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# Winter at Trailside



**2015**

## Workshops for Children, Families & Adults

TRAILSIDE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER  
452 NEW PROVIDENCE ROAD  
MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY 07092  
(908) 789-3670

[www.ucnj.org/trailside](http://www.ucnj.org/trailside)

A facility of the Union County Department of Parks & Recreation

This season, The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites you to visit Trailside Nature and Science Center to experience over 4,500 square feet of interactive environmental exhibits. Take part in one of the many unique and educational programs designed to spark the imaginations of both you and your child! Enroll in a class or visit on your own. **Hours of operation are 12 - 5 p.m. daily.**

Read on for information about programs that children can take part in with an adult, drop-off workshops for children ages 4 to 6, drop-off workshops for grade school children, family programs, adult workshops, teacher training opportunities and special events.

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

On the next page, you will find important program registration information. In the center is a registration form to remove and mail in or deliver to Trailside. Please register only one child on each form.

Classes fill quickly, so please register soon, before the programs you want are filled!



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

**A note about the program fees:**

**IC = Union County Resident**

**OC = Out of County Resident**



**2015 WINTER HOLIDAY HOURS**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 19**

**President's Day, February 16**

**Noon - 5:00 p.m.**

# IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER!

## Trailside 2015 Summer Camp Programs

- Pre-first grade programs for 4 & 5 year old children (children must be 4 years of age by June 1, 2015).
- Half and full-day camps for children entering grades 1-9.
- Friday Family workshops
- Tuesday Evening workshops
- Family Evening Campfire
- Over-night Beginner Family Camp-Outs



Important information on registration for Trailside Summer programs is located in the *back* of this brochure.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

- Registration is required for all programs except where indicated in the program description. Class sizes are limited.
- Registration is in-person or by mail. In-person registration is done at Trailside daily, from noon-4:45 PM.
- To register, specify classes on the registration form in the center of this brochure and mail it with your check or deliver it to Trailside. Please use a separate registration sheet for each child. Call Trailside for class space availability *prior* to sending a check or making the trip to Trailside, (908) 789-3670.
- Include your check, made payable to “**County of Union,**” for the appropriate amount.
- Trailside accepts Visa, MasterCard, AMEX & Discover in person only. Credit card payments cannot be accepted over the phone or by mail.
- Classes marked rain or shine are held in the rain 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/cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Trailside reserves the right to cancel a program due to low enrollment or severe weather. In the event of cancellation, a Trailside credit will be issued. Re-scheduling for a rain date is not considered a cancellation.
- Trailside credit will be issued **ONLY** if the program is cancelled by the registrant at least three (3) days in advance **OR** if we can find a substitute from the waiting list. Please call if your child can not attend a program.
- **No refunds will be given for any program.**
- Please be prompt when dropping off or picking up your child. Due to the brief class period of the workshops, it is important to start and end on time.
- Trailside reserves the right to remove a disruptive or inappropriately aged child from a program. If a disruptive or inappropriately aged child is removed from a program, no credit or refund will be offered.
- Each class will spend some time outside (more in nice weather and less in wet or cold weather), so please, dress your child appropriately in boots and a raincoat when necessary. Long pants tucked into socks offer protection from ticks.
- For programs that meet off-site, see the enclosed map or call Trailside for directions.

# PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

## TODDLER TIME

Sensory hikes, stories, crafts and activities to acquaint adults and children with the natural world. Dress for outdoors.

- BRING:** A baby carrier or sling; strollers are not recommended.  
**WHO:** Adult with child/children up to three years of age. Older children will not be permitted to attend.  
Maximum 4/family per class. **Pre-register.**  
**WHEN:** Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 AM or Fridays, 9:30-10:30 AM  
**MEET:** Trailside Visitor Center  
**DRESS:** Appropriately for the weather; if possible, we *will* go outside.

