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# Summer at Trailside

**New Online  
Registration**



**Celebrating 75 Years of  
Environmental Education**

**Trailside Nature & Science Center**  
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**A facility of the Union County  
Department of Parks & Recreation**

# Celebrate 75 Years of Environmental Education with Trailside Nature & Science Center

This summer, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites you to experience Trailside Nature and Science Center. Visit our 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 2016 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  
Monday, JULY 4, 2016  
for Independence Day**

## **Trailside Nature & Science Center 2016 Summer Camp Program New Online Registration**

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to announce that registration for Trailside Nature and Science Center's popular Summer Camp and Family Programs will be available online.

*Registration for Union County Residents begins March 28, 2016*

**We highly recommend you create an account and password on the Union County Online Registration site, if you have not already done so, prior to Monday, March 28, 2016. Please make sure you include all family members participating in Trailside's summer programs. The brochure will be available online and in print before registration begins. Please read all general and cancellation policies before registering.**

To register visit [www.ucnj.org/trailside](http://www.ucnj.org/trailside) and select Online Registration.

### **Online registration for Union County Residents Only:**

In order to accommodate the large volume of registrants, the summer program registration will be made available throughout the week of March 28, 2016.

#### **Preschool Camps - Monday, March 28**

Registration for 4-day (Monday-Thursday) Preschool camps for children ages 4 and 5 begins Monday, March 28 at 8:00 AM.

#### **Entering 1st & 2nd Grade Camps - (Two Days) Tuesday, March 29 & Wednesday, March 30**

Registration for 5-day (Monday-Friday) Half-Day and Combo Camps for children entering 1st & 2nd grades begins March 29 at 8:00 AM.

#### **Entering 3rd - 4th Grade Camps - Thursday, March 31**

Registration for 5-day (Monday-Friday) Half-Day and Combo Camps for children entering 3rd & 4th grades begins March 31 at 8:00 AM.

#### **Entering 5th - 9th Grade Camps & Friday Family and Evening Programs - Friday, April 1**

Registration for 5-day (Monday-Friday) Half-Day and Combo Camps for children entering 5th - 9th grade camps and Friday Family and Evening Programs begins April 1 at 8:00 AM.

**After Friday, April 1, online registration will continue for Union County Residents until all programs are filled.**

#### **Out of County Registration - Wednesday, April 6th**

Online registration will begin for all Out of County Residents starting Wednesday, April 6 at 8:00 AM until all programs are filled.

## **General Policies**

All online registration is final. Please refer to cancellation policies for additional information.

Program spaces are non-exchangeable and non-transferable.

You may register your family members in your household only.

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.

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.

## **To allow more Union County residents to participate, summer camp sessions will be limited.**

**Limitations will be enforced. A \$35 non-refundable registration fee will be applied for each session over the limit and your child will be removed from the roster.**

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

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.

***Children enrolled in the Pre-First Grade programs MUST be four (4) years of age BY JUNE 1, 2016.***

### **2. 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

## **Waitlist**

As camps and family programs fill, a waitlist option is available online for each program.

Participants will be called from waitlists as cancellations occur with camps/family programs.

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### **Cancellation Policies for Summer Camps**

1. We are unable to process refunds for summer camps directly to credit cards. Call Trailside for refund procedures a 908-789-3670.
2. Refunds will be given from April 11 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.
3. 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.

### **Cancellation Policies for Family Programs**

Credits or refunds will not be given at **any** time for Friday Family, Tuesday Evening or Family Campfires.

Trailside credits will only be issued for evening and family programs *cancelled by Trailside due to inclement weather*. Credits are valid for one year from the date of issue and can be used toward any Trailside program.



# 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  
presentation.**





# 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, 2016.*

### SESSION TIMES:

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

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

| Week  |   |                                       |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. June 20 - 23   | A: ABC's of Science & Feathered Friends | B: Seasonal Surprise & Dinomite       |
| 2. June 27 - 30   | A: Going Buggy & Under the Sea          | B: Turtle Time & Geotykes             |
| 3. July 5 - 8*<br>**Tues - Fri**<br>Trailside is closed on Monday, July 4th | A: Wacky Weather & Animals Crackers     | B. Living Lenape & Natural Beginnings |
| 4. July 11 - 14   | A: Seasonal Surprise & Dinomite         | B: Going Buggy & Under the Sea        |
| 5. July 18 - 21   | A: Turtle Time & Geotykes               | B: Wacky Weather & Animal Crackers    |
| 6. July 25 - 28   | A: Seasonal Surprise & Dinomite         | B: Living Lenape & Natural Beginnings |
| 7. Aug. 1 - 4   | A: ABC's of Science & Feathered Friends | B: Going Buggy & Under the Sea        |
| 8. Aug. 8 - 11  | 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.** Camps meeting the week of July 5-8 will meet Tuesday - Friday. Trailside is closed on Monday, July 4th.

