

# WNC Nature Center's Summer Camp Programs 2013



Summer camps at the Nature Center are fun, educational experiences for all campers. Experienced teachers draw upon the Nature Center staff naturalist and the natural history collection to present a program designed to involve children in the wonders of the natural world. The classroom provides a headquarters for crafts, lessons and shelter from summer heat and thunderstorms as the children engage in exploratory activities throughout the Nature Center. Each camp session offers a unique theme using both plants and animals to create fun learning activities encompassing the arts, sciences and social studies. As a member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, we celebrate the continuous promotion of making proper ethical choices for our environment! We will be including a second camp for Pre-K children called **Pee Wee Camps**, which will include parent-child participants each camp with a selection of 3 dates.

## **Camp Hours**

\*\* Pee Wee Camps: June 17 – 21, July 1 -5, and/or July 29 – Aug 2

Mon-Fri., 9:00 a.m.-12 noon (child-parent combination)

\*\* Wild Week Camps: June 17 – August 9; Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (arrival time 8:15-8:30 a.m.)

AfterCare – 3:00-5:00 p.m. (for Wild Week Camps only, additional fee, see below).

## **About Camp**

Pee Wee Camps are for preschool and kindergarten children with a parent or guardian. All other camp sessions (Wild Weeks) are for children only and designated by entering grade level for the 2013-2014 school year.

Wild Week Camps offer **AfterCare**, 3:00-5:00 p.m., for children who need extended care at the 3:00pm close of camp each day. Campers are responsible for bringing closed-toed shoes, a lunch, water bottles and sunscreen. Snacks are provided daily and drinks are available at the vending machines outdoors. A refrigerator is on site to store drinks, lunches, and/or medications.

## **Grade Level & Class Size**

Registration is based on the grade the child will be entering in the fall 2013 school year. Example: A rising first grader may register for any camp for grades 1-3. Unless otherwise noted, each class is limited to a maximum of 21 children to ensure individual attention and safety considerations.

## **Special Needs**

The primary goal is safety for campers and staff, and a positive camp experience for all. Camp staff is unable to provide one-on-one supervision for a special needs situation, but we would be happy to assist the family in making those arrangements with a care facilitator of your choice. Parents are asked to discuss this need with the program director prior to registration. Camp registration may be denied if the need is determined to be in excess to camp resources and capabilities.

### Registration Fees

Fees include activities, snacks, all materials and a Wild Weeks t-shirt. Pee Wee camp participants receive a special Nature Center gift in lieu of a tee shirt.

#### **Pee-Wee Camp (June 17 – 21, July 1 -5, and/or July 29 – Aug 2)**

- Registration per child/parent: \$70.00 (Members)
- Additional participant: \$25.00 (Members)
  
- Registration per child/parent: \$75.00 (Non-members)
- Additional participant: \$25.00 (Non-members)

#### **Wild Week Camp (Weeks One - Eight)**

- Registration: \$150.00/week (Members)
- AfterCare: \$50.00/week (Members)
  
- Registration: \$175.00/week (Non-members)
- AfterCare: \$50.00/week (Non-members)

### How to Register

Pre-registration is required with full payment to guarantee enrollment in the camp session of your choice. To register, you may visit the Nature Center on Friday **March 1 starting at 8:00am. March 1 is registration for Friends of the WNC Nature Center Members Only!**

Please **MAKE SURE** your membership is up to date. Those adults who come to the WNC Nature Center **March 1 (first day of camp registration)** will have preferential treatment to registration over any registration forms that had been mailed and received by our office. If you are a member and unable to attend the March 1 registration, you may elect another person to register for you as long as they have your current membership card, the completed camp registration form, and full payment. Those without a current membership to the Friends of the WNC Nature Center will be required to first obtain a membership and then will be able to get in line for camp registration. Open registration will begin for non-members March 2, 2013. Call 828-298-5600, ext. 5, or go to [www.wncnaturecenter.com](http://www.wncnaturecenter.com) for more information. No telephone registrations will be accepted. Payments will be deposited promptly upon registration.