**FEE: Per class: IC - \$10/family  
OC - \$12/family**



**Feb. 3 To Den or Not to Den –** Winter is **or 6** a tough time for wildlife. Animals adapt to the cold in different ways. Learn which of our animal neighbors sleep all winter while others “vacation” in warmer places.

**Feb. 10 Animals Do The Craziest Things -** Heart shaped candies and Valentine's cards are nothing compared to the show that nature puts on in the name of love! Explore some of the flashiest and strangest ways that animals compete for a mate. Make a craft to bring home for some one you love.  
**or 13**

**Feb. 17 Patterns in Nature -** Learn about the honeycombs in a beehive, spots on a bird and stripes on a snake. Search the reservation for these lovely and important signs of repetition. Create your own pattern craft to take home.  
**or 20**

**Feb. 24 Maple Sugaring –** Sugar maple sap is collected in February and March and is used to make delicious maple syrup. *Hug* a maple tree to see if it is big enough to give sap and  
**or 27**

*Toddler Time continued...*



**Mar. 3 or 6** **Run, Fly or Swim Away** – Discover some of the amazing tricks animals use to avoid being eaten. Have fun trying out ways agility, speed and quick-thinking allow animals to stay safe and survive in the wild.

**Mar. 10 or 13** **Tropical Treasures** - Heat up the winter months by discovering interesting facts about the mystical rainforests around the world. Learn why these forests are important and what you can do to protect them.

**Mar. 17 or 20** **Give a Hoot** - Learn the secrets of New Jersey's owls: what they look like, how they hunt, what they eat and what they sound like. Practice owl calls and make your own owl to take home.

**Mar. 24 or 27** **Spring's a-Coming!** - Spring has finally arrived, and it means more sunshine, warmer temperatures, longer days and animals waking up from long winter naps. Explore the outdoors looking for signs of spring.

## TWO OF US

An interactive program encouraging nature discovery through hikes and other indoor/outdoor activities.

**WHO:** 3 or 4-year-old child with an adult. **Pre-register.**  
**Younger and older children will not be permitted to attend this program. Please see Saturday Outdoor Adventures.**

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 PM or Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 AM

**FEE:** Per class: **IC** - \$10/child & adult **OC** - \$12/child & adult

**Feb. 4** **Winter Survival** – Join us for a winter wonderland hike and **or 5** find out where animals go in the winter. Discover who is sleeping, who migrates and who stays around for the cold winter months.

**Feb. 11** **Crazy for You** – Did you know some birds decorate with flowers and other brightly colored objects to impress a mate? Explore some of the weirdest and wackiest courtship behaviors in the animal kingdom.  
**or 12**

**Feb. 18** **Nature's Patterns** - Nature is filled with beautiful patterns of color and shapes. Hike to look for some of these fascinating designs, learn why they exist and create your very own pattern craft to take home.  
**or 19**

**Feb. 25** **Magnificent Maples** – Count the points on a maple leaf and feel the bark of a sugar maple tree. Discover how sap is turned into syrup and taste 100% real maple syrup.  
**or 26**



*Two of Us continued...*

**Mar. 4 or 5**     **Escape Artists** - Many animals stay still when a predator is near. If the predator comes too close, the animal will run, fly or swim away as fast as it can to avoid getting eaten. Practice sneaking, chasing, freezing and fleeing as you learn about the remarkable ways animals keep themselves safe from danger.

**Mar. 11 or 12**     **Taste of the Tropics** - Investigate a tropical rainforest from forest floor to the top layer, over 200 feet high! Discover the unique sites and sounds associated with this special ecosystem.

**Mar. 18 or 19**     **Whoooo Goes There?** - Learn about New Jersey's native screech, barred and great horned owls. See owl feathers and talons and discover how these birds are adapted for night life.

**Mar. 25 or 26**     **Rrrriinnggg...** – Time to wake up! Sunshine, longer days and warmer temperatures means...SPRING! Hike to look for signs of spring and count the birds, mammals, insects and flowers you find.

