

Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge's **GO WILD Summer Camp Guide 2021**



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We're so excited you've chosen to come to camp at Cedar Run this summer! There's so much to do its hard to list it all here, but we hope this guide gives you an idea of what to expect.

Our covered Picnic Pavilion is camp headquarters, but our facilities also include a Nature Center with classroom, resident reptiles and Pinelands exhibits, a nature playscape, and an outdoor Wildlife Housing Area with nearly 60 resident animals. We are the perfect spot for exploring the outdoors with 3 miles of hiking trails through 171 acres of upland forests and wetlands with a 7-acre cedar lake that's great for canoeing!

Be sure to let us know if you have any questions or concerns that we don't cover here—we look forward to working with you and your children this summer.

All the best,
Miss Rachel

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Did you know?

Cedar Run also offers on and off-site environmental education programs for the general public (children, families, homeschool, adults, senior living facilities, scouts groups and community organizations).

For information, contact the Education Department at 856-983-3329, ext 103. You can also visit us online at www.CedarRun.org or Facebook for an updated calendar of events.

“If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder...he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and wonder of the world we live in.”

— Rachel Carson,
The Sense of Wonder



About Camp

Walk in the woods, dig in the dirt, and explore the Refuge during our week-long nature camps. Daily activities include hands-on experiences and experiments, visits with native wildlife, and creative play. There's a special session just for you. Don't miss out, sign-up today!

Why Choose Cedar Run?

- 171 acres of Pinelands
- 60 resident animals
- 3+ miles of wooded nature trails
- Stream, swamp, forest, field and lake sites
- PLUS experienced staff to help you explore it all!

Cedar Run Members Save!

Cedar Run depends on its members. Family Level members and above save \$20 on camp registration. Sign-up for several weeks of camp and the membership pays for itself! Not already a member? Year-long membership can be completed via our website, www.CedarRun.org.

Our Camp Director

Rachel Ndeto has been working with summer camps for over thirteen years and this is her fourth summer at Cedar Run. This is her second year as Summer Camp Director and she is looking forward to an amazing summer! In addition to overseeing camp, Rachel is an Educator, leading programs for schools, groups, and families throughout the community. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Outdoor Recreation from Lock Haven University.

Our Camp Staff

Each camp group will be led by two Camp Counselor staff, and CIT (Counselor in Training) volunteers. These energetic leaders provide a safe, fun, and educational outdoor experience for campers of all ages. All Counselors are First Aid and CPR certified, required to pass a background check, and have experience working with children in camp and outdoor settings. They are integral to our mission to inspire kids to explore, respect and protect nature.



About Cedar Run

We are dedicated to the preservation of New Jersey's wildlife and habitats through environmental education, habitat preservation and wildlife rehabilitation.

Established as a private, non-profit organization in 1957. We operate the region's busiest wildlife hospital caring for over 5,000 patients annually. Cedar Run also engages in conservation efforts through environmental education and ecologically based management of our 171 acres of protected Pinelands habitats.



Discovery by the Day Sessions

Cedar Run offers week-long camp sessions, but understands that some families can't commit to a full week. With our "Discovery by the Day" sessions you can sign-up for whichever days you'd like to accommodate your scheduling needs. New activities are planned each day so each child can participate. Camp days run 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Campers entering grades K-5th only. \$55/day or regular full day pricing for all 5 days.

June 28-July 2 and August 16-20

Daily themes:

- **Monday-** Wildlife Wanderings
- **Tuesday-** Wild About Art and Experiments
- **Wednesday-** Eww Bugs!
- **Thursday-** Survival Adventures
- **Friday-** Water, Water Everywhere



Camper's Quotes

"I am glad I went to Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge because we all learned so much about wildlife and the environment. I was very excited when we built our own home. It took a lot of teamwork, but we all had a good time. It was a lot of fun being with our friends and learning about what you guys do to help the animals."
-Christer, age 10

A Day at Camp

Though each day at camp is different—creepy crawlies to find, tracks to follow, rainy day puddles to jump in—here's an idea of what you can expect.

