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The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the  
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present

# SUMMER 2012 AT TRAILSIDE

CAMP PROGRAMS FOR  
PRESCHOOL - 9TH GRADE

FAMILY PROGRAMS

JUNE - AUGUST

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER  
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This summer, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites you to experience Trailside Nature and Science Center. Visit our state-of-the-art, interactive exhibits or take part in one of the many unique and educational programs designed to engage both you and your child.

Trailside offers:

- Pre-first grade programs for 4 & 5-year-old children
- Half and full-day camps for children entering grades one through nine
- Family programs
- Evening programs
- Wednesday matinees

Trailside's location in the scenic Watchung Reservation provides the perfect classroom to have fun while learning about the environment and natural world around us.

In the front of this brochure you will find important program registration information. This information details registration procedures and cancellation policies for Trailside's summer camp programs for the 2012 season.

**IC = UNION COUNTY RESIDENT**

**OC = OUT OF COUNTY**



In order to accommodate everyone, please let us know in advance if you or a member of your group has any special needs.

## - IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ -

### Trailside Summer Camp & Family Program 2012 Registration Procedures

The Union County Department of Parks & Community Renewal recognizes the need to conduct a fair and efficient registration system to handle the demand for Trailside's summer camps. A lottery system will be used to determine your place in line for summer program registration on Saturday, March 3, 2012. Summer brochures and registration cards will be distributed when you draw a lottery number. If you have any questions please call Trailside at (908) 789-3670.

#### **Draw a Lottery Number – February 11 through February 24, 2012**

1. Beginning on Saturday, February 11 through Friday, February 24, 2012 from Noon-5 p.m., Union County residents may visit Trailside to draw a lottery number.
2. This number will indicate the registrant's position on line for Summer Registration on Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
3. Your lottery ticket will also indicate the time you should arrive at Trailside on March 3, 2012. This will eliminate the need for you to stand in line for an extended period of time.
4. **There are more than 500 numbers. *The lottery will be conducted through February 24, 2012 unless all tickets are drawn before that date.***
5. Proof of residency, such as a valid driver's license in one of Union County's 21 communities, will be required to draw a number.
6. **Only one number may be drawn per family/address. You may only pick a lottery number for your own family.**
7. The registrant's name, address, lottery number and registration arrival time will be recorded when the lottery number is chosen.

#### **Union County Resident Registration Day – Saturday, March 3, 2012 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

1. You must bring your lottery ticket with you to registration.
2. **Registrants must be present when their name and number is called, or their position in line will be forfeited.** If the registrant arrives after their number is called, but within their designated hour, they may register at the end of their one-hour time block. If the registrant misses their one-hour block of time, they may return at 4:30 p.m. to register.

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**(REGISTRATION PROCEDURES CONTINUED)**

3. A person may register **ONLY** their children/family with their lottery ticket.
4. If a person cannot be present at their appointed registration time, they may send a representative. The representative must have the family's lottery ticket, must come at the appointed time, and may register only the children/family of the name on the lottery ticket.

***Summer 2012 camp sessions will be limited as follows:***

**A. Children in the Pre-First Grade programs**

- Limited to two (2) weeks of camp and cannot repeat the same camp session.
- Will not be permitted to take a morning and afternoon session during the same camp week.

**B. Children entering the 1st - 9th Grade Camps**

- Limited to two (2) weeks of full-day combination camps or four (4) weeks of half-day camps.
- Camp sessions cannot be repeated.

**C. Family & Evening Programs**

- Families will not be permitted to repeat the same Friday Family or Evening program.

**D. Waitlist Books**

- As camps and family programs fill, waitlist books will be available for each program.

**Out-of-County Resident Registration – Monday, March 5, 2012 - Noon - 4:45 p.m.**

1. Registration for Out-of-County residents will take place on Monday, March 5 from Noon-4:45 p.m. Lottery numbers will not be required.
2. Not all camps/programs/workshops fill the first weekend of registration. Registration for Union County and Out-of-County residents will continue Noon-4:45 p.m. daily until classes are filled.

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## (REGISTRATION PROCEDURES CONTINUED)

### Payment Policies

1. Payments must be made in full. Make checks payable to “County of Union.”
2. MasterCard and Visa credit cards are accepted in person.
3. *Once payment is made for a camp/program, registration is final. No changes will be accepted on registration day, March 3, 2012.*

### Cancellation Policies

1. Refunds will be given from March 5 to May 31 with a non-refundable registration fee of \$30 charged for **each** pre-first grade program, **each** half-day session of camp and **each family** enrolled in the over-night Family Campout for beginners.
2. **No refunds will be given after May 31 for any summer camp program. Credits will not be given at any time for summer camp programs. No exceptions.**
3. Credits or refunds will not be given at **any** time for Friday Family, Tuesday Evening or Family Campfires.
4. Trailside credits will only be issued for evening and family programs *cancelled by Trailside*. Credits are valid for one year from the date of issue and can be used toward any Trailside program.

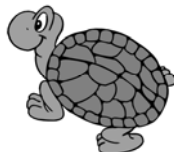
### General Policies

1. Program spaces are non-exchangeable and non-transferable.
2. Trailside programs are tailored to different aged children. When registering for camp and family programs, please pay attention to the age guidelines.
3. Trailside can not allow inappropriately (younger or older than the age specifications for each camp/program) aged children to attend camps *or family* programs. If an inappropriately aged child attends a program, the child will be removed and no credit or refund will be issued.
4. Please call Trailside if your child/family can not attend a camp/program. Trailside will call names from the waitlist until the space is filled.





# WEDNESDAY MATINEES



Trailside's summer matinee entertainment series will feature a variety of kid-friendly, nature, science and earth-friendly entertainment. Live animals, magicians, music and more may take the stage in Trailside's auditorium during July and August.

**Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.**  
**For families with children ages 4 & up**  
**Admission: \$5.00/person**  
**Tickets go on sale at 1 p.m. on the day of the presentation. Call Trailside for more information.**

Watch for a full schedule to be released in spring.

# CAMP PROGRAM CHART

## FOR 4 and 5-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN

Classes meet Monday through Thursday.

### SESSION TIMES:

**A** = 9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

**B** = 1:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Week		
1. June 18-21	A: Going Buggy Under the Sea	B: Feathered Friends ABC's of Science
	A: Wacky Weather Natural Beginnings	B: Geotykes Living Lenape
2. June 25-28	A: Seasonal Surprise Dinomite	B: Animal Crackers Turtle Time
3. July 2-5	No Camps. Trailside is closed on July 4th.	
4. July 9-12	A: Feathered Friends ABC's of Science	B: Going Buggy Under the Sea
5. July 16-19	A: Animal Crackers Turtle Time	B: Seasonal Surprise Dinomite
6. July 23-26	A: Geotykes Living Lenape	B: Wacky Weather Natural Beginnings
7. July 30- Aug. 2	A: Seasonal Surprise Dinomite	B: Animal Crackers Turtle Time
8. Aug. 6-9	A: Feathered Friends ABC's of Science	B. Going Buggy Under the Sea
9. Aug. 13-16	A: Wacky Weather Natural Beginnings	B. Geotykes Living Lenape

# PRE-FIRST GRADE PROGRAMS FOR 4 and 5-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN

Sign up your child for these **4-day (Monday-Thursday)** workshops. Each 2½-hour workshop includes two programs and a ½ hour supervised break. Children may register for a morning “A” or afternoon “B” session. **Pre-first grade children may not take a morning and an afternoon session during the same week.** Children are encouraged to bring a snack and beverage for the break. For easier planning, see the **Camp Program Chart** preceding this page. **Limit per session: 14 children.**

**SESSION TIMES:** A = 9:15 - 11:45 a.m.      B = 1:15 - 3:45 p.m.

**FEES:** Session Rate: IC \$90/ A or B  
OC \$110/ A or B

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## SEASONAL SURPRISE

Explore a different season each day as we investigate winter snowflakes, spring flowers, summer sunshine and autumn leaves. Each season brings new opportunities to discover nature through crafts, games and hikes.

## DINOMITE

Travel back through a special dinosaur time tunnel to the days of the “terrible lizards.” Become a paleontologist and uncover your own “fossils” to take home. Work as a group to reassemble a dino skeleton. Have fun learning about your favorite dinosaurs through games, crafts & imagination walks through the Reservation.



**June 25-28 Session A**

**July 16-19 Session B**

**July 30-Aug. 2 Session A**

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*Pre-first grade camps continued...*

### **ANIMAL CRACKERS**

Become an animal detective and use your senses to uncover clues animals have left behind. Search for camouflaged critters, animal homes and foot prints. Listen carefully and learn to identify birds, insects and frogs by the sounds they make. Work cooperatively to solve the mystery of "Hide and Zeke."

### **TURTLE TIME**

Discover the unique adaptations turtles have that allow them to live in the woods, lakes, oceans and deserts around the world. Take a walk to look for turtles, see how big you are compared to the largest sea turtle, practice moving like a land tortoise, read stories and have fun making turtle crafts. Each day, meet live turtles from Trailside's reptile collection.



**June 25-28 Session B**

**July 16-19 Session A**

**July 30-Aug. 2 Session B**

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### **FEATHERED FRIENDS**

Penguins, ducks, owls and cardinals all look very different, but share many common traits. Find out what makes birds different from other animals and learn to identify some common birds by shape, size, color and sound. Use binoculars to see birds close up. Help take care of the bird feeding station and learn how to encourage birds to visit your house too!

### **ABC'S OF SCIENCE**

Budding scientists will experiment with **A**stronomy, **B**otany, **C**hemistry and the marvels of magnets. Participants will visit the planets on an imaginary trip through space, investigate the life cycle of plants, create a painting using magnets and experiment with kitchen ingredients including baking soda, vinegar and soap.



**June 18-21 Session B**

**July 9-12 Session A**

**Aug. 6-9 Session A**

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*Pre-first grade continued...*

**GOING BUGGY** – Come to “bug haven” and scoop up some of those 6-legged creatures called insects. Through stories, games, explorations and crafts, find out fascinating facts about hoppers, climbers, crawlers and flyers.

**UNDER THE SEA**

Discover why oceans are special and find out which animals live in “Nemo’s neighborhood.” Learn interesting facts about sharks, whales and sea turtles through games, songs, crafts and hikes.

**June 18-21 Session A**

**July 9-12 Session B**

**Aug. 6-9 Session B**

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**GEOTYKES**

Explore the world of rocks with hands-on experiments. Make your own soil and crack a geode to discover what’s inside. Watch rocks glow using a special light. Sort minerals by size, color and shape and hike to collect rocks for your very own collection to take home.

**LIVING LENAPE**

The Lenape Native Americans that lived in this area belonged to an extended family called the Turtle Clan. Experience Lenape life while sitting in a life-sized wigwam. Listen to Native American stories and touch artifacts such as arrowheads and tools made of bone. Enjoy outdoor hikes in search of trees, plants and animals the Lenape used to survive. Have fun playing Native American games such as corn darts and mamandican.

**June 18-21 Session B**

**July 23-26 Session A**

**Aug. 13-16 Session B**

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**WACKY WEATHER**

Have fun learning all about weather through hands-on activities, crafts and hikes. Make a kite to catch the wind, search outside for shadows, help create a thunderstorm and enjoy making clouds in the classroom.

**NATURAL BEGINNINGS** – A program designed to heighten your child’s awareness of the natural world and the interdependence of all living things. Learn about plants, animals, food chains and more through a planting activity, short hikes, games, crafts and stories.

**June 18-21 Session A**

**July 23-26 Session B**

**Aug. 13-16 Session A**

# CAMP PROGRAM CHART

## FOR 1st-9th GRADES

Classes meet Monday through Friday

Session Times: A: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.    B: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

A & B combination: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Program Combinations</b>	
2. June 25-29	1st-2nd	A: Around the World	B: Have a Habitat
	3rd-4th	A: Zootopia	B: Junior Naturalist
3. July 2-6		No Camps. Trailside is closed on July 4th.	
4. July 9-13	1st-2nd	A: Mythical Creatures	B: Around the World
	3rd-4th	A: Wild and Rare	B: Art of Nature
	5th-6th	A: Ocean Wonders	B: Backwoods Lore
5. July 16-20	1st-2nd	A: Tropical Treasures	B: Down and Dirty
	3rd-4th	A: Trailside Treks	B: Junior Naturalist
	7th-9th	Nature Treks 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	
6. July 23-27	1st-2nd	A: Wanishi	B: Mythical Creatures
	3rd-4th	A: Wild and Rare	B: Bugs & Beyond
	5th-6th	A: Backwoods Lore	B: Kids.. Conservation
7. July 30- Aug. 3	1st-2nd	A: Down & Dirty	B: Nature Disc. Club
	3rd-4th	A: Art of Nature	B: Trailside Treks
	5th-6th	A: Ocean Wonders	B: All About Animals
8. Aug. 6-10	1st-2nd	A: Around the World	B: Have a Habitat
	3rd-4th	A: Zootopia	B: Bugs & Beyond
	5th-6th	A: Kids..Conservation	B: All About Animals
9. Aug. 13-17	1st-2nd	A: Nature Disc. Club	B: Wanishi
		A: Have a Habitat	B: Tropical Treasures

# HALF AND FULL DAY CAMPS FOR CHILDREN ENTERING 1ST-9TH GRADES

The following **5-day (Monday - Friday)**, 3-hour programs may be combined for a full-day camp. Full-day combo sessions include a ½ hour lunchtime and a ½ hour of supervised free time, including nature related games, videos, etc. For easier planning, see the **Camp Program Chart** preceding this page. **Limit per session: 14 children** unless otherwise noted.

**Children in a full-day combination session must bring lunch in an insulated lunch bag. All children in a half or full-day session should bring a snack and drink for EACH camp session daily.**

## **SESSION TIMES:**

**A = 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**B = 1- 4 p.m.**

**A & B = 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**FEE:** Single Session Rate: IC \$135 / **A or B** OC \$165 / **A or B**

Combination Rate: IC \$315 / **A & B** OC \$385 / **A & B**

*(All combination rates include a Trailside t-shirt)*

\*Van field trips are a part of some camps. An additional trip fee will be added to the session rate for these camps and is to be paid at the time of registration. Trip fees are listed in the descriptions below.

## **FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADES**

**AROUND THE WORLD IN 5 DAYS** - Become a world explorer and travel to five different continents in five days. Learn about amazing animals that live in the Rocky Mountains, creep through the Amazon rainforest, run in the African deserts, and inhabit the outback “down under.” Each day we will hike a trail, map out an adventure and keep a pictorial record of our discoveries.

**June 25-29 Session A**

**July 9-13 Session B**

**Aug. 6-10 Session A**

**DOWN AND DIRTY** - Investigate the world beneath your feet. Sample soil and look for signs of animals that live underground: the earthworm, chipmunk, groundhog, and others. Search for artifacts on an archeological dig, and gain a better understanding of soil and rocks through experiments and geology hikes.

**July 16-20 Session B**

**July 30-Aug. 3 Session A**

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*Camps for children entering 1st - 2nd grade continued...*



**NATURE DISCOVERY CLUB** - An in-depth look at the world of 6-legged creatures (insects) will be the focus. Visit a different habitat each day and use collecting equipment to discover a variety of critters from ants to whirlygig beetles.

**July 30-Aug. 3 Session B**

**Aug. 13-17 Session A**

**WANISHI, WIGWAMS & WAMPUM** - This camp introduces students to the life and ways of the Lenape Native Americans. Children will play Native American games, hear their tales, work with clay and create art projects.

**July 23-27 Session A**

**Aug. 13-17 Session B**

**TROPICAL TREASURES** - Imagine a place that is hot and humid, where it rains over 200 inches a year, and the greatest variety of plants & animals survive. This unique treasure is the tropical rainforest. Discover who lives in the different layers of these fascinating forests, create your own tropical bromeliad plant and butterfly ring. Find out why this valuable resource is disappearing and learn what we can do to help.



**July 16-20 Session A**

**Aug. 13-17 Session B**



**HAVE TO HAVE A HABITAT** - Food, water, shelter and space are necessary for the survival of animals. Explore different habitats and see what animals live here. Collect natural items to create special craft projects, play the habitat relay game, make camouflage critters & work in Trailside's Backyard Wildlife Habitat.

**June 25-29 Session B**

**Aug. 6-10 Session B**

**Aug. 13-17 Session A**

**MYTHICAL CREATURES OF FIELD & FOREST** - Use your imagination to explore the woods as fairies, elves or gnomes. Through art projects, music, stories and hikes, participants will enjoy a world of make-believe set within the natural world.

**July 9-13 Session A**

**July 23-27 Session B**

## FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> GRADES



**THE ART OF NATURE** - Many famous poets, writers, artists and musicians have been inspired by nature to create their works. Uncover your creative side as you discover the art



of nature through sketches, painting, storytelling, songs, poetry, and drama. Learn to appreciate the natural world as you create masterpieces using rocks, clay and water. Fabricate your own field guide to identify common trees and local wildflowers and use your imagination to make a sound map.

**July 9-13 Session B**

**July 30-Aug. 3 Session A**

**BUGS & BEYOND** - Did you know that insects represent over 90% of all living things on the earth and that a honeybee can travel up to 60 miles in



one day to collect food? Build a spider web, play the monarch migration game, and discover why bugs are important to people and the environment. Visit stream, pond, meadow and forest to learn about habits, adaptations and lifecycles of these amazing creatures.



**July 23-27 Session B**

**Aug. 6-10 Session B**

**JUNIOR NATURALISTS** – Learn about the plants and animals living in and around water; develop a heightened awareness about the importance of conserving and preventing the pollution of this natural resource. Using dip and seine nets, capture and release aquatic insects, fish, frogs, toads and salamanders, and keep a journal of the number & types of plants and animals found in these areas.

**June 25-29 Session B**

**July 16-20 Session B**

**TRAILSIDE TREKS** - Join a Trailside Naturalist for a series of challenging excursions to sites in the Watchung Reservation. Hike to Lake Surprise, the Deserted Village of Feltville/Glenside Park, Watchung Stables, the ravine & the highest point in the Watchung Reservation. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a backpack with a water bottle and snack.

**July 16-20 Session A**

**July 30-Aug. 3 Session B**

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*Camps for children entering 3rd-4th grade continued...*

**WILD AND RARE** - Animals are endangered locally and globally. Discover why so many species are in trouble and find out what you can do to help. Participate in habitat restoration projects and visit the Raptor Trust in Millington to get an up close view of endangered birds of prey. *This camp has an additional fee to cover a van trip to Raptor Trust.* **Limit: 13 students.**

**\*Additional Trip Fee: \$10**

**July 9-13 Session A**

**July 23-27 Session A**



**ZOOPTOPIA** - Journey through the history of zoos and discover how crucial they are to our world's wildlife. Be a "keeper in training" and explore the foundations for a successful zoo, then learn how to care for Trailside's reptiles, amphibians and fish. Top off the week with a field trip to the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange to view penguins, wolves, llamas, reptiles and much more. *This camp has an additional fee to cover a van trip to Turtle Back Zoo.* **Limit: 13 students.**

**\*Additional Trip Fee: \$30**

**Mon. - Thurs. 9 AM - 12 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**June 25-29 Session A**

**Aug. 6-10 Session A**

**\*\*Please note that if you choose to combine the Zootopia camp with an afternoon session, your child will miss the afternoon session of camp on Friday due to the field trip. Students must be picked up at 3 p.m. on Friday, even if they are enrolled in a B session as we are unable to meet up with the afternoon group.**

## **FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> GRADES**

**ALL ABOUT ANIMALS** - Take an in-depth look into the animal kingdom. Find out interesting facts about mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish and insects. Meet live animals currently in the care of the Trailside facility; including, snakes, turtles, frogs and fish. Hike to different areas of the Reservation and use binoculars, sweep nets, dip nets and field guides to identify the variety of wildlife inhabiting the Watchung Reservation.

**July 30-Aug. 3 Session B**

**Aug. 6-10 Session B**

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*Camps for children entering 5th-6th grade continued...*

**BACKWOODS LORE** - Have you ever wondered what it was like to be an American pioneer when each day brought new challenges for survival? Learn to identify wild edibles, build an emergency shelter and fire, follow a course with map & compass & track local mammals.



**July 9-13 Session B**

**July 23-27 Session A**



**KIDS FOR CONSERVATION** - Explore the ways we depend on nature every day and discover the benefits of renewable energy sources. Experiment with solutions to clean up our waterways and hike to Lake Surprise to take part in water sampling activities. Make a solar cooker, play energy games, build a bat box and participate in other fun-filled activities that demonstrate the importance of energy conservation. Find out ways of living a greener lifestyle that will help keep the Earth healthy.

**July 23-27 Session B**

**Aug. 6-10 Session A**

**OCEAN WONDERS** - Unravel the mysteries of the ocean and discover what makes this unique environment. Learn about the brightly colored animals of a coral reef and investigate the creatures of the deep, dark ocean depths. Discover the importance of salt marshes and how they provide critical habitat to a variety of plants and animals. Culminate the week with a field trip to Horseshoe Cove, Sandy Hook to collect, identify and release local marine animals. **Limit 13 students.**

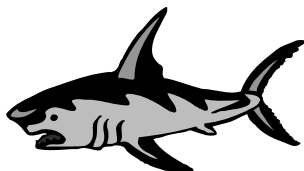
**\*Additional Trip Fee: \$20**

**July 9-13 Session A**

**July 30-Aug. 3 Session A**

**Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. -12 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m. -3 p.m.**

**\*\*Please note that if you choose to combine the Ocean Wonders camp with an afternoon session, your child will miss the afternoon session of camp on Friday due to the field trip. Students must be picked up at 3 p.m. on Friday, even if they are enrolled in a B session as we are unable to meet up with the afternoon group.**



## **FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> GRADES**

**NATURE TREKS** - The 2060-acre Watchung Reservation offers over 13 miles of hiking trails. Through engaging activities and opportunistic hikes, participants will have fun learning how to identify trees, plants, wildlife and rocks while investigating this pristine region. Take a shuttle to seldom visited areas of the Reservation. Sample wildlife around Hermits Pond, walk parts of the ten-mile Sierra Trail and visit the old pine forest. Discover the art of tracking, try your hand at creating a plaster animal track and practice sketching nature. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a backpack with a water bottle and snack.

**Full Day Camp: students must enroll in both A and B sessions.**  
**July 16-20 Sessions A & B**

## **FRIDAY FAMILY PROGRAMS**

Pre-registration is required for Friday Family Programs. These programs are for all ages with an adult *unless otherwise noted*. Programs are held rain or shine unless the weather is severe. Please call Trailside to find out if a program has been cancelled due to inclement weather. Babies must be in backpacks.

**BUBBLEMANIA** - Big bubbles! Bubble towers and bubble bunches! Little kids can bubble to their heart's content while "big kids" try bubble challenges. Can you make a square bubble? How about bubbles within bubbles? **Meet at:** TMA Field (behind old museum)



**Wear:** bathing suit or clothes that can get wet.

**June 29 or July 13 or Aug. 3**

**Fee: IC \$5/person**

**10-11 a.m. or 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

**OC \$6/person**

**ANIMAL DETECTIVES** - Use your senses of sight, sound and touch to determine what animals call the Watchung Reservation home. Listen to coyotes howl, touch bird feathers and see if you can match color patterns and silhouettes to different animals. Walk outside to look and listen for local wildlife. Search for animal tracks, burrows and nests. If we are lucky, we may even see an animal neighbor or two.

**Meet at:** Visitor Center.

**June 29 or July 27**

**Fee: IC \$6/person**

**10-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-3:00 p.m.**

**OC \$7/person**

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Friday Family programs continued...

**SCAVENGER HUNT** - This summer's nature scavenger hunt will test your natural history knowledge. Search for "green mittens," pine cones, something yellow and more! See how many items your family can correctly collect. A prize will be given to the team with the most points. **Meet at:** TMA Field (behind old museum)

**July 6 or July 27 or Aug. 17**

**10-11 a.m. or 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Fee: IC \$5/person**

**OC \$6/person**



**POND SEARCH** - Use Trailside's strainers and dip and seine nets to sample aquatic life at Seeley's Pond. Gently catch and identify frogs, fish, tadpoles and aquatic insects before releasing your catch back to their home. **Meet at:** Seeley's Pond paved parking lot.

See #5 on map. **Wear:** Shoes that can get wet (very muddy).

**July 6 or July 20 or Aug. 10**

**10-11:30 a.m. or 1:30 - 3 p.m.**

**Fee: IC \$6/person**

**OC \$7/person**

**STREAM STROLL** - Beat the heat as you search the babbling brook for crayfish, salamanders and aquatic insects. Carefully collect, identify and release these tiny creatures and learn how they help predict the health of the stream. **Meet at:** TMA Field (behind old museum)

**Wear:** Shoes that can get wet.

**July 13 or Aug. 3 or Aug. 17**

**10 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 - 3 p.m.**

**Fee: IC \$6/person**

**OC \$7/person**

**SALAMANDERS** - Hike to areas near the Trailside center to search for these elusive amphibians under rocks and logs. Learn how to catch, identify and release northern two-lined, redback & slimy salamanders. **Meet at:** Visitor Center

**July 20 or Aug. 10**

**10-11 a.m. or 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

**Fee: IC \$5/person**

**OC \$6/person**



## TUESDAY EVENING FAMILY PROGRAMS

Pre-registration is required for Tuesday Evening Family Programs. These programs will meet at Trailside's Visitor Center and are for ages **6 & up with an adult *unless otherwise noted***. If no rain date is listed, these programs are held rain or shine unless the weather is severe. Please call Trailside at (908) 789-3670 on the program date to find out if a program has been postponed due to inclement weather.

**THE BENEFIT OF BATS** - Learn about these often misunderstood mammals through interactive games such as "Bat and Moth" and "Some, All or None." Discover how bats use their sense of sound to catch food and take a hike to search the skies for these natural "bug zappers." **Meet at:** Seeley's Pond upper paved parking lot - see map for directions.



**July 10**                                      **8-9 p.m.**      **(Rain Date: July 11)**  
**Fee: IC \$6/person**                      **OC \$7/person**

**EVENING POND SEARCH** - Join us as we search with the aid of special headlamps and nets for aquatic life at Seeley's Pond. Frogs, fish, insect larvae and adults might be caught. Identify our catch and then release the critters.

**Wear:** Shoes that can get wet (very muddy).

**Meet at:** Seeley's Pond upper paved parking lot - see map for directions.

**July 17 or Aug. 7**                      **7:30 - 9 p.m.**  
**Fee: IC \$7/person**                      **OC \$8/person**



**NIGHT TIME MUNCHIES** - As we are getting ready for bed time many animals are becoming active. Discover which animals are nocturnal (active at night) and which are crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk). Enjoy a walk listening to the sights and sounds of a summer evening as we search for homes, hide outs and "local restaurants" of our animal neighbors.

**Aug 14**                                      **8-9 p.m.**  
**Fee: IC \$6/person**                      **OC \$7/person**

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## FAMILY CAMPFIRES



**SUMMER FAMILY CAMP FIRES** - Join the Trailside staff for a campfire to celebrate the summer season. Start with lemonade & toasting marshmallows, then be a part of interactive stories, songs and skits. Prepare to have fun with lots of laughter & audience participation.

