



Medical Release Form

One child per form. Form may be photocopied for additional children.

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Emergency contact: _____

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Relationship to child: _____

Doctor's name: _____

Doctor's phone #: _____

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Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Required: Reservation form, medical release form, and a code word for each child.

QUESTIONS? 201-891-5571

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2026 Summer Workshop

Bobcat Cubs

Children ages 5-7

Mon, Jul 6 – Thurs, Jul 9

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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150 Crescent Ave, Wyckoff, NJ 07481

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Let's learn!

MON., JULY 6 – DAY 1

WHAT A SIGHT!

When it comes to observing the world, people tend to rely on our sense of sight. So how well do our eyes measure up, especially against other animals? Can our eyes deceive us? And how exactly does light allow us to see, anyway? Learn the answers to these questions and many more on Day 1!

TUES., JULY 7 – DAY 2

HEAR ME OUT

Sound is important to humans, from music to voices to the noises of traffic. How do other animals use their sense of hearing, and what can certain sounds tell us? How can you “hear” without hearing at all? Find out through experiments, crafts, and games!

WED., JUL 8 – DAY 3

SMELL YA LATER!

Learn about how taste and smell work together to tell animals (including us) about their environments. Can you follow a trail without your eyes or ears? What makes a smell good versus bad? And how can animals taste without using their tongues?

THURS., JUL 9 – DAY 4

LET'S GET IN TOUCH

The last of the basic “five senses” is touch, and on Day 4 you'll learn plenty about the ways in which touch is useful for animals navigating their environment or finding food—but did you know that humans have a few more senses besides the big five? Learn about these as well as animal senses that people DON'T have!

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NO EXCEPTIONS.

\$50.00 per child

NO REFUNDS

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2026 Summer Workshop

Coyotes

Children ages 8-10

Mon, Jul 13 – Thurs, Jul 16
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

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MON., JULY 13 – DAY 1

MOST DEADLY

No one wants to come face-to-face with a lion or a grizzly bear—but neither of these dangerous animals are the biggest threat to human beings. Learn about the deadliest organisms (animals, plants, and others) on Earth and the extreme ways that they catch prey and protect themselves.

TUES., JULY 14 – DAY 2

HOW SHOCKING!

We use electricity every single day, to power appliances, entertain ourselves, and communicate with others. On Day 2 you'll learn more about how electricity works, and how people are able to harness it. You'll also see how electricity show up in nature, and how living things can use it without ever needing a battery!

WED., JUL 15 – DAY 3

ALIVE MUSIC

First, learn about how music can naturally occur in nature and the ways in which it's used—then, try your own hand at making your own bio-inspired music, from animal sounds to natural instruments. And find out how else nature inspires art!

THURS., JUL 16 – DAY 4

GO TEAM!

Sometimes, you don't need to be the biggest, or the strongest, or the fastest to survive—you just need to be a good teammate. Learn about how cooperation can be the key to success in the animal kingdom, and take a shot at some nature-inspired collaborative activities yourself!

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Black Bears

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MON., JULY 20 – DAY 1

SCI SKILLS

Remembering facts is only one part of being a scientist; doing research means that you have to be practiced at using different skills, methods, and equipment. Get an early start on learning important techniques used in the lab and the field, with real experiments as well as fun activities!

TUES., JULY 21 – DAY 2

THE SIMPLE LIFE

Could you live without electricity? Without plastic? If you were dropped into the woods with only the bare minimum supplies, what could you create? People across the planet have been answering that question for thousands of years, and now it's your turn! Learn a little human ingenuity and find out what you can create in a pinch!

WED., JUL 22 – DAY 3

GREEN FUTURES

What is the future going to look like? What if it was focused around technology inspired by living things and made to work with nature? Learn about eco-friendly design, bionic technology, other things a green future might hold!

THURS., JUL 23 – DAY 4

THE TWO-LEGGED ANIMAL

Do you have a pet? Do you wear wool? Do you eat meat? Do you visit parks? Do you put away your trash? All of these are ways that humans might interact with other animals. Day 4 is all about exploring the relationships, positive and negative, between humans and all the other animals!

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