## **SMALL FRY DAYS**

A drop-off program to foster awareness and appreciation of the natural world through nature hikes, exploration and activities. Dress for outdoors.

**WHO:** 4-6 year olds. **Pre-register.**

**Younger and older children will not be permitted to attend this program. Please see Saturday Outdoor Adventures.**

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, 9:45 -11:00 AM  
or Thursdays, 1:15-2:30 PM

**FEE:Per class: IC** - \$10/child

**OC** - \$12/child

**Feb. 4 or 5**     **Winter Wildlife** - Cold weather can be hard on the plants and animals of the Watchung Reservation. Discover the ways they have adapted to cope with these cold, winter months and search outside for homes and hideouts.



*Small Fry Days Continued...*

**Feb. 11 or 12** **Animal Antics** – Discover some dazzling displays performed by animals seeking to attract a mate or warn off rivals. From dances and songs to feats of strength, understand the elaborate ways animals communicate.

**Feb. 18 or 19** **Pretty Patterns** – Nature is filled with interesting designs and patterns; from petals on a flower to spots on a fawn. Walk outside and find out how these patterns are beneficial to plants and animals.

**Feb. 25 or 26** **From Sap to Syrup** – See how 100% real maple syrup is made from the sap of a sugar maple tree. Find out what equipment is needed to collect sap and take part in a taste test and try to identify the real thing.

**Mar. 4 or 5** **The One That Got Away** – Have fun hopping, running, “flying” and “swimming” as we explore the incredible ways animals handle the challenge of keeping safe from hungry predators.

**Mar. 11 or 12** **Rainforest Romp** – Discover the different kinds of plants and animals that live in a rainforest. Measure the amount of rain that falls, listen to tropical sounds and make a paper parrot to take home.

**Mar. 18 or 19** **Prowling for Owls** - Whooo knows about these nocturnal hunters? Learn about New Jersey’s owls and listen to their calls. Hike to a pine grove in search of owl pellets.

**Mar. 25 or 26** **Spring Tyke Hike** -

Scrunch up that nose, wiggle your toes and get ready for a hike to find red cardinals, orange rocks, yellow dandelions and green clovers. Search high and low for all the colors of spring, and learn about the exciting things happening during this time of year.



# GRADE SCHOOL PROGRAMS AFTERSCHOOL EXPLORATIONS

A drop off program designed to acquaint your child with nature explorations, hikes and outdoor activities.

**WHO:** 1st - 3rd graders. **Pre-register.**

**WHEN:** Thursdays, 3:30-4:45 PM

**FEE: Per class: IC - \$10/child**

**OC - \$12/child**



## **Feb. 5 Winter Seasonal -**

Explore the Watchung Reservation in winter. Learn how to identify trees without their leaves and hike the nursery trails to search for deer paths, raccoon tracks and other animal signs.

**Feb. 12 Bird Feeder Frenzy -** Take a short walk outdoors to look for our feathered friends. Help fill the feeders in the Bird Viewing Area and learn to identify some common birds by sight and sound. Find out about the different types of seed used to attract birds and make a bird feeder to take home.

**Feb. 19 Surviving in the Wild -** Discover what it takes to survive during the cold winter months. Find out what to bring on a winter hike, how to create a shelter using branches and leaves and how to build a fire. Warm up around the fire with hot chocolate and marshmallows. **DRESS WARMLY.**

**Feb. 26 Snow Fun -** Explore the art and science of a natural wonder – snow! Discover how plants and animals depend on snow to survive. Learn interesting facts, go on a snowflake hunt and make a snowflake craft to take home.

**Mar. 5 Outrageous Owls -** Discover which owls inhabit the Watchung Reservation. Take a walk to known roosting sites to search for owl pellets and feathers. Learn to identify local owls by site and sound.

