



# COME FOR FUN STAY FOR ADDENTURE

YMCA OF BUCKS AND HUNTERDON COUNTIES

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ECHO HILL

# WELCOME

Summer gets even better when you add the word "camp" after it..... Summer + Camp =

# SUMMER CAMP!

Y campers come for the fun and stay for the adventure! When your camper(s) are at the Y, they are embarking on a fun adventure together with friends; where no two adventures are ever the same. All of our activities and adventures are done in a fun, safe, educational environment, facilitated by our exceptional, highly motivated staff. ASK ABOUT BUR SIBLING DISCOUNT! The ail camp for more info!



#### **STAY INFORMED WITH TEXT ALERTS!**

Receive notifications from your Camp Hunterdon team including weekly hot sheets, weather-related updates and camp reminders.

#### SCAN THE QR CODE or click HERE

and fill in the form indicating **YES** in the space next to the text alerts you would like to receive.



#### PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

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SCAN THE QR CODE or click <u>HERE</u> to access links:

- Monday, 1/29 | 12 PM
- Tuesday, 2/27 | 6 PM
- Wednesday, 3/8 | 12 PM
- Thursday, 4/4 | 6 PM
- Friday, 5/3 | 12 PM



REGISTRATION Begins January 9 9 AM CAMP HOURS Camp: 9 AM-4 PM Early Care: 7-9 AM Late Care: 4-6 PM



#### FAMILY CORNER

# wнy Camp Hunterdon

Kids grow, build skills and gain self-confidence in a safe, values-based environment. Camp Hunterdon has so much to offer youth from Kindergarten through 9th grade. What makes us the best choice for your child?

- NEW PARTNERSHIP! Nature Camp is provided in partnership with the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation.
- SAFE, ENJOYABLE AND AFFORDABLE option for families.
- FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING with WEEKLY half-day, full-day and extended care options.
- ECHO HILL CAMP is located on a beautiful wooded campus offering the best environment for learning about nature.
- ✓ EXPERT NATURE SPECIALISTS.
- ✓ WEEKLY THEMES, activities and special events.
- ✓ AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM that encourages learning, exploration and fun!
- ✓ HIGHLY TRAINED and ENGAGED camp staff.
- INDOOR AND OUTDOOR options. The camp property offers indoor program space which allows for rain day shelter. Moved in the early 70's from it's original location the old Stanton Station train station is one of the structures used.
- PIZZA FRIDAYS are included with weekly tuition for full day campers!
- CONVENIENT CURBSIDE DROP OFF and PICK UP procedures.
- WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS, TEXT ALERTS and private FACEBOOK GROUP to stay up to date with camp communication.



#### JOIN JUST FOR THE SUMMER!

**SUMMER MEMBERSHIP** 

Purchase a **Y SUMMER MEMBERSHIP** and receive member pricing for camp and programs at **ALL** of our locations! Membership runs Jun 1-Aug 31.

YOUTH	TEEN	FAMILY 1	FAMILY 2				
\$89	\$175	\$353	\$404				

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

We are pleased to offer assistance to those who need a helping hand.

#### **NEW APPLICANTS:**

- Please submit a completed Financial Assistance Application along with support documentation.
- Applications can be found at <u>ymcabhc.org/camp</u>.
- Please allow 3 weeks for processing. All documents must be submitted before processing begins.
- Register early to secure your spot.

**Financial Aid Application** due at least one month prior to the day you would like for your child to begin camp.

#### **CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FAMILIES:**

- Please proceed to our online registration software to begin your registration.
- Please register early to secure your spot.

For more information on financial assistance contact **Catherine Refice**, Regional Director of Financial Assistance at **crefice@ymcabhc.org**.

# Echo Hill

Welcome to Camp Hunterdon Echo Hill Nature Camp.

In partnership with the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation, we are excited to launch the 2024 Nature Camps.

Our two esteemed organizations are joining forces to offer top-tier nature camps, bringing together the expertise of professional environmental specialists and the renowned camp services of the leading provider in Hunterdon and Bucks Counties. This collaboration aims to deliver an unparalleled outdoor experience, blending educational enrichment with the thrill of adventure. Our shared commitment to quality and passion for nature will ensure that each camp offers a unique, enriching and unforgettable experience.