*Children enrolled in the Pre-First Grade programs  
MUST be four (4) years of age BY JUNE 1, 2016.*

**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

***Please refer To The Camp Program Chart  
For All Dates and Times***

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### 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!





## **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.

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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.

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**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.

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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 including 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.



## **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.

## **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."

# CAMP PROGRAM CHART FOR 1st-9th GRADES

## Classes Meet Monday through Friday

| Week  | Grade   |  |                                  |
|---|---------|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. June<br>20-24  | 1st-2nd | Nature Discovery Club & Mythical Creatures<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.        |                                  |
|   |         |  | Nature's Olympians<br>1 - 4 p.m. |
|   | 3rd-4th | Bugs and Beyond<br>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.                                  |                                  |
| 2. June 27-<br>July 1   | 1st-2nd | Wanishi, Wigwams & Wampum & Around the World<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.      |                                  |
|   |         | Tropical Treasures<br>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.                               |                                  |
|   | 3rd-4th |  | Art of Nature<br>1 - 4 p.m.      |
|   | 7th-9th | Nature Treks<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.                                      |                                  |
| 3. July<br>**5-8**<br><i>Trailside is<br/>closed on<br/>Monday<br/>July 4</i> | 1st-2nd | Feather, Fur, Scales & Arctic, Ocean & Deserts<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.    |                                  |
|   |         |  | Around the World<br>1 - 4 p.m.   |
|   | 3rd-4th | Trailside Treks & Junior Naturalist<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.               |                                  |
|   | 5th-6th | All About Animals<br>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.                                |                                  |
| 4. July<br>11-15  | 1st-2nd | Tropical Treasures & Have to Have Habitat<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.         |                                  |
|   |         |  | Down & Dirty<br>1 - 4 p.m.       |
|   | 3rd-4th | Bugs and Beyond & Junior Naturalist<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.               |                                  |
|   |         | Wild & Rare<br>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.                                      |                                  |
|   | 5th-6th | Ocean Wonders<br>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.<br>Friday Field Trip 9 a.m.-4 p.m. |                                  |

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Camp program chart for 1st-9th grades continued.....

|                  |         |   |                                  |
|------------------|---------|---|----------------------------------|
| 5. July<br>18-22 | 1st-2nd | Mythical Creatures & Wanishi, Wigwams & Wampum<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.       |                                  |
|                  |         |   | Nature's Olympians<br>1 - 4 p.m. |
|                  | 3rd-4th | Trailside Treks & Art of Nature<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.                      |                                  |
|                  |         | Zootopia<br>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.<br>Friday Field Trip 9 a.m.-4 p.m.         |                                  |
|                  | 5th-6th | Time Travelers<br>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.                                      |                                  |
| 6. July<br>25-29 | 1st-2nd | Arctic, Ocean & Deserts & Feather, Fur & Scales<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.      |                                  |
|                  |         | Down & Dirty<br>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  |                                  |
|                  | 3rd-4th | Bugs and Beyond & Junior Naturalist<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.                  |                                  |
|                  |         |   | Wild & Rare<br>1 - 4 p.m.        |
|                  | 5th-6th | A: Ocean Wonders<br>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.<br>Friday Field Trip 9 a.m.-4 p.m. |                                  |
| 7. Aug.<br>1-5   | 1st-2nd | Have a Habitat & Nature's Olympians<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.                  |                                  |
|                  |         | Feather, Fur and Scales & Around the World<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.           |                                  |
|                  | 3rd-4th | Zootopia<br>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.<br>Friday Field Trip 9 a.m.-4 p.m.         |                                  |
|                  | 5th-6th | Time Travelers<br>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.                                      |                                  |
| 8. Aug.<br>8-12  | 1st-2nd | Arctic, Ocean & Deserts & Nature Discovery Club<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.      |                                  |
|                  |         | Have a Habitat<br>9 a.m.-12 p.m.  |                                  |
|                  | 3rd-4th | Trailside Treks & Art of Nature<br>9 a.m. - 4 p.m.                      |                                  |

## 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.

**Limit per session: 14 children** unless otherwise noted.

***Please refer To The Camp Program Chart  
For All Dates, Times & Combination Camps.***

### 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)

### ***Special 4-Day Programming for the week of the Fourth of July***

***\*July 5-8 Tuesday - Friday\****

***Trailside is Closed on Monday, July 4th***

**FEE:** A **or** B Session      IC \$108      OC \$132  
Combination Rate      IC \$252      OC \$308

\*Additional trip fees will be added to the session rate for camps with field trips. Trip fees are listed after the camp descriptions.