<u>Small Fry Days</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>IC/OC Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Wed - 9:45-11 AM	Thurs. - 1:15-2:30 PM	\$10 / \$12	
The One That Got Away	Mar. 4	Mar. 5	"	
Rainforest Romp	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	"	
Prowling for Owls	Mar. 18	Mar. 19	"	
Spring Tyke Hike	Mar. 25	Mar. 26	"	

<u>Afterschool Explorations</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>IC/OC Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Thursday - 3:30-4:45 PM		\$10 / \$12	
Winter Seasonal	Feb. 5		"	
Bird Feeder Frenzy	Feb. 12		"	
Surviving in the Wild	Feb. 19		"	
Snow Fun	Feb. 26		"	
Outrageous Owls	Mar. 5		"	
Learn to Lead	Mar. 12		"	
Keepers of the Trails	Mar. 19		"	
Crazy Camouflage	Mar. 26		"	

<u>February Festivities</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>IC/OC Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
Journey of Sap to Syrup	Feb. 14	1:15 - 2:15 PM	\$5 / \$6	
Snakes & Turtles	Feb. 14	2:30 - 3:30 PM	\$5 / \$6	
Journey of Sap to Syrup	Feb. 16	2:30 - 3:30 PM	\$5 / \$6	

# WINTER 2015 REGISTRATION FORM

Double Checked

Complete one form per child. Class sizes are limited and require pre-registration. **CALL AHEAD FOR SPACE AVAILABILITY AS PROGRAMS MAY BE FILLED.** Trailside reserves the right to cancel a program due to low enrollment. Drop off form or mail to: TRAILSIDE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER  
452 NEW PROVIDENCE ROAD, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092

Child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults' full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Person to notify in an emergency: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Toddler Time</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>IC/OC Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
	9:30-10:30 AM	9:30-10:30 PM	\$10 / \$12	
	(Tuesday)	(Friday)		
To Den or Not to Den	Feb. 3	Feb. 6	"	
Animals Do...Craziest Things	Feb. 10	Feb. 13	"	
Patterns in Nature	Feb. 17	Feb. 20	"	
Maple Sugaring	Feb. 24	Feb. 27	"	
Run, Fly or Swim way	Mar. 3	Mar. 6	"	

Give a Hoot	Mar. 17	Mar. 20	“	_____
Spring's A-Coming	Mar. 24	Mar. 27	“	_____
<b><u>2 Of Us</u></b>	<b><u>Date/Time</u></b>	<b><u>Date/Time</u></b>	<b><u>IC/OC Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
	1:30-2:30 PM (Wednesday)	10:00-11:00 AM (Thursday)	\$10 / \$12	

Winter Survival	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	“	_____
Crazy for You	Feb. 11	Feb. 12	“	_____
Nature's Patterns	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	“	_____
Magnificent Maples	Feb. 25	Feb. 26	“	_____
Escape Artists	Mar. 4	Mar. 5	“	_____
Taste of the Tropics	Mar. 11	Mar. 12	“	_____
Whoooo Goes There?	Mar. 18	Mar. 19	“	_____
Rriiiiiigg...	Mar. 25	Mar. 26	“	_____

<b><u>Small Fry Days</u></b>	<b><u>Date/Time</u></b>	<b><u>Date/Time</u></b>	<b><u>IC/OC Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
	9:45-11 AM (Wednesday)	1:15-2:30 PM (Thursday)	\$10 / \$12	
Winter Wildlife	Feb. 4	Feb. 5	“	_____
Animal Antics	Feb. 11	Feb. 12	“	_____
Pretty Patterns	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	“	_____
From Sap to Syrup	Feb. 25	Feb. 26	“	_____

