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Summer at Trailside



2015 **Camp Programs for** **Preschool - 9th Grade** **Family & Evening Programs**

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A facility of the Union County Department of Parks & Recreation

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.

Please read the following important program registration information. This information details registration procedures and cancellation policies for Trailside's summer camp programs for the 2015 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.

**Trailside will be CLOSED on
Saturday, JULY 4, 2014
for Independence Day**

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



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. A full listing of entertainers will be provided in the spring.



**Wednesday afternoons at
1:30 p.m.**

**For families with children
ages 4 & up**

**Admission: \$5.00/person
\$4.00/senior citizen
(62 & older w/ID)**

**Tickets go on sale at
1 p.m. on the day of the**



CAMP PROGRAM CHART
For children ages 4 and 5
Classes meet Monday through Thursday.

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

SESSION TIMES:

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

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

Week		
1. June 22 - 25	A: ABC's of Science Feathered Friends	B: Seasonal Surprise Dinomite
2. June 29 - July 2	A: Going Buggy Under the Sea	B: Turtle Time Geotykes
3. July 6 - 9	A: Wacky Weather Animal Crackers	B. Living Lenape Natural Beginnings
4. July 13 - 16	A: Seasonal Surprise Dinomite	B: Going Buggy Under the Sea
5. July 20 - 23	A: Turtle Time Geotykes	B: Wacky Weather Animal Crackers
6. July 27 - 30	A: Seasonal Surprise Dinomite	B: Living Lenape Natural Beginnings
7. Aug. 3 - 6	A: ABC's of Science Feathered Friends	B: Going Buggy Under the Sea
8. Aug. 10 - 13	A: ABC's of Science Feathered Friends	B. Turtle Time Geotykes

PRE-FIRST GRADE PROGRAMS

For children ages 4 and 5

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.**

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

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**

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.



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!

June 22-25 Session A

Aug. 3-6 Session A

Aug. 10-13 Session A



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.

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.

June 29-July 2 Session B

July 20-23 Session A

Aug. 10-13 Session B

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 22-25 Session B

July 13-16 Session A

July 27-30 Session A

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 29-July 2 Session A

July 13-16 Session B

Aug. 3-6 Session B

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Pre-first grade continued...

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.

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.

July 6-9 Session B

July 27-30 Session B



WACKY

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.

WEATHER

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."

July 6-9 Session A

July 20-23 Session B

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.

Week	Grade	Program Combinations	
1. June 22-26	1st-2nd	A: Nature Disc. Club	B: Mythical Creatures
	3rd-4th	A: Zootopia	B: Bugs & Beyond
2. June 29- July 3	1st-2nd	A: Feather...Scales	B: Artic...Desert
		A: Wanishi	B: Around the World
	7th-9th	Nature Treks 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	
3. July 6-10	1st-2nd	A: Nature's Olympians	B: Mythical Creatures
	3rd-4th	A: Art of Nature	B: Junior Naturalist
	5th-6th	A: The Green Team	B: Backwoods Lore
4. July 13-17	1st-2nd	A: Tropical Treasures	B: Down and Dirty
		A: Around the World	B: Have a Habitat
	3rd-4th	A: Junior Naturalist	B: Bugs & Beyond
	5th-6th	A: The Green Team	B: Backwoods Lore
5. July 20-24	1st-2nd	A: Mythical Creatures	B: Wanishi
		A: Arctic...Desert	B: Nature's Olympians
	3rd-4th	A: Trailside Treks	B: Wild & Rare
	5th-6th	A: Ocean Wonders	B: All About Animals
6. July 27-31	1st-2nd	A: Down & Dirty	B: Have a Habitat
		A: Tropical Treasures	B: Feather...Scales
	3rd-4th	A: Trailside Treks	B: Art of Nature
	5th-6th	A: Ocean Wonders	B: All About Animals
7. Aug. 3-7	1st-2nd	A: Around the World	B: Nature's Olympians
	3rd-4th	A: Wild & Rare	B: Trailside Treks
		A: Zootopia	B: Junior Naturalist
8. Aug. 10-14	1st-2nd	A: Wanishi	B: Nature Disc. Club
		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 which includes 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 1st & 2nd GRADES

ARCTIC, OCEAN & DESERT - Take an imaginary journey to some of the worlds most extreme habitats. Find out how animals such as arctic fox and polar bear survive the sub-zero temperatures of the arctic while camels and armadillos thrive in the heat of the desert. Learn about the ocean and its inhabitants including whales and sharks. The last day of camp we will find out which plants and animals dominate the grassland habitats around the world.