**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.**



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

**AROUND THE WORLD** - Become a world explorer and travel to different continents each day. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.



**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.

**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 whirligig beetles.



*For Students Entering 1st-2nd Grades Continued....*

**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.

**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 are found. 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.

**WANISHI, WIGWAMS & WAMPUM** - Use your imagination to see what it was like to live as a Native American child. Touch real tools and animal skins, visit a wigwam and play games like corn darts. Listen to stories, work with clay and learn how the Lenape Native Americans survived in the wilderness.

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



**THE ART OF NATURE** - Discover art in nature through sketches, painting and storytelling. Appreciate the natural world as you create masterpieces using rocks, clay and water. Spend an afternoon with the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County and explore the diversity of plants, flowers and trees. Fabricate your own field guide to identify common trees and local wildflowers and use your imagination to make a sound map.

**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: 10 students. \*Additional Trip Fee: \$15**

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



**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.

**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.

**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: 10 students.      \*Additional Trip Fee: \$30**  
**Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**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. Spend time in the Demonstration Garden with Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County. Use sweep nets and magnifiers to investigate the diversity of insect life found in the gardens. Visit stream, pond, meadow and forest habitats to learn about the adaptations and lifecycles of these amazing creatures.



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



**TIME TRAVELERS** - Journey back in time as campers spend two mornings at the Deserted Village of Feltville, located in the Watchung Reservation, with a professional archaeologist.

Hands-on activities include mapping, recording and measuring and artifact dating. Campers

will learn to “read” the landscape to discover the locations of archaeological features. At Trailside, discover the challenges of backwoods survival. Learn fire building skills and how to build an outdoor shelter. Track local mammals and find out which plants are safe to eat.



**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.

**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 10 students. \*Additional**

**Trip Fee: \$25.**

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

**FULL DAY CAMP**  
**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.

**Limit: 9 students**





## 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.

**July 15 or 29**

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

**Aug. 12**

**10-11 a.m.**

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

**OC \$6/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 15**

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

**or Aug. 12**

**10-11:30 a.m.**

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

**OC \$7/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 8, 22**

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

**or Aug. 5**

**10-11:30 a.m.**

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

**OC \$7/person**



*Friday Family Programs continued...*

**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 8, 22**

**or Aug. 5**

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

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

**10-11 a.m.**

**OC \$6/person**

**GARDEN TREASURES** - Visit the Demonstration Garden at Trailside. Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County will lead educational activities about insects and plants found in the beautiful garden. You'll be surprised with what you discover.

**July 29**

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

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

**OC \$7/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. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be held all indoors.

**July 12 or Aug. 2**

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

**7 - 8 p.m.**

**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. **Recommended for adults with children ages 6 and older. Rain or Shine.**

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

**July 26 or Aug. 9**

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

**7 - 8:30 p.m.**

**OC \$8/person**



## FAMILY CAMPFIRES

Join the Trailside 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. In the event of inclement weather, activities will be held indoors.

**For:** All ages

**June 29 or July 20**

**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. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, beverages, snacks & continental breakfast will be provided. **NO PETS**, please. **Rain or Shine.**