OVER FOR OTHER CLASSES

**ADULT WORKSHOPS**

Date

Time

IC/OC Fee

Total

Re-enactment: FDR

Feb. 13

7:15-8:15 PM

Donation welcomed

# attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Bee Colony Collapse Disorder

Mar. 3

7:00-8:00 PM

Donations welcomed

# attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Project WOW

Mar. 26

9 AM - 3 PM

\$20 / \$20

Guided Winter Hike

Mar. 28

10-11:30 AM

\$10 / \$12

**HOLD HARMLESS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Patrons of any Union County park and/or open space facility(ies) recognize the risks inherent in the use of said park and/or facility(ies). Other than acts on the part of the County which, if proven in an appropriate court of law, are tantamount to gross negligence, Patrons hereby agree to hold the County harmless from any and all damage resulting to person and/or property from the use of its park and/or open space facilities and hereby releases, waives and forever discharges the County, its servants, agents and/or employees from any and all such claims.

I hereby register myself and/or register (grant permission for) \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the programs listed above.

I acknowledge that I have read and agreed to the Release, Covenant Not to Sue and statement on this page. Yes No.

**Photo Release:** I also give Union County permission to photograph the above named registrant for publicity purposes. Yes No.

Signature of Participant/Parent/Guardian/Recreation Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to **County of Union**) **Total Owed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Trailside Credit slip (enclosed) \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card - Visa/MC/Discover/AMEX (in person only)

*Afterschool Explorations continued...*



- Mar. 12 Learn to Lead** - Discover the preparations, precautions and the do's and don'ts of hiking. Learn to use a trail map, read trail blazes and lead the group down a marked trail.
- Mar. 19 Keepers of the Trail** - Prepare to get down and dirty! Work together to maintain part of Watchung Reservation's trail system. Help enhance wildlife habitat and create brush piles from fallen logs, twigs and branches.
- Mar. 26 Crazy Camouflage** - Blending in is an important adaptation that allows animals to better survive in the wild. Discover all the different ways that animals "fool" others. Play a camouflage game and see how well you blend in.



## **Story Time**

**Saturdays & Sundays**  
**3:00 PM**

Meet at the Trailside Visitor Center  
Donations appreciated.

# ADULT WORKSHOPS

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Pre-registration is required for all classes. Workshops are for adults, ages 18 and older. Doors open 15 minutes before program.  
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## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**7:15 - 8:15 PM**

### **Re-enactment: Franklin D. Roosevelt (An Arsenal for Democracy)**



The date is December 29, 1940, Franklin Roosevelt has just been re-elected to an unprecedented third term in office. But the world is in crisis. Europe and America may soon be drawn into war. Learn what President Roosevelt was thinking. Listen to his plea for the support of our Allies. Experience first hand the history that shaped our nation. Neil Hartley portrays F.D.R. in a fully staged historical presentation, that brings to life the background behind the famous address that implored: "We must be an arsenal for democracy." This program is made possible in part by funding from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.



**Fee:** Free. Donations welcomed.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 3

**7:00 – 8:00 PM**

### **Lecture: Bee Colony Collapse Disorder**

Bee Colony Collapse Disorder has had a deleterious impact on many agricultural crops world-wide. The decline of the bee population in our country has significantly increased the cost to farmers. Tim Schuler, New Jersey State Apiarist, will lecture on three causes of trauma to the European Honey Bee. Enhanced by a power point presentation, the lecture will define the ecological problems we face, the impact on the bee-keeping industry and how professional bee keepers and hobbyists have responded to this crisis. **Fee:** Free. Donations welcomed.



*Adult Workshops continued...*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Teacher Training: Project WOW**

The Wonders of Wetlands is an instructional guide for formal and non-formal educators. Over 50 hands-on, multi-disciplinary activities are provided in lesson plan format with extensive background information on wetlands, ideas for student action projects and a wetlands resource guide. Activities are correlated with the National Science Education Standards. Guidebook included with fee. Participants receive six (6) NJDOE credits. Morning refreshments provided. **Bring:** a lunch. **Fee:** \$20/person.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

**10:00 – 11:30 AM**

**Guided Nature Hike**

Join a Trailside naturalist for a guided hike along one of the bucolic trails in the Watchung Reservation. You will learn to identify some of the winter trees, observe signs of animal activity and learn the ways in which plants and animals adapt to the stress of winter. This will be an opportunity to walk deeper into the trail system and experience the beauty of the Watchung Reservation. Please dress appropriately for the weather. **Fee:** \$10/IC, \$12/OC.