#### EXPLORE YOUR ENVIRONMENT NATURE CAMP WEEK THEMES

6/24-6/28	Slither and Splash
7/1-7/5	Surviving the Wilderness
7/8-7/12	
7/15-7/19	Branching Out
7/22-7/26	Wild and Crafty Creations
7/29-8/2	Bug Out
8/5-8/9	
8/12-8/16	Drip Drip Drench

# NATURE + ADVENTURE CAMPS

Campers are grouped by grade to encourage skillbuilding as well as teamwork, sportsmanship, camaraderie and friendship. Combine the best of both camps and make it a full day (9 AM-4 PM) of fun with a half day Nature Adventure Camp and half day Nature Camp. Early and late care is available, see camp grid for more details.

# SHOW OFF YOUR SPIRIT!

#### **2024 WEEKLY THEMES**

6/24-6/28	Discover Your Inner Superhero					
7/1-7/5*	All American Road Trip <b>*NO CAMP 7/4</b>					
7/8-7/12	H2O Splash!					
7/15-7/19	Under Construction					
7/22-7/26	Color Craze					
7/29-8/2	Gold Medal Olympics					
8/5-8/9	Y's Got Talent					
8/12-8/16	Welcome to the Carnival					





# NATURE CAMPS

### **SLITHER AND SPLASH**

Start the summer with an unforgettable journey where curious minds can uncover the secrets of slithering snakes, magnificent turtles, and enchanting amphibians. This camp is perfect for nature enthusiasts, budding herpetologists and adventure seekers! You will even have a chance to get up close and personal with these incredible creatures! Join us for a week of discovery, laughter and the magic of reptiles and amphibians.

## **SURVIVING THE WILDERNESS**

Embark on a wilderness adventure! This week will be packed with outdoor activities, survival skills, teamwork and personal development. Join us for an unforgettable journey into the wild, where every moment is an opportunity for exploration, growth and building lasting connections with nature and fellow adventurers.

## **FEATHERED FRIENDS**

Fly into a week of bird explorations featuring our local feathered friends. From sparrows darting into the brush to hawks soaring in the air, we'll discover the features of the birds that fascinate us. We will learn about their captivating sounds, feathered adaptations and observe them in action at the park. Join us for a week filled with bird watching, discoveries and a whole lot of feathered fun!

#### **BRANCHING OUT**

Let's grow together and learn about all things plants, sticks and trees. Discover the powers of flowers and trees, build survival shelters with sticks and leaves and explore how even a dead tree teems with life as we look for salamanders, insects and fungi. Join us for a plant-powered adventure.

# WILD AND CRAFTY CREATIONS

Where campers can release their creativity in the beauty of the great outdoors! We will combine the joy of exploration with creative expression, allowing young minds to draw inspiration from nature's beauty. Through a series of interactive and nature-infused craft projects and activities, this engaging camp fosters a love for both crafting and the environment in an interactive and exciting way.

### **BUG OUT**

It's a buzzy, bug bonanza! This week campers focus on insects for a creepy-crawly adventure! Let your camper unleash their inner entomologist, exploring nature's tiny wonders, while making lifelong bug buddies. Don't let this opportunity crawl away!

### **MAMMAL MYSTERIES**

Explore the captivating world of Hunterdon's mammals. With lessons on bats, beavers, bears and coyotes, each day promises hands-on fun, discussions and role-playing. Join us for a week of wild exploration, where learning about local mammals turns into an unforgettable adventure!

### **DRIP, DRIP, DRENCH**

Prepare to get wet this week and dive into why water is so important to our world! We will meet aquatic turtles up close, explore the insects and crayfish of the Prescott Creek and of course, cool off with a favorite camp game, Drip, Drip, Drench! Let's end summer with a splash!



# COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

## AGES 13-14 YEARS OLD

Counselors in Training will have the opportunity to make new friends, build teamwork skills and have a great time being a part of the YMCA summer. We are looking for youth that embody our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. This program gives participants the opportunity to place the needs of others ahead of their own, share what they have learned and be a role model for younger campers.

## **ABOUT THE PROGRAM:**

The first year CIT program has been developed to pay special attention to developing the leadership skills of participants. This program in comparison to second year CITs will focus on building leadership skills, learning about the developmental stages of children and exploring the benefits of working cooperatively other youth.

Second year CITs spend a large portion of their day interacting with age-appropriate groups (campers 4 to 10 years old). They will review skills learned from the previous summer, along with taking part in new activities that enhance leadership skills.

All Counselor in Training Sessions are one week options.

#### LEARN MORE AND APPLY HERE!

# **HOW TO BECOME A CIT:**

CIT candidates must apply. You will be contacted by listed email once your application has been reviewed so you can register. Registered CITs will be invited to a pre-camp training, usually held in June.

Second year CITs may register at any point once registration is open. There is no need to reapply once you have been through the application process and participated as a CIT.

Please note that being part of the CIT program does not guarantee employment.



# Echo Hill

# **CAMP GRID**

	<b>GRADE</b> Sept '24	TIME	MEMBER PRICE	NON MEMBER PRICE	WEEK 1 6/24-6/28	WEEK 2 NO CAMP 7/4 7/1-7/5	WEEK 3 7/8-7/12	WEEK 4 7/15-7/19	WEEK 5 7/22-7/26	WEEK 6 7/29-8/2	WEEK 7 8/5-8/9	WEEK 8 8/12-8/16
FULL DAY NATURE + ADVENTURE CAMPS   Spend half the day in Nature Camps and half the day in Adventure Camp												
ADV:5 DAY   FULL	K-3	9 AM-4 PM	\$389	\$485	SLITHER AND SPLASH	SURVIVING THE WILDERNESS	FEATHERED FRIENDS	BRANCHING OUT	WILD AND CRAFTY CREATIONS	BUG OUT	MAMMAL MYSTERIES	DRIP, DRIP, DRENCH
ADV:5 DAY   FULL	4-7	9 AM-4 PM	\$389	\$485	SLITHER AND SPLASH	SURVIVING THE WILDERNESS	FEATHERED FRIENDS	BRANCHING OUT	WILD AND CRAFTY CREATIONS	BUG OUT	MAMMAL MYSTERIES	DRIP, DRIP, DRENCH
HALF DAY NATURE CAMP   Make it a full day of fun with Nature Adventure Camps												
NATURE	K-3	9 AM-12 PM	\$196	\$274	SLITHER AND SPLASH	SURVIVING THE WILDERNESS	FEATHERED FRIENDS	BRANCHING OUT	WILD AND CRAFTY CREATIONS	BUG OUT	MAMMAL MYSTERIES	DRIP, DRIP, DRENCH
NATURE	4-7	1-4 PM	\$196	\$274	SLITHER AND SPLASH	SURVIVING THE WILDERNESS	FEATHERED FRIENDS	BRANCHING OUT	WILD AND CRAFTY CREATIONS	BUG OUT	MAMMAL MYSTERIES	DRIP, DRIP, DRENCH
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сіт	8-9	9 AM-4 PM	\$302	\$423	9 AM-4 PM	9AM-4PM	9AM-4PM	9AM-4PM	9 AM-4 PM	9 AM-4 PM	9AM-4PM	9 AM-4 PM
EXTENDE	D CARE											
EARLY CARE: 5 DAY	ALL AGES	7-9 AM	\$50	\$60	7-9 AM	7-9 AM	7-9 AM	7-9 AM	7-9 AM	7-9 AM	7-9 AM	7-9 AM
LATE CARE: 5 DAY	ALL AGES	4-6 PM	\$50	\$60	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM	4-6 PM

#### No camp on Thursday, July 4

Please note: Camps will be prorated for week 2

#### REGISTER NOW AT YMCABHC.ORG/CAMP

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HUNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Camp Bucks and Camp Hunterdon will help ensure that your camper has a summer to remember. Our engaging camp offerings and activities provide opportunities for your child learns a new skill, make a new friend and create a summer full of memories.

### READY TO **REGISTER**? **CHANGE** OF PLANS? HAVE A **QUESTION**?

Our Family Handbook can answer your additional questions regarding registration and billing, who to contact with questions about your camp location and more.

FAMILY HANDBOOK



#### SCAN QR CODE OR CLICK HERE TO MEET THE STAFF!



Your **Camp's Facebook Group** is the group to join to get the inside scoop in the life of your camper. Stay in the know by signing up for text alerts to never miss a spirit day reminder, inclement weather notification or our weekly newsletters.

# FRIENDSHIP. BELONGING. ENCOURAGEMENT.

#### WHAT FAMILIES ARE SAYING...

"AMAZING staff, really cares about the campers and super engaging. Very inclusive to different learning styles too."

"Very well run and my child had a blast! Will definitely be coming back!"

"All of the staff are professional, warm and welcoming."

"Camp has been wonderful this summer for my kids. Both of them looked forward to going every day. The staff has been great and very flexible with our scheduling needs."