**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 24 to Sat. June 25**

**or Fri. July 8 to Sat. July 9**

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

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



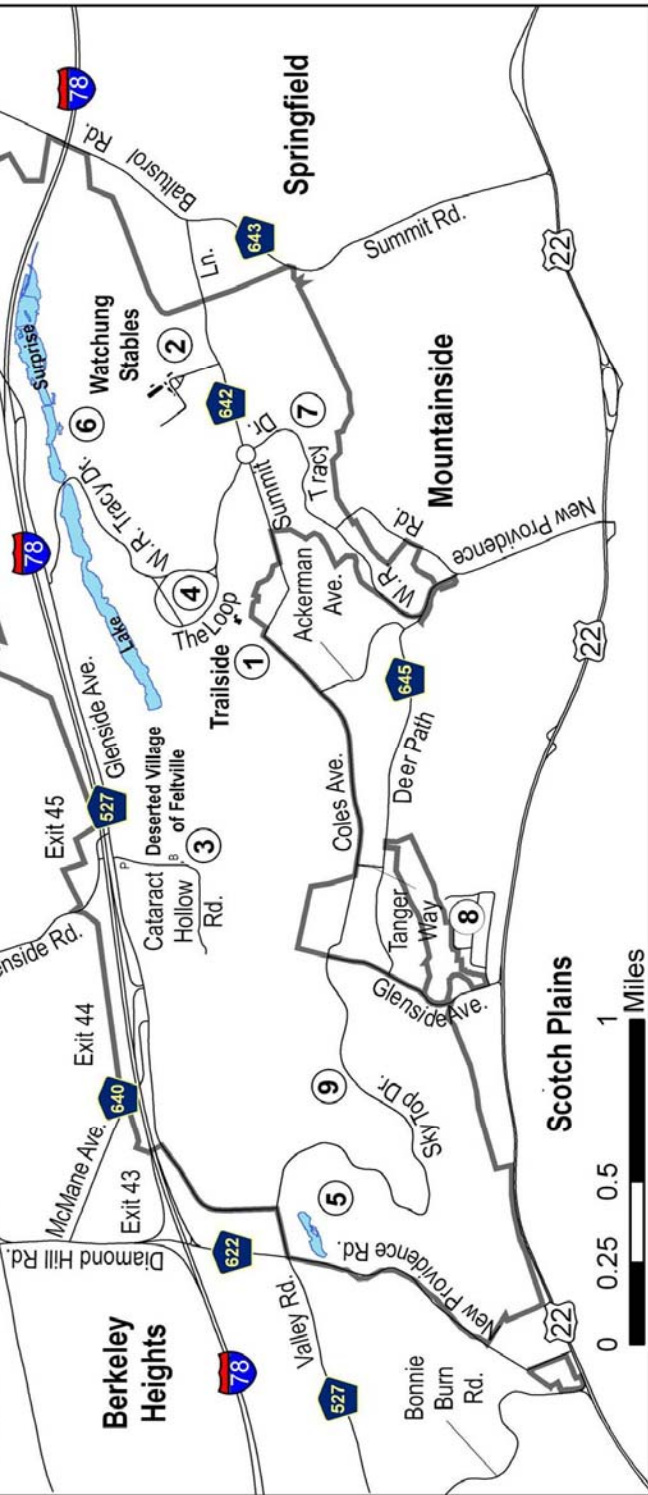
# FRIDAY FAMILY, TUESDAY EVENING & CAMPFIRE SCHEDULE

| WEEK  | TUESDAY EVENING                               | FRIDAY FAMILY   |  | CAMPFIRE CAMPOUT   |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| 1. June 20-24   |   |   |  | <b>June 24-25<br/>Beginner Family Campout</b><br>6 p.m.-10 a.m |
| 2. June 27-July 1                                       |   |   |  | <b>Wed. June 29<br/>Summer Family Campfire</b><br>7-8:30       |
| 3. July 4-8<br>*Trailside is closed on Monday, July 4th |   | <b>July 8<br/>Animal Neighbors</b><br>10-11 or 1:30-2:30  | <b>July 8<br/>Pond Search</b><br>10-11:30 or 1:30-3          | <b>July 8-9<br/>Beginner Family Campout</b><br>6 p.m.-10 a.m.  |
| 4. July 11-15   | <b>July 12<br/>When I'm Sleepy</b><br>7-8     | <b>July 15<br/>Bubbles</b><br>10-11 or 1:30-2:30          | <b>July 15<br/>Stream Stroll</b><br>10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00    |  |
| 5. July 18-22   |   | <b>July 22<br/>Animal Neighbors</b><br>10-11 or 1:30-2:30 | <b>July 22<br/>Pond Search</b><br>10-11:30 or 1:30-2:30      | <b>Wed. July 20<br/>Summer Family Campfire</b><br>7-8:30       |
| 6. July 25-29   | <b>July 26<br/>Eve. Pond Search</b><br>7-8:30 | <b>July 29<br/>Bubbles</b><br>10-11 or 1:30-2:30          | <b>July 29<br/>Garden Treasures</b><br>10-11:30 or 1:30-3:00 |  |
| 7. Aug. 1-5   | <b>Aug. 2<br/>When I'm Sleepy</b><br>7-8      | <b>Aug. 5<br/>Animal Neighbors</b><br>10-11               | <b>Aug. 5<br/>Pond Search</b><br>10-11:30                    |  |
| 8. Aug. 8-12  | <b>Aug. 9<br/>Eve. Pond Search</b><br>7-8:30  | <b>Aug. 12<br/>Bubbles</b><br>10-11                       | <b>Aug. 12<br/>Stream Stroll</b><br>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. Seeley'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

CELEBRATE TRAILSIDE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER'S  
75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**  
**11 AM - 5 PM**

**Rain or Shine**

**Admission: \$4/person, ages 6 & under Free**

**Get Your  
Green On!**

**Celebrate 75 years of Environmental Education at Trailside with a fun family event. Learn ways to become eco-friendly & increase your awareness of wildlife conservation.**

Live Animal Demonstrations & Educational Displays \* Face Painting \*

Recycling Olympics \* Crafts \* Giveaways & Vendors

Live Music "THE NERDS"

Environmental Hero Awards

& Wildlife Photography Contest Winner

Announced



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