



# 2018 Nature Day Camp Programs

Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve, 2121 Larger Cross Road in Gladstone  
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## The Basics:

- Registration opens on February 1, 2018 at [www.raritanheadwaters.org/naturedaycamp](http://www.raritanheadwaters.org/naturedaycamp)
- Early Bird registration ends April 1, 2018
- Refund deadline is June 1, 2018
- Each day, campers should dress for outside play, bring a change of clothes (including a bathing suit), a nut-free lunch and snack, and a reusable water bottle. Bug spray and sunscreen should be applied at home, and tick checks performed at home each day.
- Camp is rain or shine! Bring a raincoat and boots on rainy days
- Once you register, you will receive an emergency contact and allergy form to complete for each camper.
- All camp staff is First Aid and CPR certified

## Sibling discounts:

Receive a \$25 discount for each additional sibling you sign up for camp!

## Scholarships:

A limited number of full and partial scholarships are available. Contact Lauren Theis for a scholarship application at [ltheis@raritanheadwaters.org](mailto:ltheis@raritanheadwaters.org)

## Teen Helpers Needed:

A fun way to gain education experience and community service hours! Interested teens ages 13 and up should contact Lauren Theis to apply.

**Questions? Contact Director of Education, Lauren Theis, at [ltheis@raritanheadwaters.org](mailto:ltheis@raritanheadwaters.org)**

# Meet our Director of Education, Lauren Theis

Each day at RHA's Nature Day Camp is a unique experience; structured and unstructured play time allows children to interact on their own terms with nature. Curiosity and wonder are encouraged along with fun activities, crafts and games that provide positive outdoor experiences and memories that last a lifetime! Fresh air, muddy feet and new friends are all part of what makes our Nature Day Camp so special. If it's your first time to Fairview Farm, stop in our office to say hi and take advantage of the visit to explore the beautiful property for yourself. You can't help but make new discoveries while you're here! If you're a seasoned alum, you already know what a magical place this is, and we can't wait to see you again this summer!



*"The years of early childhood are the time to prepare the soil." -  
Rachel Carson, A Sense of Wonder*

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## Programs for Ages 3 to 4

# Honey Bees

**Before April 1: \$150 per camper / week**

**After April 1: \$175 per camper / week**

**Week 1:** July 30 - August 3 from 9 to noon

**Week 2:** August 6 - 10 from 9 to noon

Bring your little one to Fairview Farm for a morning full of fun nature games, stories and crafts. We will buzz all over Fairview Farm, exploring nature and making new discoveries each day!

**Week 1** will focus on the senses, exploring using our eyes, ears, nose and sense of touch, ending the week with a fun scavenger hunt using all of our senses!

**Week 2** will focus on beautiful plants and interesting creatures, ranging from flowers to birds to bugs!

## Programs for Ages 5 to 6

# Red Squirrels

**Before April 1: \$250 per camper / week**

**After April 1: \$275 per camper / week**

**Week 1:** July 16 - 20 from 9 to 2

**Week 2:** July 23 - 27 from 9 to 2

Get ready to discover the exciting mysteries of nature. Explore who lives where? What eats what? What's hidden high and low? Join us as we learn about the woods, fields and streams with adventures, stories and games. Wild-crafts, storytelling, games and scavenger hunts each day open up even more fun explorations in nature!





**Week 1** we'll learn about gardening, bugs, survival techniques, fort building, birding and fishing in the pond!

**Week 2** we will explore different habitats all over Fairview Farm, reptiles, mammals, tracking techniques and a kayaking experience in the pond!

## Garden Camp

**Before April 1: \$250 per camper**

**After April 1: \$275 per camper**

July 30 - August 3 from 9 to 2

Get your hands dirty learning about fun and healthy gardening techniques! We will learn about healthy plants and soils, water, garden ecosystems, and fun ways to use your harvest! This camp is offered for a wide age range and will have separate and combined activities for different age groups!



## Programs for Ages 7 to 10 Tree Frogs

**Before April 1: \$250 per camper / week**

**After April 1: \$275 per camper / week**

**Week 1:** July 16 - 20 from 9 to 2

**Week 2:** July 23 - 27 from 9 to 2

Adventure is waiting for you! Learn about the birds and animals living in the woods and fields on Fairview Farm. Get ready to investigate the creatures living in the pond. Join us as we explore the outdoors with hikes, games, wild-craft projects, storytelling and more!