### Cancellation Policy

A fee of \$25.00 will apply to all cancellations. Cancellations must be received at least three weeks prior to the camp session to receive a full refund (minus \$25 cancellation fee). 50% of the registration fee will be withheld for cancellations made less than two weeks prior to the session (plus the cancellation fee). No refund for cancellations made three days or less prior to the session. Allow four to six weeks for refunds to be issued from the time of cancellation. We highly suggest making payment with a Credit Card as these refunds can be quickly processed.

### Programs

All program activities posted in the course descriptions (below) are subject to change during the course of the week due to weather conditions, timing, or other factors. We will try to accommodate every activity listed in the descriptions, but may need to alter some at the discretion of the camp director and the camp facilitator.



## WNC Nature Center Pee Wee & Wild Weeks Summer Camps

June 17 – 21	Pee Wee Camp	Lesley Walden	<i>Color Me Beautiful</i>
June 17 – 21	Grades 1-3	TBA	Beastly Behavior
June 24 – 28	Grades 4-9	Kevin Fitzpatrick	ATBI
July 1 – 5	Grades 1-3	Wende Fonvielle	Tales of the Wild
July 1 – 5	Pee Wee Camp	Lesley Walden	<i>Color Me Beautiful</i>
July 8 – 12	Grades 1-3	Wende Fonvielle	Forest Adventures
July 15 – 19	Grades 1-3	Carlton Burke	Budding Naturalist
July 22 – 26	Grades 1-3	Jeff Menzer	Reptiles & Amphibians:101
July 29 – Aug 2	Grades 1-3	Virginia D’Orazio	Nature in Spanish
July 29 – Aug 2	Pee Wee Camp	Lesley Walden	<i>Color Me Beautiful</i>
August 5 – 9	Grades 4-6	Carlton Burke	Reptiles and Amphibians:201

### **Pee Wee Summer Camps**

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 12:00noon

#### **“Color Me Beautiful”(for Pre-K children and a parent)**

*Week #1 - June 17 – 21*

*Week #2 - July 1 -5*

*Week #3 - July 29 – Aug 2*

Welcome campers! Each morning we will host a new animal group to discover with activities, outdoor adventures, crafts, snacks, games, and storytelling. Let’s not forget to meet some of our animals with a close encounter! Topics include predators, reptiles, amphibians, farm animals, and birds. This is a marvelous introduction to the camp atmosphere for Pre-K children.

*Instructor: Lesley Walden*

### **Wild Week Summer Camps**

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 3:00pm

#### **Week #1 - Beastly Behavior (Grades 1 – 3)**

*June 17 – 21*

Animals can do the zaniest things and our campers get to study the world of behavior as they become Citizen Scientists, observing how our animals react to environmental conditions. Campers will make animal enrichments items, test theories of behavior, use scientific equipment, and participate in experiments designed to stimulate a sense of wonder through science. Crafts, creative activities, nature hikes, and games will help us view the natural world! STEM based learning.

*Instructor: TBA*

#### **Week #2 - All Taxa Biodiversity Index: ATBI (Grades 4 - 9)**

*June 24 – 28*

Join visiting state scientists for a documentation effort of our Appalachian flora and fauna called the All Taxa Biodiversity Index (ATBI) along the Trillium Trail and Swannanoa River at the WNC Nature Center. Participants will research multiple forms of living organisms found on our property which are then registered into the ATBI database. Prepare to get wet, dirty and challenged! All activities are based on scientific collection modules and will involve digging, seining, netting and identifying species of mollusks, fungi, mammals, birds, fish, flowers and ferns. With any scientific research, we may find a new species not yet documented!

*Instructor: Kevin Fitzpatrick*

**Week #3 - Tales of the Wild (Grades 1 – 3)**

*July 1 – 5*

Remember the stories told to us by our parents and teachers when growing up? This week, our campers hear a multitude of great educational stories about nature, sharing, giving, and caring for others. Our stories will relate to our animal kingdom and our human culture using crafts, super hikes, animal encounters, and of course, the stories themselves. A great way to introduce children to their first camp experience!

