

# Nature Day Camps

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

Photos by RNC staff, campers, and volunteers.



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

*"My Daughter loved the camp, it was very well run, we will do this again"*  
—Session 3 Mom



*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



**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 TO THE RANCOCAS NATURE CENTER:

**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.

*The Rancocas Nature Center is supported through the partnership of:*



**FRIENDS OF RANCOCAS NATURE CENTER**  
The Friends will promote stewardship and provide environmental education for the Rancocas State Park and surrounding communities through the operation of the Rancocas Nature Center.

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# Summer 2013 NATURE CAMP

AT THE  
**RANCOCAS NATURE CENTER**

# RANCOCAS

## A Message from Susan Buffalino, 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 might spend the day investigating a stream, chasing butterflies in the meadow, or discovering creatures under a log in the forest. These outdoor experiences are complemented by hands-on educational activities with a natural history focus. Children are led by staff members who are trained environmental educators, and small group sizes ensure that each child has a unique summer experience.



Photo by: Kerri Sellers

Enjoy 6  
Weeks of  
Summer  
Camp in the  
Rancocas  
State Park

Camp sessions run from  
Monday, July 1 to Friday, August 9

Nature Detectives: Grades 1 & 2  
Rancocas Rangers: Grades 3 & 4  
Jr. Naturalists: Grades 5, 6, & 7

Nature 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](http://rancocasnaturecenter.org)
- Register in person at the center

Note: RNC membership is required for camp sign-up.  
Early Bird discounts for registrations before April 22.

Photo by: Tony Geiger



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## ENTERING GRADES 1 TO 2

### NATURE DETECTIVES

**Scales and Tails—Session 1: July 1 to July 5 (closed 7/4)**  
This fascinating group of animals with scaly skin and tails are readily seen on the Center's grounds. The Nature Detectives will discover where they nest and hide.

### Who's Who on the Trails—Session 2: July 8 to July 12

Who do we hear? What signs do we see? What evidence can we find to prove that Rancocas is home to a variety of wildlife.

Campers will have a chance to explore the nature center trails and beyond for plants, animals, and fungi.

### Critters and Creatures—Session 3: July 15 to July 19

Campers will have fun while discovering the creatures both great and small that inhabit the diverse habitats of the Center.

### Animal Explorations—Session 4: July 22 to July 26

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

### Habitat Detectives—Session 5: July 29 to August 2

The signs of Rancocas' wild animals are all around us. Sometimes we discover their hiding places and campers will learn skills that help them hunt for clues.

### Butterflies, Bugs, and Worms, Oh My!—Session 6: August 5 to August 9

It's always exciting to explore the fascinating world of invertebrates. Campers will visit forests, meadows, and streams to discover where these animals live and interact.



## ENTERING GRADES 3 TO 4

### RANCOCAS RANGERS

### Wild Detectives—Session 1: July 1 to July 5 (closed 7/4)

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### Scales and Tails—Session 2: July 8 to July 12

This fascinating group of animals with scaly skin and tails are readily seen at Rancocas. Campers will discover where reptiles and amphibians nest, hunt, and hide.

### Exploration Central—Session 3 July 15 to July 19

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### Investigate Invertebrates—Session 4: July 22 to July 26

No backbone—no problem. We'll take an in-depth look at the most numerous animal group on the planet.

### Survival in the Wild—Session 5: July 29 to August 2

Everyone needs a strategy to survive. Campers will investigate the many ways humans live successfully in nature, and how animals and plants are protected from predators.

### Adventures with Animals—Session 6: August 5 to August 9

Rancocas is home to a surprising diversity of wild animals. Campers will learn about the animal groups commonly seen or we find signs of, and they will take part in the care and feeding of the animals at the center.

## ENTERING GRADES 5 TO 7

### JR. NATURALISTS

### Survival in the Wild—Session 3: July 15 to July 19

Everyone needs a strategy to survive. Campers will investigate the many ways humans live successfully in nature, and how animals and plants are protected from predators.

### Tales of the Trails—Session 4: July 22 to July 26

Learn everything you need to know to enjoy the Rancocas trails—from the diverse animal and plant groups in the preserve to geo-caching and scavenger hunts.