Register now for 2020 Summer Nature Day Camps!
www.greenvalleys.org

Member registration begins February 4
General registration begins March 4

Early Bird Discount: Register by April 28 for 10% off your total camp cost.

Tell your friends! If you do not have camp-aged children, please share this brochure with a local family who does. Thank you!
Green Valleys Watershed Association is a member-supported, non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve, and restore the waterways of northern Chester County. We inspire, educate, and involve our community to make a difference for this generation and for generations to come.

Our headquarters, Welkinweir, is a 224-acre oasis of natural beauty in East Nantmeal Township, where we offer a range of educational programs. Please visit our website to learn more: www.greenvalleys.org/support.

Nature camp encourages a healthy connection to the natural world and engages children’s curiosity through outdoor play and environmental and science education activities.

Each camp week includes explorations of forest, meadows, and waterways, wildlife study, art projects, games, and more!

Nature Camp Staff
Camp is staffed by Senior and Junior Camp Counselors, and volunteer, Counselors-in-Training.

Counselors are students or recent college graduates who receive training from GVWA staff, and have passed the necessary background checks.

Senior staff are certified in CPR and First Aid.

What makes Green Valleys’ camp special?
~ A 13:2 camper-to-staff ratio.
~ Special guest presentations that complement each camp week’s theme, including live animals, science demonstrations, and more.
~ Optional overnight camping programs at Welkinweir for 4th and 5th graders on select Thursdays.
~ Friday s’mores for all campers, and presentations for families.
Optional Overnight Camping at Welkinweir
Fee: $35 per program
During select weeks for 4th & 5th graders. (See 'Turtles' group descriptions for dates.) Campers arrive at 7:00pm Thursday for games, exploration, and snacks around the campfire. Breakfast and lunch are provided by GVWA on Friday.
To participate in Overnights, campers must be registered attendees of the specific camp weeks for which overnights are offered.

Discounts
Early Bird Discount: Register by April 28, 2020 for 10% off your camp fee!
GVWA Members always receive a discount!
Visit www.greenvalleys.org/support to join Green Valleys with a Family Membership.

Before Camp Care
7:45 am - 9:00 am
$45/ full week
$10/daily rate

After Camp Care
3:00 pm - 5:15 pm
$60/ full week
$15/daily rate

Scholarships
The Summer Nature Day Camp Scholarship Fund supports families who cannot financially afford to send their children to camp.
To support the Fund, please see the Camp Registration Form or contact GVWA.
To apply for a one-week camp scholarship, request an application from the Environmental Education Coordinator. Contact dwhite@greenvalleys.org or 610-469-8646.
2020 Nature Day Camp Programs
Children entering grades 1 & 2
‘Bullfrogs’
9:00am-3:00pm

Let’s Get Growing
June 15-19
Investigate flowers, trees and mosses to find out how plants function and thrive!
Hike the forest and run through the meadows. Tie dye, paint and create with flowers, grasses and seeds.

Wet and Wild
June 22-26
Explore streams and ponds to discover the many plants and animals living there. Cool off during water games, and build a boat to float in Friday’s Boat Race.

NEW! Earth, Wind & Water
June 29-July 3
Reveal the powers of nature! Harness the energies of water, wind and sun when building your own devices. Through fun activities, test your abilities against those of animals, plants and weather.

Nighttime Neighbors
July 20-24
Don’t be in the dark about your neighbors! Go on a blind walk and play camouflage games. Look high and low for insect and spider homes, and learn more about the interesting survival features of nocturnal animals.

Smooth, Slimy, and Slithery
July 27-31
Search for snakes, meet some turtles and hold a salamander to discover the different features of these creatures. Play games, make a toad house, and examine skins and shells to reveal what makes these animals so unique.

Child versus Wild
August 3-7
Hike into the ‘wilds’ of Welkinweir for a week of outdoor thrills! Learn some skills needed as an adventurer. Play games to discover the survival features of animals and plants. Follow trail signs, create shelters, and enjoy storytelling around a campfire.
Weekly Fees
GVWA Members: $230
Non-Members: $240
Choose your weeks!

2020 Nature Day Camp Programs
Children entering grades 3, 4, & 5
‘Turtles’
9:00am-3:00pm

Optional Overnight Camping
For 4th & 5th grades
See next page for details.

A Blast With Chloroplasts
June 15-19
Investigate the gardens, fields and waterways to discover the diversity of plants. Search for pollinators, play games among the trees, and tie dye a shirt while learning more about nature’s green machines.

Just Add Water
June 22-26  optional overnight
Dive in and discover your watery world! Stroll the stream to uncover aquatic animals. Get wet while playing in obstacle courses, and construct a boat to compete in Friday’s Boat Race.

NEW!  The Nature Forces Awaken
June 29-July 3  optional overnight
Find out what fuels nature through science experiments and games. Explore the energies of earthquakes and volcanoes; the strength of water, wind and sun, and more!

NEW!  Mad Scientists
July 6-10  optional overnight
Observe, discover, and experiment with sounds and light. Investigate electricity and magnetism, and concoct your own inventions with what nature provides.

NEW!  Raptor Keepers
July 13-17  optional overnight
Explore the world of the ultimate winged predators! Learn the physics of bird flight while playing games and creating your own bird of prey. Examine hunting adaptations while studying talons, feathers, and live hawks and owls!

Nature at Night
July 20-24
Discover the animals of the night through tracks and traces left behind, and examination of pelts and pellets. Design experiments to compare your senses and adaptations to those of nocturnal animals.

Cold-Blooded Creatures
July 27-31
Uncover the unique world of reptiles and amphibians through games, experiments and more. Seek out frogs, turtles and snakes on aquatic explorations and trail hikes to learn about these and other scaled and slimy creatures.

Stayin’ Alive
August 3-7
Venture into the wild and test your outdoor skills! Construct a group shelter and build a campfire. Create a field guide, navigate the trails and waterways, and design and use your own maps as you do your best to ‘survive’ in the wild.