Don't keep your children inside this summer. Give them a chance to experience the outdoors at the

# Althouse Arboretum Summer Outdoor Camps



For children entering grades 1 through 4







All camps are located at the **Althouse Arboretum**1794 Gilbertsville Road, Pottstown

All camps **are all outdoors** at the Althouse Arboretum: A 20- acre site preserved as open space by Upper Pottsgrove Township and converted into an outdoor learning center by the nonprofit GreenAllies. The Arboretum is complete with trails, outdoor classrooms and nature education sites. Your child will have a fun time outdoors doing activities that foster a better understanding of our natural world. These camps are a fun way to learn! Your child will also enjoy interacting with our motivated and responsible high school and college student volunteers. All activities are directed by these amazing students and under the supervision of our Executive Director with nearly 20 years of environmental education experience.

We offer 8 different weeks of:

HALF DAY: 9am to Noon and

FULL DAY: 9am to 4pm

(Early drop-off @ 8am option at additional cost)

Register Online:

Once you complete the form, you will be sent a bill. REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE, and your spot is NOT reserved, until a minimum NONREFUNDABLE payment is made. See details in the confirmation email sent shortly after you complete the registration form.

COSTS: FULL DAY \$215 per week (online payment \$221)

HALF DAY: \$105 per week (online payment \$109)

## EACH WEEK HAS A DIFFERENT THEME WITH DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES, but they all focus on learning and playing in the great outdoors!

Select ONE, TWO or as many weeks as you like!

## **2025** Schedule: HALF DAY and FULL DAY

Week One: June 9 - 13 Magic Forest

**HALF and FULL DAY** 

We will transform the Arboretum into a magical forest where all kinds of fun things will happen. Campers will use their imagination as they enter forest for fun adventures. Learning how to do magic tricks; play unusual games; solve mysteries and puzzles; and learn how to create some great potions are all part of this fun week. We will also learn about the magical creatures that are in fantasy stories or taken from some well-known characters seen on TV.

Week Two: June 16 - 20 Summer Safari Nature Week

**HALF and FULL DAY** 

Wildlife is everywhere in our nature center. All you must do is go exploring and look closely to find it! Nature week takes campers exploring to learn about the amazing secrets of nature. Campers will enjoy looking, collecting and identifying the many forms of wildlife found throughout the center. We will go on scavenger hunts, catch insects, and explore the Arboretum's many habitats to find out what lives in our woods, ponds and fields. A great week of nature games, education about nature, and lots of fun.

Week Three: June 23 – 27 Eye Spy Detective

**HALF and FULL DAY** 

This week the campers are asked to become detectives and try to use the clues to solve the mysteries of the Althouse Arboretum Island. Kids will be able to learn and advance their spy skills by identifying fingerprints, solving crime scenes, and playing outdoor games that require problem solving skills. We love testing their mental and physical abilities on our famous obstacle course. Mysteries involved allow kids to play a real-life version of the game "Clue" with crimes like the "Pool-Noodle Thief". Loads of fun and creativity will be found during this week!

Week Four: July 7 - 11 Space Explorers

**HALF and FULL DAY** 

We added a completely new and exciting week. Space Explores starts with the earth, moves to the sky, and then its off to outer space! Join us on an imaginary adventure to space where we will visit planets, and distant galaxies. Campers will learn some of the fascinating things about living and traveling in space. There are so many fun and exciting activities planned for this week – including our own miniature planetarium!

Week Five: July 14 – 18 Mad Scientist HALF and FULL DAY

This hands-on week gives campers the opportunity to investigate, examine, and observe how science is involved with many aspects of our natural world. Wacky experiments and fun games are all part of this very popular week. Campers are asked to become detectives and try to use science to understand what is happening in the woods and all around at the Althouse Arboretum!

Week Six: July 21 - 25 Music FULL DAY ONLY

This week is jam packed full of different opportunities to see how the world can be full of music. From learning how to make drums to trying to replicate bird calls, this week is bound to be a fun way to learn about the importance of our music in different cultures. This week also tests the kids' listening skills and allows them to experience more hands-on learning in nature during the summer months.

Week Seven: July 28- August 1 Splish Splash HALF and FULL DAY

Be ready to get wet as we dive into water week! We will learn about our oceans, but also explore streams, ponds, and the creatures that live there! Enjoy a cooling off during the hot summer months with activities designed to get you wet. This week will include a look into water pollution, conservation, and the water cycle through fun games and activities.. Don't forget your bathing suit because we will be getting wet with water games and water activities.

Week Eight August 4 - 8 Disney Adventures Week

**HALF and FULL DAY** 

Get ready to come to camp in character and enjoy a week of fun as we transform the arboretum into our favorite Disney themes. Star Wars, Pixar, Marvel, and all your favorite themes! Campers will become their favorite heroes and characters, while playing games and learning important moral lessons from our Disney stories and using them for nature. This is a week of imagination and fun, perfect for our last week of camp for the year!

Each day will have: <u>hikes, crafts and art activities, games, and more!</u> (Snack and drinks provided) **Full Day Campers must provide their own lunch.** 

For more information: programs@green-allies.org or call Ken at 267-371-2288

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## JUNIOR COUNSELOR PROGRAM

### "Counselors in Training"

We do accept a limited number of children too old to participate in our camp, but interested in attending. This is known as a Counselor in Training "CIT" for **ages 12-14**. They would be paired up with our high school and college students to assist with activities, and prepare them to become a future counselor. Special training and instructions will be provided.

Registration is the same. Please note on the form "CIT" after their name.

#### COSTS:

Full Day Camp 9am-4pm \$198/week Online payment cost: \$205 Half Day Camp 9am-Noon \$98/week Online payment cost: \$101

Extended Care AM: Extra \$50/week for early drop off starting at 8am

Instructions for ALL Registrations:

- 1. Complete the online registration form
- After receiving an email confirmation and bill, please follow the instructions for payment by sending a check or paying online. (Minimum NONREFUNDABLE deposit of \$50 per week required to hold your spot)
- 3. Full payment required by May 1st

FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS, USE THE QR Code

or GO TO

www.althousearboretum.org