# FAMILY PROGRAMS

## SATURDAY OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Families with children of all ages are invited to take part in weekly theme hikes/nature related talks. Programs last about 45 minutes. Dress appropriately for the program and the weather. For scout programs, please see our group brochure. **Donations appreciated.**

- Feb. 7 Summer Camp Lottery Begins** - Union County residents are invited to stop by the Trailside Visitor Center between February 7-20 from 12-5 P.M. daily, or until numbers run out, to draw a number which will indicate the position on line for summer camp registration on March 7, 2015. Proof of residency will be required.
- Feb. 21 Winter Trees** - Discover why trees lose their leaves for the winter. Work with your family to use buds, branches and bark to identify tulip, beech, dogwood and walnut trees. Learn which tree smells fruity, looks like an elephant's foot or has bark like an alligator's skin. **2:00 P.M.**
- Feb. 28 Tracking 101** - Identify tracks of different animals that live in the Watchung Reservation. Discover the best places to look for tracks and take a walk to figure out what wildlife species have been visiting the area. Our walk will conclude around a campfire with hot chocolate and marshmallows. **2:00 P.M.**
- Mar. 7 Summer Camp Registration for Union County Residents**- Union County residents who drew a lottery ticket between February 7-20 will return to register for summer camp and family programs.
- Mar. 21 Birds at the Feeder** - Color, shape, size and behavior are clues to help us identify birds. Go bird watching at the Backyard Wildlife Habitat and discover the diversity of birds that visit backyard feeders. **2:00 P.M.**
- Mar. 28 Early Spring Hike** - As spring arrives, plants, trees and animals are becoming active. Explore the area around Lake Surprise for young leaves, spring peeper frogs, groundhogs and other signs of spring. **Meet:** Lake Surprise parking lot. See #6 on map. **2:00 P.M.**



# FEBRUARY FESTIVITIES



The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents special programs for families & adults during the Presidents' Day Holiday. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. Programs will be held rain or shine.

- Programs are recommended for families with children ages 5 and older unless otherwise specified.
- ***Pre-registration is required for all programs.*** Please call ahead for space availability. Walk-ins accommodated as space permits.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

### **1:15 - 2:15 PM      The Journey of Sap to Syrup**

See how 100% real maple syrup is made from the sap of a sugar maple tree. Find out what equipment is needed to collect sap and take part in a taste test to see if you can identify the real thing.

**Fee:** \$5/person IC, \$6/person OC.

### **2:30 - 3:30 PM      Snakes & Turtles of NJ**

Box turtles, spotted turtles, painted turtles, oh my! Investigate the similarities and differences of the many species of turtles found in NJ. Hold shells and meet live turtles from Trailside's reptile collection. Find out what turtles and snakes have in common and where they go for the winter months. Learn which types of snakes live in NJ, feel a shed snake skin and meet a live snake.

**Fee:** \$5/person IC, \$6/person OC.



**Magic Show!**

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

### **1:30 - 2:15PM      Matinee - Fantasy, Illusion and Magic**

Join magician Joe Fischer for a special performance that will astound, baffle, delight, thrill and entertain! This fast paced show has the perfect blend of magic, audience participation, comedy and excitement. Joe Fischer has an outstanding rapport with children. His ability to communicate on their level makes this a show of real magic! **Recommended for children ages 4 and up.** Space is limited. Tickets go on sale at 1 PM Monday, Feb. 16 at the Visitor Service Desk.

