



Nature Day Camps-Summer '11

Hosted by Berks County Parks & Recreation Dept.

Conducted by The Roving Nature Center

Held at: Berks County Heritage Center – 1102 Red Bridge Rd., Reading PA 19605

(Physical location only. We recommend **google** or **yahoo** maps for driving directions.)

610-374-8839 – or www.countyofberks.com/parks

July 18-22

Jurassic In The Park

9:30 a.m. – Noon

Ages 4-6

Some were the biggest animals to ever walk the earth. Many sported large horns, spikes and body armor. But some were small, and some resembled birds more than reptiles. Some even boasted two brains! But not all the bizarre and fantastic creatures of the Jurassic period were dinosaurs. The Allosaurus, Apatosaurus, Trachodon were all “terrible lizards.” But the Pterandon, Plesiosaurus, and Dimetron were not. What’s the difference? Explore the mystery of prehistory as we conduct our own archeological dig and fossil hunt. Discover how dinosaurs lived, and perhaps why they died; and some of their modern descendents who still populate the earth. Come to “Jurassic in the Park.”

PALEOWORLD!

1:00-3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-10

It’s Jurassic in the Park, Part II! In this episode, the adventures of our budding paleontologists begin with the discovery of mystery fossils in the Tooth, Claw and Bone Mystery Hunt. We learn how to interpret past events by examining the rocks, minerals, and soils of today, and identify and classify real fossils. This is a week of hands-on science, in which we hunt for eco-facts of plant and animal remains, artifacts made by humans, and features in the landscape that reveal ancient activities. We’ll conduct our own paleontological dig, and learn how to record, preserve, and interpret the evidence found.



July 25-29

UNDERWATER ADVENTURES

9:30 a.m. – Noon

Ages 4-6

All the water on the earth, 97% is salt water in oceans. The oceans of the world are homes to many animals and plants. Let’s put on our snorkel and mask and dive deep into the underwater world where we will learn about the denizens of the deep. From the sandy beach out to the deepest abyss, aquanauts will explore all forms of life and the food chains contained therein.

GREEN GENERATION

1:00-3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-10

This week budding Junior Environmentalists are going to learn about how we can protect the earth by reducing, reusing and recycling. Children can earn stars for ‘eco’ behaviors such as using reusable water bottles, bringing in compostable items from home to contribute to the group bin, bringing in reusable cloth napkins and containers instead of disposable plastic and using recycling bins at camp. The best way to protect our Earth is to use our resources wisely making the next generation greener.

The **Roving Nature Center** has no specific location. It is America’s first, fully mobile, environmental education facility bringing the resources, equipment and staff to any indoor or outdoor site.

Phone/Fax: 1-800-284-0973

<http://www.rovingnature.com>

August 1-5

Wildlife Trackers

9:30 a.m. – Noon

Ages 4-6

The animals are here and they are hidden. We'll find out what kinds of animals live in and around the park, and be on the look-out for them. We'll search for clues they leave: a bird's nest, a hollow tree, a spider's web, chewed leaves, nut shells, footprints, or feathers. We'll go on mini-expeditions, play games to learn how animals hide so well, make plaster casts of animals' tracks, feel furs, hear stories, and of course, meet up with some real live animals and learn how to care for them.

Wildlife Mission: Incredible

1:00-3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-10

Your mission, should you choose to accept, will be to track down and spy on the mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and fish of the field, forest and stream. We want to know: What bird comes down a tree head-first? Which animals have built-in drinking straws? Who has teeth that never stop growing? What creature swims backwards? Whose tongue is attached at the front of its mouth? Through live animals and prepared specimens, field observations and new adventures every day, we'll learn the answers to these and more!

REGISTRATION Information

We recommend they bring their own water bottle each day.

1. Each course is limited to 16 participants.
2. Course sessions are held rain or shine. In case of rain, the session is held under cover, and alternate activities are presented.
3. Each course requires payment of **\$90/child** at the **TIME OF REGISTRATION**.
4. The program fee is refundable, provided the withdrawal from the program is made **AT LEAST SEVEN FULL DAYS** prior to the beginning of the course. A \$5, nonrefundable registration fee per person will be deducted from the full refund amt.
5. Telephone reservations **WILL NOT** be held for more than 7 days without payment.
Call 610-374-8839.

6. Registration checks made payable to: Berks County Heritage Center, and are to be mailed to:
Berks County Heritage Center,
2201 Tulpehocken Rd., Wyomissing PA 19610.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please use a separate form for each child

Location - Berks County Heritage Center

Name _____ **Age** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Parent _____ **Phone #** _____

Cell # _____ **e-mail** _____

Alt. Contact _____ **Phone #** _____

e-mail _____

Medical Conditions:

(Staff cannot administer any medications)

Are you able to volunteer as an if asked? ___ Yes ___ No

Course Info: Location: Berks County Heritage Center

Week _____ **Course** _____

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TOTAL Tuition

No. of courses _____ @ \$90 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

MAIL TO: Berks County Heritage Center
2201 Tulpehocken Rd.
Wyomissing PA 19610

Date Rec'd _____ Ck.#. _____ Amt. _____ By _____