













UNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION PARKS AND RECREATION



ECHO HILL

RIVER CROSSING YMCA ymcarivercrossing.org







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Incredible Summers Happen Here at River Crossing YMCA Camp Hunterdon!

Our dynamic counselors and robust curriculum create a safe and supportive environment where campers can try new things and build lifelong friendships. Incredible transformations take place as campers gain independence and confidence, all while having fun in the sun!

Now part of one unified organization, YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties and Greater Valley YMCA have come together to form RIVER CROSSING YMCA. Together, we're making summers unforgettable for every camper.



STAY INFORMED WITH CAMP APP!



COMING SOON!

New Camp App for improved communication! Will include push notifications, photos and hotsheets all in one place to best serve our families.

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PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Monday, 1/13 6 PM	ZOOM LINK
Tuesday, 2/25 12 PM	ZOOM LINK
Wednesday, 3/12 6 PM	ZOOM LINK
Monday, 4/21 6 PM	ZOOM LINK

Welcome to Camp Night: May 29 5-7 PM* *Event is held in person at the camp location.

REGISTRATION Opens January 14 9 AM <u>CAMP HOURS</u> Full day: 9 AM-4 PM Half day AM: 9 AM-12 PM Half day PM: 1-4 PM



FAMILY CORNER

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Kids grow, build skills and gain self-confidence in a safe, values-based environment. Camp Hunterdon has so much to offer youth from Kindergarten through 9th grade. What makes us the best choice for your child?

- EXCITING NEW THEMES: For the second year, the YMCA and the Hunterdon County Divison of Park and Recration are coming together to launch another fun summer of Nature Camps!
- ✓ NATURE CAMP is provided in partnership with the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation.
- SAFE, ENJOYABLE AND AFFORDABLE option for families.
- FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING with WEEKLY half-day and full-day options.
- ECHO HILL CAMP is located on a beautiful wooded campus offering the best environment for learning about nature.
- ✓ EXPERT NATURE SPECIALISTS!
- ✓ WEEKLY THEMES, activities and special events.
- ✓ AGE-APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM that encourages learning, exploration and fun!
- ✓ HIGHLY TRAINED and ENGAGED camp staff.
- INDOOR AND OUTDOOR options. The camp property offers indoor program space which allows for rain day shelter. Moved in the early 70's from it's original location the old Stanton Station train station is one of the structures used.
- PIZZA FRIDAYS are included with weekly tuition for full day campers!
- CONVENIENT CURBSIDE DROP OFF and PICK UP procedures.
- NEW! CAMP APP for improved communication! Will include PUSH NOTIFICATIONS, PHOTOS and HOTSHEETS all in one place to best serve our families. See page 3.



JOIN JUST FOR THE SUMMER!

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP

Purchase a **Y SUMMER MEMBERSHIP** and receive member pricing for camp and programs at **ALL** of our locations! Membership runs Jun 1–Aug 31.

YOUTH	TEEN	FAMILY 1	FAMILY 2
\$86	\$121	\$283	\$315

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

We are pleased to offer assistance to those who need a helping hand.

NEW APPLICANTS

- Please submit a completed Financial Assistance Application along with support documentation.
- Applications can be found at <u>ymcarivercrossing.org/fa</u>.
- Please allow 3 weeks for processing. All documents must be submitted before processing begins.
- Register early to secure your spot.

Financial Aid Application due at least one month prior to the day you would like for your child to begin camp.

CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FAMILIES

- Please proceed to our online registration software to begin your registration.
- Please register early to secure your spot.

For more information on financial assistance contact **Catherine Refice**, Regional Director of Financial Assistance at **crefice@ymcarivercrossing.org**.

ECHO HILL

Welcome to Camp Hunterdon Echo Hill Nature Camp.

In partnership with the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation, we are excited to launch the 2025 Nature Camps.

Our two esteemed organizations are uniting to provide premier nature camps, combining the expertise of professional environmental specialists with the renowned excellence of top-tier day camp programming. This collaboration is designed to offer an unmatched outdoor experience, seamlessly blending educational enrichment with the excitement of camp adventures. Our shared dedication to quality and passion for nature will create unique, enriching and unforgettable experiences for every camper.

