

Summer Nature Program

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 26 - August 21, 2024 and include field trips and beach days. Children age 4 can enjoy special programs during the weeks of June 26, July 1, July 15, July 29, August 12 and August 19, 2024.

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 26-28

Color my World with Nature

Color plays an important role in nature! Animals use it for communication, hiding, and attention. Join us as we learn about animals who depend on colors, go on a color scavenger hunt, and try to camouflage with our surroundings.

July 1-5

Becoming a Naturalist

Together we'll slow down and enjoy all that nature gives us. Channel your inner naturalist and use your senses to identify plants and animals common to New Jersey salt marshes. It's a perfect week to absorb the sights, take a deep breath of salty air and listen to all the animal calls around you.

Field Trip to Belleplain State Forest.

July 8-12

Explore the Shore: Wetland Warriors

Grab a net, put on your boots and bring your outdoor warrior spirit because this week we're exploring all things wetlands. From saltwater to freshwater, and everywhere in between, we will be wading out in the water to learn about the wildlife that lives in the wetlands.

Field Trip to Cox Hall Creek Wildlife Management Area.

July 15-19

Reptile Wranglers

Spend this week flipping logs, digging in the dirt, and wading in the creeks to wrangle some reptiles and search for their elusive amphibian friends! Get up close and personal with the most famous reptile in the salt marsh, the Diamondback Terrapin, and meet the scientists who study them.

Field Trip to Cape May Point State Park.

July 22-26

Go with the Flow

Splash into the week learning about the importance of water on Planet Earth. Make fun water discoveries as we learn about rivers, lakes, oceans, and the animals who call water home, including the Delaware Bay's own living fossil. Get ready for a wet and wild adventure!

Field Trip to Bayshore Center at Bivalve.

July 29-August 2

Wildlife Detectives

How can you figure out an animal has been in your backyard? Does it leave tracks, nests, fur, or even poop? Scientists rely on all of these clues and more to track down and observe animals. Join us this week to figure out the mystery of who has been visiting the salt marsh.

Field Trip to Cape May County Park and Zoo.

August 5-9

Marine Mammals: Get Your Swim On!

Did you know that scientists don't know that much about the ocean? Swim into this week to learn about our local marine life and the unique adaptations that allow them to survive in the ocean! Participate in a beach cleanup and learn all the ways we can help our ocean friends.

Field Trip to Cape May Whale Watch and Research Center.

August 12-16

Going Green

Become an environmental champion this week as we focus on green living. Learn what you can do to help preserve animal habitats, turn everyday trash into artsy treasures, and live sustainably off the land that surrounds you. It's sure to be a green-tastically good time!

Field Trip to Atlantic County Utilities Authority.

August 19-21

Salty Shorebirds: Surviving the Jersey Shore

Cape May County is known all over the world for its amazing bird species, especially those that stop here during their migration! This week learn more about our feathered friends and the technology we're using to track them. Join us on a hike out in the salt marsh and test your bird ID knowledge.



2024 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

	June 26-28 <i>Color my World with Nature</i>	July 1-5 <i>Becoming a Naturalist</i>	July 8-12 <i>Wetland Warriors</i>	July 15-19 <i>Reptile Wranglers</i>	July 22-26 <i>Go with the Flow</i>	July 29 - August 2 <i>Wildlife Detectives</i>	August 5-9 <i>Marine Mammals</i>	August 12-16 <i>Going Green</i>	August 19-21 <i>Salty Shorebirds</i>
Age 4	\$130	\$200		\$200		\$200		\$200	\$130
Age 5	\$200	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$300	\$275	\$200
Ages 6-7	\$200	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$300	\$275	\$200
Ages 8-9	\$200	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$300	\$275	\$200
Ages 10-13	\$200	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$300	\$275	\$200

Participant Information

Participant Name (Please Print):	Age as of June 26, 2024:
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:

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Register by April 1, 2024 and receive a discount! Age 4 receives \$5.00 off and ages 5-13 receive \$10.00 off!

Program Dates	Program Theme and Age Group	Program Fee
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.		+ \$13.00 youth / + \$15.00 adult
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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	   	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Check payable to "The Wetlands Institute"
Card #: _____	CVV _____	Exp. _____	Zip Code _____
Name on Card: _____		Date: _____	

Regardless of payment method, please sign and date. Signature: _____



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2024 Summer Nature Program Participant Permission Form

All information will be kept confidential.

Participant's Name: _____

Age as of June 26, 2024: _____

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: