

SUMMER CAMPS

2014 Rancocas Nature Center Summer Camp— Connecting Children With Nature

Why choose a Rancocas Nature Center Camp?

- ◆ Science-based enrichment program
- ◆ Highly-trained staff; low teacher/camper ratio
- ◆ NJ State certified
- ◆ Competitive rates
- ◆ RNC has been part of the Burlington County community for 37 years

Studies show that children need a minimum of one hour of daily outdoor exercise. Outdoor activities also expose children to natural sunlight, an important source of Vitamin D, helping the absorption of calcium; so Camp offers a natural way to build strong, healthy bones.



"My Daughter loved the camp, it was very well run, we will do this again"

—Session 3 Mom



Photos by RNC staff, campers, and volunteers.

The Rancocas Nature Center

is centrally located in South Jersey in close proximity to Mt. Holly, Cherry Hill, and Philadelphia. Situated in the Rancocas State Park, the site includes varied natural habitats. Join us this summer and experience the value of environmental education at its best.

DIRECTIONS :

FROM I-295: Exit 45A (Mt. Holly/Willingboro exit). Head east on Rancocas Road. The Center is on the right-hand side, about 1.8 miles from I-295.

FROM STATE ROUTE 206: Connect with Route 38 southeast of Mount Holly. Take Route 38 west to Route 541 By-pass, turn right, following Route 541 to Rancocas Road (2nd intersection). Turn left onto Rancocas Road and proceed about 1 mile. The Center will be on the left.

**Register on or before
March 20, 2014
and receive an
Early-bird 20% discount
on camp fee.**

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Summer Camp

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RANCOCAS

A Message from Rancocas Sanctuary Director:

Childhood and the outdoors are a natural fit. At Rancocas Nature Center Summer Day Camp, campers get to explore the preserve's varied habitats and investigate its wildlife while learning first-hand about nature and our connection to it. These outdoor experiences are complemented by hands-on educational activities with a natural history focus. Small group size ensures that each child has a unique summer experience guided by staff members who are trained environmental educators.



Enjoy 7
Weeks of
Summer
Camp in the
Rancocas
State Park

Camp sessions run from Monday, June 30 to Friday, August 15

Day Camp runs from 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Monday through Friday (closed July 4)
Campers must bring their own lunch.

Cost:

All ages, \$235/week
(Session 1: \$188/week)

Post-camp Care
will be offered weekly!
3:00 pm-4:00 pm
\$40/week

Registration:

- Call the center to request a form
- Download a form at: rancocasnaturecenter.org
- Register in person at the center

Note:

RNC membership is required for camp sign-up.
Early Bird discounts apply only to registrations received on or before March 20.

Nature Center Summer Day Camps



Summer camp at Rancocas is a fun way to add science enrichment to your child's education.

Week 1: June 30 - July 3

Nature's Balance - Survival in the Wild

Learn what it takes to survive in the wild, and how animals and plants are protected from predators. Campers will try out fun strategies they can use on the trails as they become familiar with our wildlife preserve.

Week 2: July 7 - July 11 *Adventures with Animals*

Exploring the Rancocas Center grounds is especially fun in the summer when all animal groups are up and about, searching for their next meal, and having young.

Week 3: July 14 - July 18 *Fun with Water*

What better place to be on a hot summer day than in the clear streams and cool, shady forests of the Rancocas State Park. Water is one of our most important resources and campers will learn what's in it, who uses it, and how to keep it pollution free.

Week 4: July 21 - July 25 *Things That Fly*

Think bugs, bats, and birds. We'll also use the Rancocas preserve to investigate and experiment with traveling seeds, wind, and flight. Campers will get to create their own sailing/gliding craft.

Week 5: July 28 - August 1 *Tales of the Trails*

Every trail has a story. Learn about the animals that live in the park (many with tails) and the best spots to find them. We'll also use the Rancocas trails for scavenger hunts, geo-caching, and exploring.

Week 6: August 4 - August 8

Insects - The Good, the Bad, and the Bug-ly

Campers will search the meadows, forests, and streams for insects and their kin. Some are good, some are "bad" (are they?) but they are all "bug-ly."

Week 7: August 11 - August 15 *Habitat Who's Who*

The signs of Rancocas' wildlife are all around us. Find out which habitat is the best for each species and discover where they hide.

Each week features a different theme
Campers are grouped by grade as of Sept. 2014

ENTERING GRADES 1 TO 2
NATURE DETECTIVES

ENTERING GRADES 3 TO 4
RANCOCAS RANGERS

ENTERING GRADES 5 TO 7
JR. NATURALISTS

Rancocas Nature Center gets great reviews from parents! See past testimonials and photos below.

"My son just absolutely LOVED his week there...I think he would spend his entire summer there if he could!"—Session 5 Parent



Our children had a great time, learning about nature.
—Parent of campers

"She loved every minute! My daughter looks forward to this camp every year and has learned so much from it. It is such a great way for her to continue to develop her love and appreciation for nature, get outdoors, stay active, and learn, all at the same time."
—Summer Camp Mom



Visit our website at rancocasnaturecenter.org