EXPLORE YOUR ENVIRONMENT NATURE CAMP WEEK THEMES

JUNE 23-27	Feathered Friends
JUN 30-JUL 3	Wilderness Warriors
JULY 7-11	Insect Insiders
JULY 14-18	Fur, Paws and Claws
JULY 21-25	Flower Power
JUL 28-AUG 1	Wild and Crafty Creations
AUGUST 4-8	Water Wonders
AUGUST 11-15	Herpitile Heros

NATURE + ADVENTURE CAMPS

Campers are grouped by grade, creating the perfect environment for building skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and lasting friendships! Choose your adventure with our flexible options: go all in with a full day (9 AM–4 PM) of fun, where you'll enjoy half a day in our Adventure Camp and the other half in the exciting nature program! Whether you choose a full day of action or a half day of nature exploration, we've got the perfect outdoor experience for you!

SHOW OFF YOUR

2025 WEEKLY THEMES

Exclusive to Adventure Camp

JUNE 23-27	Sports of All Sorts			
JUN 30-JUL 3*	Hooray USA! *NO CAMP 7/4			
JULY 7-11	Sharks and Shipwrecks			
JULY 14-18	Superheros to the Rescue			
JULY 21-25	Winter Wonderland			
JUL 28-AUG 1	Color Explosion			
AUGUST 4-8	Under the Big Top			
AUGUST 11-15	Get with the Groove			







NATURE CAMPS

FEATHERED FRIENDS

Fly into a week of bird explorations featuring our local feathered friends. From sparrows darting into the brush to hawks soaring in the air, we'll discover the features of the birds that fascinate us. We will learn about their captivating sounds, feathered adaptations and observe them in action at the park. Join us for a week filled with bird watching, discoveries and a whole lot of feathered fun!

WILDERNESS WARRIORS

Embark on a wilderness adventure! Join us for a wilderness adventure packed with outdoor activities, survival skills, teamwork and personal growth! Experience an unforgettable journey into the wild, full of exploration, connection and discovery.

INSECT INSIDERS

Join us for a week of interesting insect investigations. We will dive into the vibrant world of insects as we explore their habitats, behaviors, and remarkable adaptations. Through guided outdoor explorations and interactive games, you'll encounter everything from glowing fireflies to fascinating butterflies. Join us for a week of discovery, where every bug tells a story and nature becomes your classroom!

FUR, PAWS AND CLAWS

Let's journey through the fascinating world of Hunterdon's mammals! Each day, we'll dive into hands-on activities, interactive discussions, and imaginative role-playing as we explore the lives of bats, beavers, bears, coyotes, and more. Get ready for a week of wild fun and discovery, where learning about these amazing creatures transforms into an unforgettable adventure!

FLOWER POWER

Let's grow together and learn about all things flowers, plants, and trees. Discover the powers of flowers and trees, build survival shelters with sticks and leaves, and explore how even a dead tree teems with life. Join us for a flower-powered adventure.

WILD AND CRAFTY CREATIONS

Where campers can release their creativity in the beauty of the great outdoors! We will combine the joy of exploration with creative expression, allowing young minds to draw inspiration from nature's beauty. Through a series of interactive and nature-infused craft projects and activities, this engaging camp fosters a love for both crafting and the environment in an interactive and exciting way.

WATER WONDERS

Prepare to get wet this week and dive into why water is so important to our world! We will meet turtles up close, catch critters of the Prescott Creek and cool off with favorite water games! This week is sure to be a splash!

HERPTILE HEROS

Reptiles and amphibians unite for this week filled with leaps of knowledge and slithers of fun. Meet our live animal guests, from colorful snakes to majestic turtles, and hear their stories! Participate in hands-on workshops where you can explore habitats, observe behaviors, and understand the critical roles these animals play in our ecosystems. Whether you're a seasoned nature enthusiast or new to the world of herps, this camp promises excitement, education, and inspiration for everyone.