- **8:45-9:15 a.m.-** Camper drop-off and free time
- **9:15 a.m.-** Opening activities and intro to day's theme
- **9:45 a.m.-** Exploratory hikes, lessons, hands-on experiments, snack
- **12:00 p.m.-** Pick-up for half day campers;
Lunch and free time for full day campers
- **1:00 p.m.-** Traditional camp games, hikes, crafts
- **2:45 p.m.-** End of the day wrap-up, journals
- **3:00 p.m.-** Full day camper pick-up

Important Information:

- Early bird pricing is before April 15, 2021
- Sessions for grades 2-8 can accommodate a maximum of 20 campers; grades K-1 a max of 15; ages 3-4 a max of 12. Sign-up early to guarantee your spot!
- Grade is determined by the grade level your child is entering in September 2020

Ages 3-4 (preK)

Fledglings

June 28-July 2 & August 2-6

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

For these little ones, we begin to investigate the woods through games, hikes, animal encounters, crafts and song. Possibilities for fun are endless!

Campers MUST be potty trained.

Before April 15:

\$140 Members

\$160 Non-members

After April 15:

\$155 Members

\$175 Non-members



Entering K-1st Grade

Polliwogs

Here's a way to open the eyes of young ones to the wonders of nature. Budding naturalists will enjoy nature-filled activities using all of their senses. They will explore the natural world around them through play, walks, stories, games and crafts. Half and full day sessions available.

Half Day: August 2-6

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Before April 15:

\$140 Members

\$160 Non-members

After April 15:

\$155 Members

\$175 Non-members

Full Day: July 19-23 &

July 26-30

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Before April 15:

\$230 Members

\$250 Non-members

After April 15:

\$245 Members

\$265 Non-members



Entering 2nd-3rd grade

Forest Frolic

July 5-9 & July 26-30

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Campers discover what it feels like to be animals surviving in the woods. They'll look for the things that make the Refuge special. Flip over rocks and logs as we look for hidden wild treasures. Campers will be shocked by the exciting creatures we will find.

Pond Paradise

July 19-23, August 2-6

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

What creatures lurk in the waters of Cedar Run? Campers will explore the puddles, ponds and swamps of the Refuge. We will follow a frog's footsteps, find bug-eating plants and see what else awaits us. It will be a wild and wet week of mysterious creatures and water wonders.

Before April 15:

\$230 Members

\$250 Non-members

After April 15:

\$245 Members

\$265 Non-members

Entering 4th-5th grade

Wild 4 Wildlife

July 12-16

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what goes on in your own backyard when you are not looking? Campers will work together to discover who is living right under their noses and how people interact with them in their habitats. They will learn about our wildlife rehab and discover how they can be ambassadors for the animals.

Awesome Adventurers

July 5-9, July 26-30

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Are your campers ready for this adventure? With their team they will explore the Refuge and find themselves challenged to "survive" a week in the Pines. Campers will build a survival shelter in the woods, use a map and compass, go in search of the Jersey Devil and see some animals too!

Before April 15:

\$230 Members

\$250 Non-members

After April 15:

\$245 Members

\$265 Non-members



Entering 6th-8th grade

Earth Avengers

July 5-9 & July 12-16

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

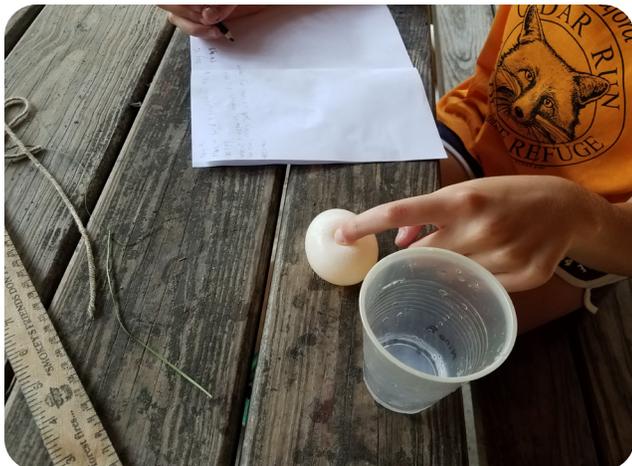
Discover all you can about the different habitats and animals at Cedar Run. Explore underground, high in the sky and everywhere in between. Campers will work to complete a special conservation project at the Refuge.

Before April 15:

\$230 Members
\$250 Non-members

After April 15:

\$245 Members
\$265 Non-members



STEAM Camps

In these special interest camps we will engage in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) and nature inspired activities and experiments. Nature exploration with modern technology opens the door for real-world applications and exciting adventures.

Girls STEAM Ahead!

July 19-23

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Back by demand! This girls-only week will allow campers to get excited about about the sciences! for grades 4-8.

Kids STEAM Ahead!

August 9-13

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Full STEAM Ahead with this camp for grades 4-8!

STEAM Jr!

August 9-13

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Give your young campers a head start in the sciences with this STEAM Camp for grades 1-3.

Before April 15:

\$240 Members
\$260 Non-members

After April 15:

\$255 Members
\$275 Non-members



Registration Information

To Register for Camp:

● Go **ONLINE** for easy and paperless registration!

● Registration can also be made using our “print and mail” form found on our website. Checks can be made out to “Cedar Run” and mailed in or dropped off at:

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge
4 Sawmill Rd.
Medford, NJ 08055

Registration Confirmation

A confirmation e-mail containing important documents and information will be sent once your camper’s registration has been processed.

Important Details

- Grade is determined by the grade level your child is entering in September 2021.
- Payment in full is due at the time of registration.
- Registration must be fully submitted by midnight on 4/15/2021 to receive the Early Bird Discount.
- Online registration includes a health form and waiver that must be completed one week before the start of camp.

Membership Discounts

Cedar Run members at the Family Level or above receive the discounted rate. To qualify, your membership must be current through your camper’s last session, and you must be the parent, grandparent, or legal guardian of the camper being enrolled. Membership can be purchased or renewed at the time of registration.

Financial Aid

Financial assistance is available based on need and available funds, and is generally limited to one session per child; however, all applications are considered. Applications are due by June 1, 2020. Please call the Education Department to request an application or download one at www.CedarRun.org.

Cancellation Policy

Cedar Run reserves the right to cancel a camp session due to insufficient enrollment. If Cedar Run cancels a session, all fees will be fully refunded. If you remove your child from a camp session before it begins refunds are as follows:

- A full refund will be issued if cancellation request is received no later than 4 weeks prior to the start of child’s scheduled camp.
- A 50% refund will be issued if cancellation request is received before 2 weeks prior to the start of the child’s scheduled camp.
- No refund will be issued if cancellation request is received no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of child’s scheduled camp.

Session Transfers

Session transfer requests will be honored if there is space available and if a request is made at least two weeks prior to the session start date, after which transfers are not permitted.

Camper Requirements

Due to the outdoor and exploratory nature of our camp program, campers must be able to move about on uneven terrain. Campers are expected to meaningfully participate in age-appropriate activities, including nature study. All campers must follow stated behavior expectations and safety rules. The Camp Director reserves the right to dismiss a camper when in their judgment the camper’s behavior interferes with the rights of others, or the smooth functioning of the group or activity, or violates the camp’s behavior policy. In such cases, no refunds will be provided. If you have questions regarding your child’s ability to participate in our camp program, please contact the Camp Director.

Additional Information

If you have any questions, please call (856) 983-3329 ext. 103 to reach the Education Department or email rachel.ndeto@CedarRun.org.