June 29-July 3 Session B

July 20-24 Session A

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 29-July 3 Session B

July 13-17 Session A

Aug. 3-7 Session A

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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 13-17 Session B

July 27-31 Session A

FEATHER, FUR & SCALES - Have fun learning about birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians as we explore the fascinating world of these animals. Investigate the different habitats of the Watchung Reservation in search of our animal neighbors, their homes and hideouts. Meet some live reptiles that call Trailside their home.

June 29-July 3 Session A

July 27-31 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.

July 13-17 Session B

July 27-31 Session B

Aug. 10-14 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.

June 22-26 Session B

July 6-10 Session B

July 20-24 Session A

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.

June 22-26 Session A

Aug. 10-14 Session B



NATURE'S OLYMPIANS - Discover who is the fastest flier, strongest swimmer, highest jumper, quickest sprinter and more as we explore nature's most extreme athletes. Can you jump like a kangaroo, run like a cheetah or flap your arms as fast as a hummingbird flaps its wings? Through active games, hikes and experiments, campers will find out who are our nature's champions.

July 6-10 Session A

July 20-24 Session B

Aug. 3-7 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 13-17 Session A

July 27-31 Session A

Aug. 10-14 Session B

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.

June 29-July 3 Session A

July 20-24 Session B

Aug. 10-14 Session A

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 3rd & 4th 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 6-10 Session A

July 27-31 Session B

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.

June 22-26 Session B

July 13-17 Session B

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

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.

July 6-10 Session B

July 13-17 Session A

Aug. 3-7 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 20-24 Session A

July 27-31 Session A

Aug. 3-7 Session B

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: \$15**

July 20-24 Session B

Aug. 3-7 Session A

ZOOTOPIA - 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 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

June 22-26 Session A

Aug. 3-7 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.*

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 5th & 6th GRADES

THE GREEN TEAM - Make a solar cooker, play energy games, recycle and re-design a worn out t-shirt using tie dye. This year we will visit **LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER** in Jersey City to investigate hundreds of interactive and educational exhibits focusing on science, technology and the environment. Throughout the week participate in fun-filled activities that demonstrate the importance of energy conservation and experiment with solutions to help clean up our waterways. Find out ways of living a greener lifestyle that will help keep the Earth healthy. *This camp has an additional fee to cover a van trip to Liberty Science Center.* **Limit: 13 students.**



***Additional Trip Fee: \$35.**

July 6-10 Session A

Mon. - Wed. & Fri.: 9 a.m. -12 p.m.; Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 13-17 Session A

***Please note that if you choose to combine The Green Team with an afternoon camp that same week, your child will miss the afternoon session of camp on **THURSDAY** due to the field trip.*



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: \$25.

July 20-24 Session A

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. -12 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 27-31 Session A

***Please note that if you choose to combine Ocean Wonders with an afternoon camp that same week, your child will miss the afternoon session of camp on **FRIDAY** due to the field trip.*

Camps for children entering 5th & 6th grade continued...

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 20-24 Session B

July 27-31 Session B

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 6-10 Session B

July 13-17 Session B

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 7th - 9th 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.

June 29-July 3 Sessions A & B



FRIDAY FAMILY PROGRAMS

Friday Family programs are for all ages and 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/clothes that can get wet.

June 26, July 10, July 24 or Aug. 7 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 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 and muddy.

July 31 10-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-3 p.m.
or Aug. 14 10-11:30 a.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.
June 26 or July 17 or Aug. 7 10-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-3 p.m.
Fee: IC \$6/person OC \$7/person

ANIMAL NEIGHBORS - The Watchung Reservation is home to many mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. Find out where these animals live and what they eat. Search meadow, lawn, forest and stream habitats to see how many different animal neighbors we can find. **Meet at:** Visitor Center.