COUNSELOR IN TRAINING

AGES 13-14 YEARS OLD

Counselors in Training will have the opportunity to make new friends, build teamwork skills and have a great time being a part of the YMCA summer. We are looking for youth that embody our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. This program gives participants the opportunity to place the needs of others ahead of their own, share what they have learned and be a role model for younger campers.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The first year CIT program has been developed to pay special attention to developing the leadership skills of participants. This program in comparison to second year CITs will focus on building leadership skills, learning about the developmental stages of children and exploring the benefits of working cooperatively other youth.

Second year CITs spend a large portion of their day interacting with age-appropriate groups (campers 4 to 10 years old). They will review skills learned from the previous summer, along with taking part in new activities that enhance leadership skills.

All Counselor in Training Sessions are one week options.

LEARN MORE AND APPLY HERE!

HOW TO BECOME A CIT

CIT candidates must apply. You will be contacted by listed email once your application has been reviewed so you can register.

Second year CITs may register at any point once registration is open. There is no need to reapply once you have been through the application process and participated as a CIT.

Please note that being part of the CIT program does not guarantee employment.



CAMP OFFERINGS

	GRADE Sept'25	TIME	MEMBER PRICE	NON MEMBER PRICE	JUNE 23-27	JUNE 30 – JULY 4 NO CAMP 7/4	JULY 7-11	JULY 14-18	JULY 21-25	JULY 28 - AUG 1	AUGUST 4-8	AUGUST 11-15
FULL DAY NATURE + ADVENTURE CAMPS												
PLEASE NOTE: When signing up for the full day option, your camper will be put in the age appropriate camp session.												
ADVENTURE: 5 DAY FULL DAY WITH NATURE CAMP	K-7	9 AM- 4 PM	\$408	\$510	FEATHERED FRIENDS	WILDERNESS WARRIORS	INSECT NSIDERS	FUR, PAWS AND CLAWS	FLOWER POWER	WILD AND CRAFTY CREATIONS	WATER WONDERS	HERPITILE HEROS
HALF DAY NATURE CAMP												
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NATURE: 5 DAY AM	K-3	9 AM- 12 PM	\$206	\$288	FEATHERED FRIENDS	WILDERNESS WARRIORS	INSECT NSIDERS	FUR, PAWS AND CLAWS	FLOWER POWER	WILD AND CRAFTY CREATIONS	WATER WONDERS	HERPITILE HEROS
NATURE: 5 DAY PM	4-7	1-4 PM	\$206	\$288	FEATHERED FRIENDS	WILDERNESS WARRIORS	INSECT NSIDERS	FUR, PAWS AND CLAWS	FLOWER POWER	WILD AND CRAFTY CREATIONS	WATER WONDERS	HERPITILE HEROS
COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)												
CIT: 5 DAY	8-9	9 AM- 4 PM	\$317	\$445	9 AM-4 PM	9 AM-4 PM	9 AM-4 PM	9 AM-4 PM	9 AM-4 PM	9 AM-4 PM	9 AM-4 PM	9 AM-4 PM

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION January 14-May 5. Prices will increase May 6.

REGISTER NOW! ymcarivercrossing.org/camp



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No camp on Friday, July 4

Please note: Camps will be prorated

RIVER CROSSING YMCA | Echo Hill 42 Lilac Drive, Flemington 08822 | 908.483.4932 | ymcarivercrossing.org River Crossing YMCA will help ensure that your camper has a summer to remember. Our engaging camp offerings and activities provide opportunities for your child to learn a new skill, make a new friend and create a summer full of memories.

READY TO **REGISTER**? **CHANGE** OF PLANS? HAVE A **QUESTION**?

Our Family Handbook can answer your additional questions regarding registration and billing, who to contact with questions about your camp location and more.

FAMILY HANDBOOK



FRIENDSHIP. BELONGING. ENCOURAGEMENT.

WHAT FAMILIES ARE SAYING...

"I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for the incredible experience you provided this summer at Y Camp! Your dedication, enthusiasm and care made a profound impact on my boys! Your ability to create a fun, safe and engaging environment was truly remarkable. Thank you for going above and beyond to make this summer unforgettable for my boys!"

"ABSOLUTE ROCKSTARS!!!!! Thank you to all of the counselors and leaders who inspire and keep our children safe every day throughout the summer. It is exhausting and the days are long, but you're making a difference in those little people's lives."