**No strollers please.      Fee:** \$5/person.

### **2:30 - 3:30 PM      The Journey of Sap to Syrup**

*See previous description.*

## Trailside Summer Camp & Family Programs Registration Procedures for 2015



Union County 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 **March 7, 2015**. 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 7 through February 20, 2015**

1. Beginning on Saturday, February 7 through Friday, February 20, 2015 from noon - 5 P.M., Union County residents may visit Trailside's Visitor Center to draw a random lottery number.
2. This number will indicate the registrant's position on line for Summer Registration on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 8 A.M. - 3 P.M.
3. In addition to a number designating your place on line, your lottery ticket will also indicate the time you should arrive at Trailside on March 7, 2015. This will eliminate the need for you to stand in line for hours.
4. ***The lottery will be conducted to February 20, 2015 unless all tickets have been drawn before that date.***
5. Proof of residency, such as a driver's license, will be required to draw a number.
6. **Only one number may be drawn per family/address. You may only pick a lottery ticket for your own family.**
7. The registrant's name, address, phone number, lottery number and arrival time will be recorded when the lottery number is chosen.

### **Union County Resident Registration Day – Saturday, March 7, 2015 - 8 A.M - 3 P.M.**

1. **You must bring your lottery ticket with you to registration.**
2. **The registrant 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 3:30 pm to register.

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*Summer Camp and Family Program Registration Procedures cont...*

- 3. A PERSON MAY ONLY REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN 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 Camp Sessions Will Be Limited As Follows For the 2015 Summer Season:**

**A. Children in the Pre-First Grade programs for 4 & 5 year olds**

***Children enrolled in the Pre-First Grade programs MUST be four (4) years of age BY JUNE 1, 2015.***

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, Tuesday Evening, Campfire or Beginner Camp Out program in the 2015 season

**D. Waitlist Books**

As camps and family programs fill, waitlist books will be available for each program. Participants will be called from the wait list books as cancellations occur with camps/family programs.

**Out-of-County Resident Registration – Monday, March 9, 2015 - Noon - 4:45 pm**

1. Registration for out-of-county residents will take place on Monday, March 9 from noon - 4:45 P.M. Lottery tickets 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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## *Summer Camp and Family Program Registration Procedures cont...*

### **Payment Policies**

1. Payments must be made in full. Make checks payable to "County of Union."
2. MasterCard, Visa, AMEX and Discover credit cards are accepted in person.
3. *Once payment has been made for a camp/program, registration is final. No changes will be accepted on registration day, March 7, 2015.*
4. **Program spaces are non-exchangeable and non-transferable.**

### **Cancellation Policies**

1. Refunds will be given from March 9 to May 31 with a non-refundable registration fee of \$35 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.