*Instructor: Wende Fonvielle*

**Week #4 - Forest Adventures (Grades 1 – 3)**

*July 8 – 12*

The theme this week is on connecting plants and animals to their native habitats. Activities will include the arts, games, music, science and team challenges. Several problem-solving scenarios will enhance the campers experience as they make those wild connections between themselves and the world around them! Every day will see 2 hikes to a new animal destination somewhere in the park with interactive games planned to encourage team building and understanding our natural environment.

*Instructor: Wende Fonvielle*

**Week #5 - Budding Naturalists ( Grades 1 - 3)**

*July 15 - 19*

In this week's camp we will explore the wide world of nature through fun activities designed to help young budding nature enthusiasts build a life-long appreciation and respect for the natural wonders around us. Creative games, fun crafts, and numerous outdoor experiences will enlighten camper's ability to see beyond the sight of something, bringing home an understanding as to why nature exists and how its inhabitants survive!

*Instructor: Carlton Burke*

**Week #6 - Reptiles and Amphibians: 101 (Grades 1 – 3)**

*July 22-26*

Direct observations of snakes, lizards, turtles, toads, frogs, and salamanders will lead to a study of their life cycles and life styles. Coloration, patterns, and shapes will be explored through many crafts and activities.

*Instructor: Jeff Menzer*

**Week #7 - Spanish for Beginners: Wilderness Life Cycles (Grades 1 – 3)**

*July 29 – Aug 2*

Want something new for your child? How about a nature camp that shares the love of learning Spanish while learning about animals? This is a beginner's educational experience for kids to learn some basic communication skills in Spanish. With more crafts, discovery hikes, nature trail explorations, animal encounters, and indoor story telling, each camper will see, hear, and learn to share nature with a whole new train of thought and processing. No Spanish experience necessary.

*Instructor: Virginia D'Orazio*

**Week #8 - Reptiles and Amphibians: 201 (Grades 4 - 6)**

*August 5 - 9*

Leapin' lizards, slithering snakes, and much more! Join us for a fun week as we learn more about this incredible group of animals through various games, crafts, and live animal visits by a variety of reptile and amphibian guests from the Nature Center's collection.

*Instructor: Carlton Burke*

**WNC Nature Center's  
Summer Camp 2013 Registration Form**

(one camper per registration form, please)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering Fall 2013 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirt Size:** please circle one

**Child** S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)

**Adult** S M L XL

Note: Pee Wee Camp families receive a special gift instead of t-shirts

**Pee Wee Camps**

**Please circle all weeks for which you wish to register:**

One	-	June 17 - 21	Color Me Beautiful	Pre-K or K Child & Parent Combination
Two	-	July 1-5	Color Me beautiful	Pre-K or K Child & Parent Combination
Three	-	July 29 - Aug 2	Color Me Beautiful	Pre-K or K Child & Parent Combination

**Wild Week Camps**

**Please circle all weeks for which you wish to register:**

One	-	June 17-21	Beastly Behavior	Grades 1-3
Two	-	June 24-28	All Taxa Biodiversity Index	Grades 4-9
Three	-	July 1-5	Tales of the Wild	Grades 1-3
Four	-	July 8-12	Forest Adventures	Grades 1-3
Five	-	July 15-19	Budding Naturalist	Grades 1-3
Six	-	July 22-26	Reptiles and Amphibians: 101	Grades 1-3
Seven	-	July 29-Aug 2	Spanish for Beginners	Grades 1-3
Eight	-	August 5-9	Reptiles and Amphibians: 201	Grades 4-6

Do you have current Friends of the Nature Center Membership: Yes No (please circle one)

Amount Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Split Payment for: \_\_\_\_\_(another camper or AfterCare)

Payment Method: MC #\_\_\_\_\_ (last 4 digits) Visa #\_\_\_\_\_ (last 4 digits)

Check #\_\_\_\_\_ Cash\_\_\_\_\_

Date Registered: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card payment preferred. Make checks payable to: **WNC Nature Center - Wild Weeks**

For information, contact the Nature Center at (828) 298-5600, EXT 5 or go to [www.wncnaturecenter.com](http://www.wncnaturecenter.com). Bring or send registration and full payment to the WNC Nature Center, c/o Wild Weeks, 75 Gashes Creek Rd., Asheville, NC, 28805.