**Week 1** we will explore different habitats all over Fairview Farm, reptiles, mammals, tracking techniques and a kayaking experience in the pond!

**Week 2** will focus on gardening, bugs, survival techniques, fort building, birding and fishing in the pond!

## Garden Camp

**Before April 1: \$250 per camper**

**After April 1: \$275 per camper**

July 30 - August 3 from 9 to 2

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## Programs for Ages 10 to 12

## Pleasant Valley Mills Farm Camp



**Before April 1: \$290 per camper**

**After April 1: \$315 per camper**

July 9 - July 13 from 8 to 2

\*takes place at Pleasant Valley Mills Farm in Mendham

Experience the workings of a family farm! Roll up your sleeves and pitch in to take on the daily care of the farm animals, work in the organic vegetable garden, learn about local wildlife, traditional natural crafts, and more. Each day will involve creative projects, outdoor experiences and exploration of the neighboring habitats along the North Branch of the Raritan River! Each day

focuses on a different farm creature, including sheep, pigs, chickens, honeybees and ponies!

## Garden Camp

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**After April 1: \$275 per camper**

July 30 - August 3 from 9 to 2

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## Nature Photo and Documentary Camp

**Before April 1: \$250 per camper**

**After April 1: \$275 per camper**

August 6 - August 10 from 9 to 2



Grab your camera and explore Fairview Farm, learning to observe and record the amazing wildlife and wonders of the preserve! Campers will learn techniques in capturing moments of nature through photos and short films. Beginning with some basics of cinematography and photography, the week will include plenty of exploration time and culminate in a show of printed photos and screening of camper's video clips.



# Registration Form

Fill out this form and mail it to:  
Lauren Theis c/o RHA PO Box 273 Gladstone, NJ 07934,  
or visit [www.raritanheadwaters.org/naturedaycamp](http://www.raritanheadwaters.org/naturedaycamp) to register online!  
Your registration is not complete until payment is received  
(check mailed with this form, or online payment at [www.raritanheadwaters.org](http://www.raritanheadwaters.org)).

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Number (Other Than Yourself)

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## Camper Information:

Camper 1 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 1 Birthday and Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 1 T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Other Comments:

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Camp Sessions (Select as Many as Apply for this Camper). :

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honey Bees: Week 1    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Frogs: Week 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honey Bees: Week 2    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Frogs: Week 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Squirrels: Week 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Camp          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Squirrels: Week 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Camp         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Camp        |

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Camper 2 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 2 Birthday and Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 2 T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Other Comments:

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Camp Sessions (Select as Many as Apply for this Camper). :

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Honey Bees: Week 1    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Frogs: Week 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honey Bees: Week 2    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Frogs: Week 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Squirrels: Week 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Camp          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Squirrels: Week 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Camp         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Camp        |

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Camper 3 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 3 Birthday and Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child 3 T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Other Comments:

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Camp Sessions (Select as Many as Apply for this Camper). :

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honey Bees: Week 1    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Frogs: Week 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honey Bees: Week 2    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Frogs: Week 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Squirrels: Week 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Camp          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Squirrels: Week 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Camp         |
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Add up fees for each week, remembering your discounts for early bird (must be postmarked by April 1 and \$25 discount for each sibling registration). A valid RHA family membership (\$50) must be current during your child's week of camp.

**Select your payment method:**

- Check       Online Payment at [www.raritanheadwaters.org](http://www.raritanheadwaters.org)

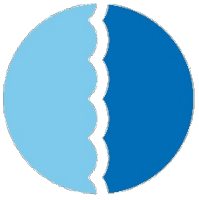


## About Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve

Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve is home to the Raritan Headwaters Association. A former dairy farm, the 170-acre property now serves as a living classroom. Habitat restoration projects & scientific studies are underway across the site to support native flora and fauna, including a number of threatened & endangered species.



Fairview Farm is open every day from dawn until dusk. A visit here is a unique experience. There are no picnic tables, trash cans or playgrounds. There are, however, five miles of trails through fields & woods, a small pond, and butterfly garden. Our nature classrooms are located in our 1800's era barn complex. Learning spaces also include an Exploration Room in our brick cottage. Fairview Farm is a place to enjoy all sorts of recreational pursuits – nature walks, bird watching, photography, painting en plein aire, nature-journaling, and catch and release fishing in our pond.



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