

Don't keep your children inside this summer.
Give them a chance to experience the outdoors at the

Althouse Arboretum Summer Outdoor Camps

For children entering grades
1 through 4



All camps are located at the ***Althouse Arboretum***
1794 Gilbertsville Road, Pottstown

All camps are outdoors at the Althouse Arboretum: A 17 acre site preserved as open space by Upper Pottsgrove Township and converted into an outdoor learning center by the nonprofit GreenAllies. The Arboretum is complete with trails, outdoor classrooms and nature education sites. Your child will have a fun time outdoors doing activities that foster a better understanding of our natural world. These camps are a fun way to learn! Your child will also enjoy interacting with our motivated and responsible high school and college student volunteers. All activities are directed by these amazing students and under the supervision of our Executive Director with nearly 20 years of environmental education experience.

Register Online:



Once you complete the form, you will be sent a bill. **REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE, and your spot is NOT reserved, until a minimum NONREFUNDABLE payment is made. See details in the letter accompanying your bill.**

EACH WEEK HAS A DIFFERENT THEME WITH DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES, but they all focus on learning and playing in the great outdoors!

Select ONE, TWO or as many weeks as you like!

2024 Schedule: HALF DAY and FULL DAY

Week One: June 3 - 7 Nature and Wildlife Week

HALF and FULL DAY

Wildlife is all around us at the Arboretum as long as we know where to look. Become a wilderness explorer and learn some of the tricks about being in nature. Learn about the cute and maybe not so cute creatures that live in the wild, and the habitats they occupy! We will go on scavenger hunts, catch insects, and explore the Arboretum's many habitats to find out what lives in our woods, ponds and fields. A great week of animal games, education about our environment, and fun.

Week Two: June 10 - 14 Music Week

HALF and FULL DAY

This week is jam packed full with different opportunities to see how the world can be full of music. From learning how to make drums to trying to replicate bird calls, this week is bound to be a fun way to learn about the importance of our music in different cultures. This week also tests the kids' listening skills and allows them to experience more hands-on learning in nature during the summer months.

Week Three: June 17 – 21 Spy Week

HALF and FULL DAY

This week the campers are asked to become detectives and try to use the clues to solve the mysteries of the Althouse Arboretum Island. Kids will be able to learn and advance their spy skills by identifying fingerprints, solving crime scenes, and playing outdoor games that require problem solving skills. We love testing their mental and physical abilities on our famous obstacle course. Mysteries involved allow kids to play a real life version of the game "Clue" with crimes like the "Pool-Noodle Thief". Loads of fun and creativity will be found during this week!

Week Four: June 24 - 28 Magic Forest Week

HALF and FULL DAY

We will transform the Arboretum into a magical forest where all kinds of fun things will happen. With a Harry Potter inspiration, campers will learn how to do magic tricks; play unusual games; solve mysteries and puzzles; and learn how to create some great (and useful) potions. We will also learn about the magical creatures that are in our fantasy stories and from our very own woods. We will also look at the mythology that influences the magic of the world around us and learn tales of famous heroes like Hercules.

Week Five: July 8 - 12 Time Traveling Week

HALF and FULL DAY

This week we will be examining different places in time as time travelers to learn about our past to help us succeed in the future. Come and explore as we travel into the past to see our roots, and uncover what could happen as we travel to the future. We will explore all types of historical events that have occurred like the dinosaur stages, different time eras, natural disasters, along with discovering future possibilities. Lots of imagination and creativity was involved during this week with the best version of history class!

Week Six: July 15 – 19 Water Week

HALF and FULL DAY

Be ready to get wet as we dive into water week! This year we will focus our camp on the amazing oceans and the life that lives under the sea. On top of our fun water games, we will explore sea shells, learn how sharks can find their way in the water, and even find out about some of the most amazing underwater creatures on the planet. Don't forget your bathing suit because we will be getting wet with water games and water activities.

Week Seven: July 29- August 2 Mad Scientist Week

HALF and FULL DAY

This hands-on week gives campers the opportunity to investigate, examine, and observe how science is involved with many aspects of our natural world. Wacky experiments and fun games are all part of this popular week. Campers are asked to become detectives and try to use science to understand what is happening in the woods and all around at the Althouse Arboretum!

Week Eight August 5-9 Disney Adventures Week

HALF and FULL DAY

Get ready to come to camp in character and enjoy a week of fun as we transform the arboretum into our favorite Disney themes. Star Wars, Pixar, Marvel, and all your favorite themes! Campers will become their favorite heroes and characters, while playing games and learning important moral lessons from our Disney stories and using them for nature. This is a week of imagination and fun, perfect for our last week of camp for the year!

Each day will have: hikes, crafts and art activities, games, and more! (Snack and drinks provided) Full Day Campers must provide their own lunch.

For more information: programs@green-allies.org or call Ken at 267-371-2288

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JUNIOR COUNSELOR PROGRAM

“Counselors in Training”

We do accept a limited number of children too old to participate in our camp, but interested in attending. This is known as a Counselor in Training “CIT” for **ages 12-14**. They would be paired up with our high school and college students to assist with activities, and prepare them to become a future counselor. Special training and instructions will be provided.

Registration is the same. Please note on the form “CIT” after their name.

COSTS:

Full Day Camp 9am-4pm \$198/week Online payment cost: \$205
Half Day Camp 9am-Noon \$98/week Online payment cost: \$101

Extended Care AM: Extra \$50/week for early drop off starting at 8am

Instructions:

1. Complete the online registration form
2. After receiving the bill in the mail, send a check or pay online.
(Minimum NONREFUNDABLE deposit of \$50 per week required to hold your spot)
3. Full payment required by May 1st

FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS, GO TO www.althousearboretum.org