July 10, 24 10-11 a.m. or 1:30-2:30 p.m.
or Aug. 14 10-11 a.m.
Fee: IC \$5/person OC \$6/person

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 orange lava stones. See how many items your family can correctly find and collect. A prize will be given to the team with the most points.

July 17 or 31

Fee: IC \$5/person

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

OC \$6/person

TUESDAY EVENING FAMILY PROGRAMS

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.

WHEN I'M SLEEPY - Come in your P.J.'s for stories about animals and their sleeping habits. Say "Good-night" to Trailside's snakes, turtles and fish and take a short walk to go in search of those night critters. **Wear:** shoes for outdoor walk. **Recommended for:** Adults with children ages 4-6.

July 14

7 - 8 PM

Fee: IC \$6/person

OC \$7/person

EVENING POND SEARCH - Join us at Seeley's Pond as we search for aquatic life as the sun goes down. Use dip nets and strainers to catch, identify and release frogs, fish, insect larvae and tadpoles. **Wear:** Shoes that can get wet and muddy.

Meet at: Seeley's Pond upper paved parking lot . See # 5 on map.

July 21 or Aug. 11

7 - 8:30 p.m.

Fee: IC \$7/person

OC \$8/person



NOCTURNAL NEIGHBORS - When we say "good night", many animals are just beginning to wake up. Visit the Night Theater to discover why they come out at night and how they see in the dark. Play some games to understand how it feels to rely on the senses nocturnal creatures use at night. Take a walk outside to see which animals are visiting around Trailside.

Aug. 4

7-8:00 p.m.

Fee: IC \$6/person

OC \$7/person

FAMILY CAMPFIRES

Join the Trilside staff for a campfire to celebrate the summer season. Start with lemonade & toasting marshmallows (weather permitting), then be a part of interactive stories, songs and skits. Prepare to have fun with lots of laughter & audience participation.

For: All ages

July 1 or 29

7 - 8:30 p.m.

Fee: IC \$7/person

OC \$8/person



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 s'mores 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.

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

This program is designed for the first-time campers.

Meet at: TMA field (behind old museum)

