



NATURE CAMPS



SUMMER 2024

ABOUT OUR SUMMER CAMPS

With the guidance of our trained and dedicated Naturalist staff, your child will experience the wonders of nature and create lasting memories. All of our camps are designed with age-appropriate educational topics that encourage critical thinking, exploration and, of course, outdoor fun!



REGISTRATION

Registration opens January 30, 2024

Registration and payment can be completed online at:

<https://register.communitypass.net/mercer>.

Camps are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and fill quickly. **Only complete applications will be processed.**

Children must have reached the minimum age of their camp by Oct. 1, 2024.

Complete application includes:

- Registration form
- Copy of participant's immunization record
- Medical Record Form
- Liability Release Form
- Full payment

Tuition includes a camp t-shirt. T-shirt availability not guaranteed after May 15.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

Cancellation requests must be in writing to natureprograms@mercercounty.org.

No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after May 15. Fees are not refunded for a missed program.

Late Pick-up Fees

Late pick up fee is \$10 per child per 15-minute segment past 3:00 p.m. (\$10 for pickup between 3:00 and 3:15pm, \$20 for pickup between 3:15 and 3:30, etc.) Payment is due at pick-up





Aquatic Adventure Camp

Aquatic Adventure Camp blends environmental science with summer fun! Campers become immersed in freshwater ecology as they explore Mercer Lake and observe its scaly and feathered residents.



June 24–28

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Mercer County Park Marina,
West Windsor, NJ**

Anglers

Ages: 10–12 years by Oct. 1, 2024.

\$250/week Mercer County residents

\$350/week Out-of-county residents

Campers will practice the specific skills necessary for all avid anglers, including choosing the appropriate bait, species identification, and finding habitats along Mercer Lake where they will have the most success. Size limits and fish biology will be covered while practicing catch and release fishing.

Kayakers

Ages: 13–15 years by Oct. 1, 2024.

\$300/week Mercer County Residents

\$400/week Out-of-county residents

Campers will paddle a kayak each morning on a quest to discover and investigate the shoreline, creeks, and hidden coves of Lake Mercer. Campers will explore the lake's ecology by learning to identify the diverse plant and wildlife, both on land and in water, and then end each day with fun and games. For their safety, campers attending Kayak camp need to know how to swim.



Baldpate Nature Camp

Baldpate Nature Camp is designed to enhance children's natural affinity for the great outdoors. Hands-on nature explorations, science experiments, hikes through the forest and unstructured nature play create the foundation for each camp week. Campers will delve into nature topics such as arthropods, forest ecology, birds, and wildlife tracking.

Registration limited to 1 week per camper.



☀️ **July 8–12**

☀️ **July 15–19**

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Baldpate Mountain,
Titusville, NJ**

\$250/week Mercer County residents

\$350/week Out-of-county residents

Chickadees

Ages: 7–9 years by Oct. 1, 2024.

Towhees

Ages: 10–12 years by Oct. 1, 2024.



Tulpehaking Nature Camp

Discover Nature through the lens of the Lenape, who inhabited this freshwater tidal marsh centuries ago and who continue to view it as their homeland. Campers will explore the unique ecology and history of the Abbott Marshlands through hands-on outdoor explorations paired with traditional Lenape games and crafts.

Registration limited to 1 week per camper.



☀️ **July 29 – August 2**

☀️ **August 5–9**

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Tulpehaking Nature Center,
Hamilton, NJ**

\$250/week Mercer County residents

\$350/week Out-of-county residents

Painted Turtles

Ages: 7–9 years by Oct. 1, 2024.

Snapping Turtles

Ages: 10–12 years by Oct. 1, 2024.

BOOK YOUR NEXT PROGRAM WITH US!

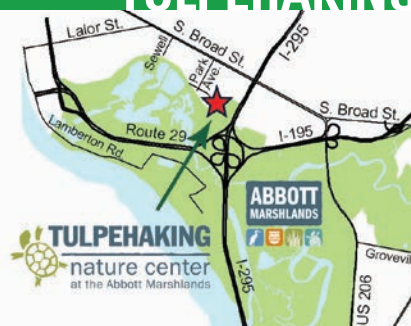


- Birthday parties
- Scout programs
- Homeschool programs
- School field trips



For more information, email the Reservations Office at natureprograms@mercercounty.org or call 609-888-3218, ext. 205.

TULPEHAKING NATURE CENTER



**157 Westcott Avenue
Hamilton, NJ 08610**

**Open to the Public:
Wednesday - Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm**

Tulpehaking Nature Center is located 2 miles south of downtown Trenton, NJ, off of Route 206 (S. Broad Street).

Park Commission Nature Programs

Tulpehaking Nature Center is owned by Mercer County and is the headquarters of the Mercer County Park Commission's Department of Environmental Education. We are passionate about providing high quality engaging experiences in the outdoors for everyone regardless of age, ability, or background. Our programs take an explorative approach to learning about the natural world as we showcase the incredible natural history of Mercer County.

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