**Pre-registration is required. For:** All ages.

**Meet at:** Trailside Visitor Center

**June 27 or Aug. 1      7 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Fee: IC \$7/person      OC \$8/person**

## FAMILY OVER-NIGHTS

### **FAMILY CAMPOUT FOR BEGINNERS** -

Introduce your family to camping out. Find out where to camp and what to bring for your future camping trips. Learn how to build, cook on & put out a campfire. During the evening, sharpen your night observation skills by playing "Bat & Moth" on a night hike. Enjoy smores by a campfire. On Saturday, join a naturalist on an early morning nature walk before breaking camp and heading home.



Participants must provide their own tent, sleeping bags & flashlights. Hot Dogs, beverages, snacks & continental breakfast will be provided. **NO PETS**, please. **Pre-registration is required.**

**For:** Adults (18 years & older) with children ages 6 and up: Space is limited to 25 people. Held rain or shine.

*This program is designed for the first-time campers. Due to its popularity and limited space, registrants who have previously participated in this program will not be permitted to register for this class.*

**Meet at:** TMA field (behind old museum)

**Fri. July 6 to Sat. July 7   or   Fri. July 27 to Sat. July 28**

**Time: Fri. 6 p.m. to Sat. 10 a.m.**

**Fee: IC \$30/person      OC \$35/person**

## FRIDAY FAMILY, TUESDAY EVENING & CAMPFIRE SCHEDULE

WEEK	TUESDAY EVENING	FRIDAY FAMILY		CAMPFIRE
2. June 25-29		<b>June 29 Bubbles</b> 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	<b>June 29 Animal Detectives</b> 10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00	<b>June 27 Summer Family Campfire</b> 7-8:30
3. July 2-6		<b>July 6 Scav. Hunt</b> 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	<b>July 6 Pond Search</b> 10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00	<b>July 6-7 Beginner Family Campout</b> 6 p.m.-10 a.m.
4. July 9-13	<b>July 10 Benefit of Bats</b> 8-9	<b>July 13 Bubbles</b> 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	<b>July 13 Stream</b> 10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00	
5. July 16-20	<b>July 17 Eve. Pond Search</b> 7:30-9	<b>July 20 Salamanders</b> 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	<b>July 20 Pond Search</b> 10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00	
6. July 23-27		<b>July 27 Scav. Hunt</b> 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	<b>July 27 Animal Detectives</b> 10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00	<b>July 27-28 Beginner Family Campout</b> 6 p.m.-10 a.m.
7. July 30- Aug. 3		<b>Aug. 3 Bubbles</b> 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	<b>Aug. 3 Stream</b> 10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00	<b>Aug. 1 Summer Family Campfire</b> 7-8:30
8. Aug. 6-10	<b>Aug. 7 Eve. Pond Search</b> 7:30-9	<b>Aug. 10 Salamanders</b> 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	<b>Aug. 10 Pond Search</b> 10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00	
9. Aug. 13-17	<b>Aug. 14 Night Time Munchies</b> 8-9	<b>Aug. 17 Scav. Hunt</b> 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	<b>Aug. 17 Stream</b> 10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00	

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### EQUESTRIAN CAMP

At **Watchung Stable**, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside, NJ 07092  
(908) 789-3665. Register for the Equestrian Camp on June 2.



#### Equestrian Camp Session Dates:

Session 1 June 19-22

Session 2 June 26-29

Session 3 July 2-6 (No camp July 4)

Session 4 July 10-13

Session 5 July 17-20

Camp Horse Show: Aug. 18 8 a.m.

Session 6 July 24-27

Session 7 July 31-Aug. 3

Session 8 Aug. 7-10

Session 9 Aug. 14-17

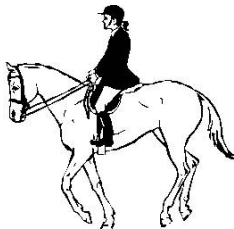
Equestrian Camp meets Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
and is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 17.

**\*\*Cost:** \$308.00 IC Residents

\$293.00/second child IC

\$408.00 OC Residents

\$388.00/second child OC





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