Fri. June 26 to Sat. June 27

or Fri. July 10 to Sat. July 11

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

Fee: IC \$40/person OC \$45/person



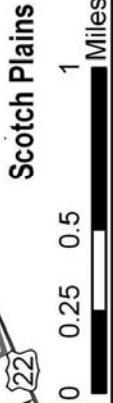
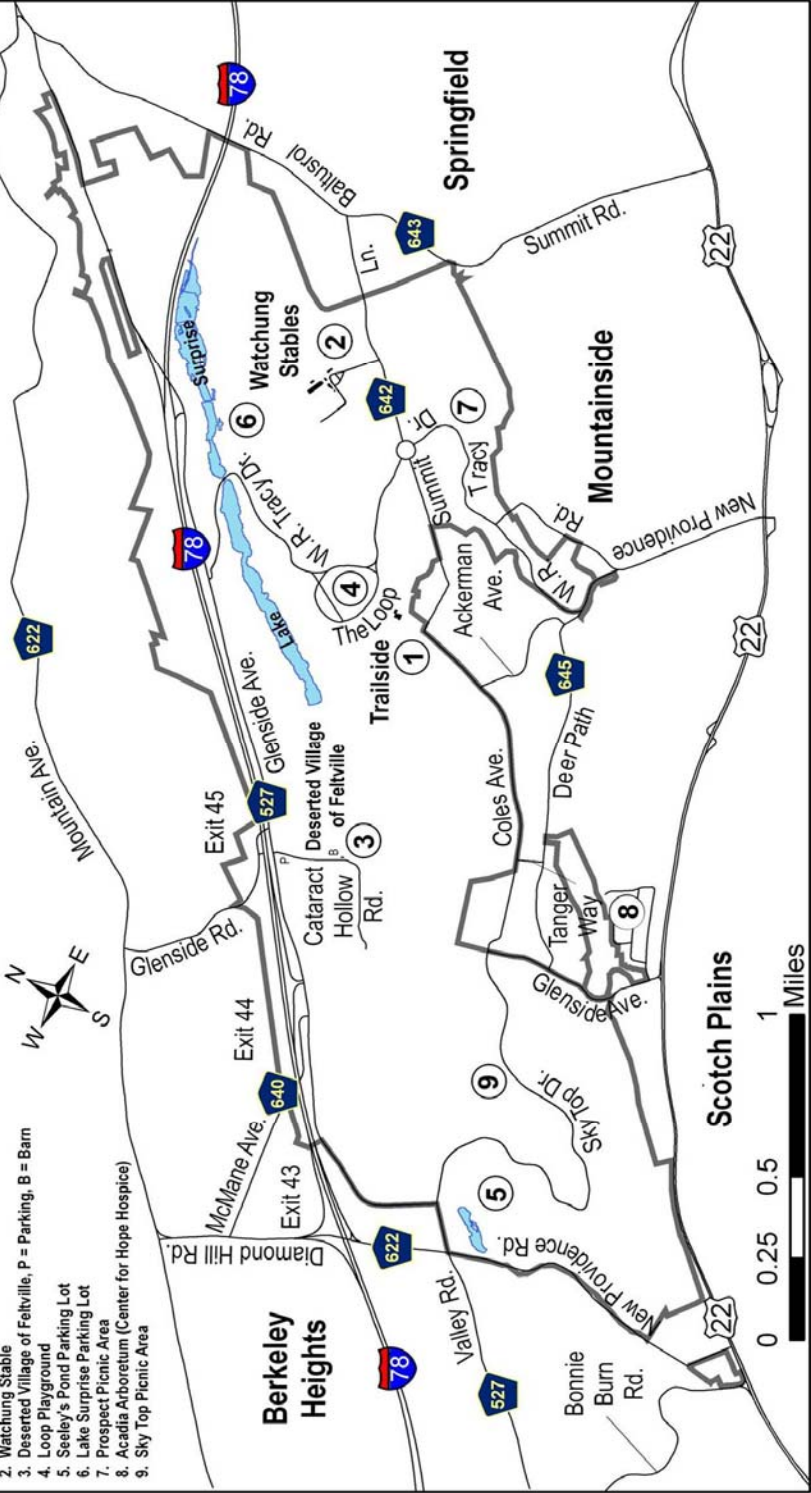
FRIDAY FAMILY, TUESDAY EVENING & CAMPFIRE SCHEDULE

WEEK	TUESDAY EVENING	FRIDAY FAMILY		CAMPFIRE CAMPOUT
1. June 22-26		June 26 Bubbles 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	June 26 Stream Stroll 10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00	June 26-27 Beginner Family Campout 6 p.m.-10 a.m.
2. June 29- July 3				July 1 Summer Family Campfire 7-8:30
3. July 6-10		July 10 Bubbles 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	July 10 Animal Neighbors 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	July 10-11 Beginner Family Campout 6 p.m.-10 a.m.
4. July 13-17	July 14 When I'm Sleepy 7-8	July 17 Scav. Hunt 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	July 17 Stream Stroll 10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00	
5. July 20-24	July 21 Eve. Pond Search 7-8:30	July 24 Bubbles 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	July 24 Animal Neighbors 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	
6. July 27-31		July 31 Scav. Hunt 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	July 31 Pond Search 10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00	July 29 Summer Family Campfire 7-8:30
7. Aug. 3-7	Aug. 4 Nocturnal Neighbors 7-8	Aug. 7 Bubbles 10-11 or 1:30-2:30	Aug. 7 Stream Stroll 10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00	
8. Aug. 10-14	Aug. 11 Eve. Pond Search 7-8:30	Aug. 14 Animal Neighbors 10-11	Aug. 14 Pond Search 10-11:30	

WATCHUNG RESERVATION

Site Locations

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



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.

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
1:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Rain or Shine - Lower Loop Parking Lot
Admission: \$4/person, ages 6 & under

(includes admission to *Wild Earth Fest* event)

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