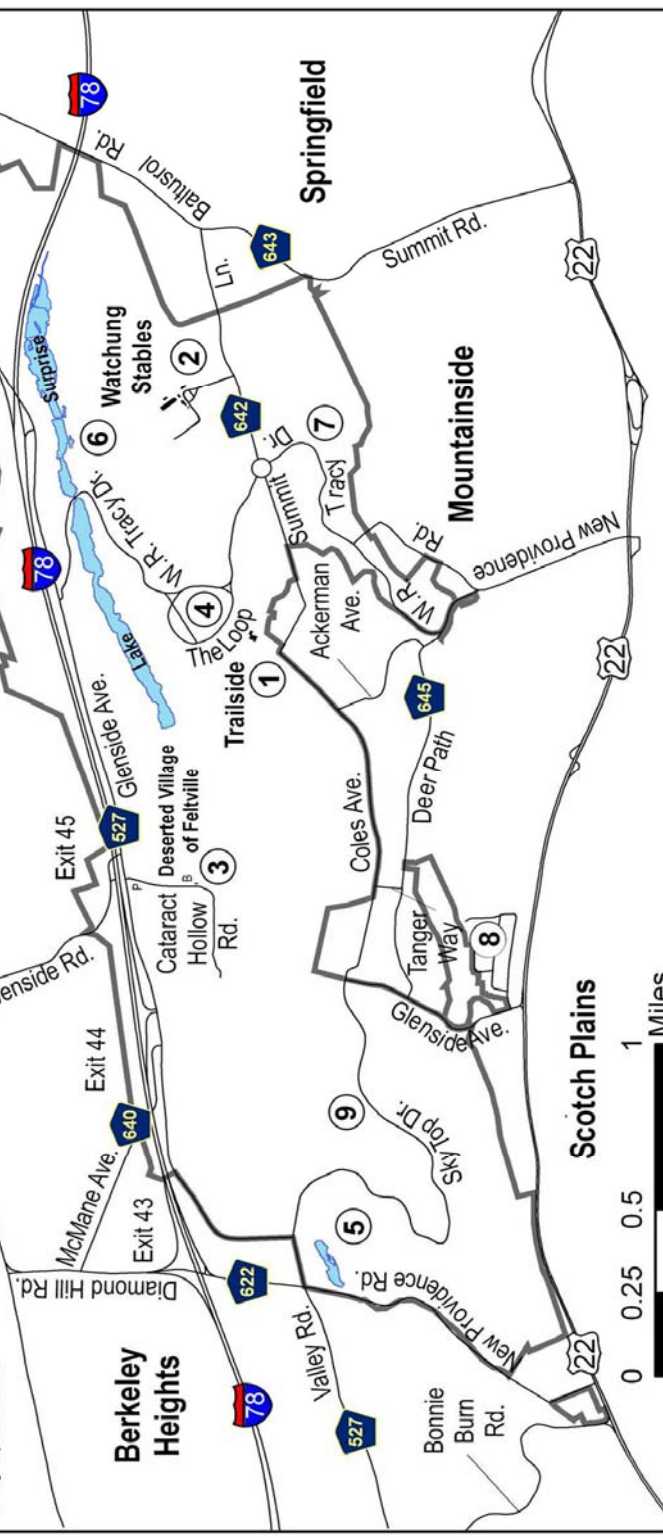
### **General Policies**

1. In developing programs, Trailside keeps in mind the abilities of different aged children. When registering for camp and family programs, please pay attention to age guidelines.
2. Trailside cannot allow inappropriately (younger or older than 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.
3. Please call Trailside if your child/family cannot attend a camp/family program. Trailside will call names from the waitlist until the space is filled.

# WATCHUNG RESERVATION

## Site Locations

1. Trailside Nature Center
2. Watchung Stable
3. Deserted Village of Felville, P = Parking, B = Barn
4. Loop Playground
5. Seeley's Pond Parking Lot
6. Lake Surprise Parking Lot
7. Prospect Picnic Area
8. Acadia Arboretum (Center for Hope Hospices)
9. Sky Top Picnic Area



Summit

Springfield

Mountainside

Scotch Plains

# Wild Earth Fest

An entertaining family event to celebrate the Earth. Learn ways to become eco-friendly & increase your awareness of wildlife conservation.



Sunday, April 26, 2015  
11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



*Rain or Shine - Trailside Visitor Center*  
Admission: \$4/person, ages 6 & under FREE  
(includes admission to *Touch a Truck* event)

*Live Animal Demonstrations \* Educational Displays \* Children's Crafts \* Music  
Eco Art \* Free Face Painting \* Recycling Olympics  
Family Fun For All Ages!*

## Environmental Hero Awards and Wildlife Photography Contest Winners Announced.

*For more information on how to participate in these contests, please call Trailside at 908-789-3670.*

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# Touch A Truck

Youngsters are invited to climb aboard dump trucks, bulldozers, police cars, HAZMAT response units and "The Bear" used by the Union County SWAT team in serious emergencies.

Sunday, April 26, 2015  
11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

*Rain or Shine - Lower Loop Parking Lot*  
Admission: \$4/person, ages 6 & under FREE  
(includes admission to *Wild Earth Fest* event)

For more information about these Union County special events visit [www.ucnj.org](http://www.ucnj.org).

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