pickleweed plant to the creepy, but harmless horseshoe crab - all things are connected. Find out how we can help these connections become stronger and our human impact lighter. Our environment needs us!
*Field Trip to Cape May Point State Park.*

**July 17-21**
**Scales and Slime**
Slither and hop through this week discovering all things reptiles and amphibians! We’ll leave no rock or log unturned as we explore marsh, pond and forest habitats looking for these cold blooded creatures. Channel your inner reptile wrangler and learn the importance of respecting and conserving all animals, including the slimy and scaly ones.
*Field Trip to Belleplain State Forest.*

**July 24-28**
**Exploring our Sensational Senses**
All animals have their own special sensory super powers, and guess what? So do you! This week, we will spend each day focusing on one of our 5 main senses, and using those senses to explore the world around us. We will even get to meet a few different animals and discover their sensory super power!
*Field Trip to Hereford Inlet Lighthouse.*

**July 31-August 4**
**Plant Power**
Become a Botanist and have a “tree-mendous” week as we learn about the plant life around us through up-close examination, sensory learning, and stealth games. Get down and dirty as we discover how the plants at our feet become a source of water, shelter, food, or in some cases – delicious teas and medicine!
*Field Trip to Estell Manor Park.*

**August 7-11**
**Aquatic Adventures: Marine Mammal Edition**
During this week’s aquatic adventure, become a Marine Mammal Champion as you explore everything from sea lions to manatees to polar bears. But don’t forget to bring your sea legs (and your whistles) because we will be riding on a boat in search of dolphins and discovering just what it takes to be a dolphin trainer.
*Field Trip to Cape May Whale Watch and Research Center.*

**August 14-18**
**The Wonder of Wetlands**
What is that stinky smell? It is the wonder right outside your door, the wetlands! Prepare to be amazed as you become part of the marshlands that surround us and find out why the smell does not match the incredible sights, sounds and creatures that call the wetlands home. *Field Trip to Bayshore Center at Bivalve.*

**August 21-23**
**The Nature of Art: Marsh Magic**
Where did the ghost crab go? Did the mussels and clams disappear? Now you see them, now you don’t! Come discover the many secrets of the marsh and make some marsh magic of your very own.
2023 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

### Summer Nature Program Availability, Theme and Pricing Information

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| Ages 8-9       |                               | $200        |
| Ages 10-13     |                               | $200        |

### Summer Nature Program Registration Information

Register by April 1, 2023 and receive a discount! Age 4 receives $5.00 off and ages 5-13 receive $10.00 off!

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**T-shirt Size**
Circle One: XS S M L XL

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

- $12.00 youth / $14.00 adult

**Members Only Discount ($15.00 per program)**
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**Early Registration Discount ($5.00 or $10.00 per program)**
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**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. ____ Zip Code ______ Name on Card: ______________________

Regardless of payment method, please sign and date. Signature: ______________________ Date: ____________
2023 Summer Nature Program Participant Permission Form

All information will be kept confidential.

Participant’s Name: ____________________________________________

Age as of June 28, 2023: _________________________________________

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.

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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