

Coatesville Youth Initiative

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2017 Brandywine
Watershed Discovery
Summer Day Camp

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**1- Week Outdoor
Adventure Camp**
for Youth in Grades 4th – 6th

July 10 through July 14.



Play... Outdoors!



Who We Are

The Coatesville Youth Initiative is an independent non-profit organization committed to training youth leaders, enhancing family relationships, building community collaboration, and encouraging prevention education. Founded in 2008, our organization's mission is to *"contribute to a vibrant future for Coatesville by engaging youth in experiences that support their success in school and in life, and by uniting a wide range of partners to make the community better for everyone"*.

One of the ways that we serve our community is by providing youth with fun and exciting experiential opportunities which are designed to instill a sense of community awareness, appreciation, stewardship and activism.

We are located in downtown Coatesville, in the Benner Building, at 545 East Lincoln Highway. Please visit our website to learn more about what we do, www.coatesvilleyouthinitiative.org



Our Camp Mission

Our camp's mission is to engage youth in outdoor exploration, science and educational activities, and outdoor discovery to encourage healthy connection with the natural world and develop the skills needed to preserve their local environment. Our camp balances structure, free play, nature/environment study while building social and life skills.

Our Staff

Our camp staff is comprised of adults with science, education and or youth development experience. Our staff is a mixture of college graduates and college & pre-college interns. When available, we also utilize high school students who enjoy the outdoors and helping youth learn more about the natural world.

All staff undergoes the necessary background checks and receives appropriate camp training.

Camp Details

The camp runs from July 10-14, 2017. The camp runs from 9am to 4pm daily. Campers meet each day at the Coatesville Youth Initiative, located at 545 E Lincoln Highway, 19320.

Our week-long day camp features a variety of nature/environment-related activities and promises fun-filled days where children can be carefree, having the time of their lives. The curriculum for the camp includes environmental, science, history & cultural education activities, wildlife study, water study, outdoor play, exploration of natural areas, field trips and team-building activities. The camp runs rain or shine. Each day, from 9 am-4 pm, youth will engage in hands-on, fun and interesting activities which are designed to help them learn about the science, culture, history and fun of the Brandywine Creek, The Brandywine River Valley and the Brandywine Watershed.

The camp is a part of CYI's "Gems in Your Backyard" philosophy, where Coatesville youth are encouraged to explore, discover, appreciate and protect hidden gems that are present in their own back yards (local community). The BWDC

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The Camp is limited to 20 participants and has a minimum of 4 staff, creating a ratio of one staff member for every 5 campers (a ratio that exceeds the ACA standard). Our day camp runs rain or shine. Campers are outdoors the majority of the time, with air-conditioned facilities available for shelter.

The camp is open to youth who meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

1. Will be in grades 4th -6th in the 2017 / 2018 School Year.
2. Reside in the Coatesville Area School District

Special Activities

We host special activities during the week, which help make our discovery camp unique and create even more memorable experiences for the campers.

Guest Presentations

Guests are invited to present a program that complements our theme. Scheduled presentations include science demonstrations, outdoor skills, and local historical & American Indian demonstrations.

Field Trips

To provide the most unique experience possible, we hit the road and take campers to different parts of “their” community. Trips may include places such as Pennsylvania American Water, local museums, recycling centers, and nature/environmental centers.

Surprises!

During the week, we plan to throw in one or two fun surprises, just to keep things super interesting!

A Typical Day at Camp

A.M.

- Teambuilding activity
- Science Activity – i.e. stream testing and exploration
- Nature Discovery Walk
- Lunch
- Educational game or activity

P.M.

- Teambuilding Activity
- Science Activity and/or nature discovery walk
- History Exploration
- Field trip



Campers are responsible for bringing their own snacks and lunches.

Activities may change due to weather, camper interests and guest presenter schedules.

Registration Details

Registration begins on March 13, 2017.

How to Register

1. **Complete an application:**
 - a. Online applications can be found at <https://cyi.wufoo.com/forms/q1yp7cxg18zh2zz/> or on the CYI website
 - b. Paper Applications can be downloaded from our website at <http://coatesvilleyouthinitiative.org/youth-development/brandywine-trek/>
 - c. Paper applications can be picked up at our office at 545 East Lincoln Highway, 19320 between the hours of 9:00am – 3:00pm
2. **Return the application along with the \$75.00 camp fee** in the form of a check, money order or credit card. Checks and Money orders should be made out to the *Coatesville Youth Initiative*. All forms can be emailed, faxed, mailed or hand-delivered. Camp fees must be mailed, hand delivered or paid online at <http://bit.ly/CYTREK>.
3. **Campers are accepted on a first-come, first served basis** and in the order in which all completed documents and fees are received. The camp is limited to 20 participants. The first 20 registrants who turn in all registration forms and fees will be accepted. Registration will close once we receive and accept 20 participants.

Registration Deadline

Campers are encouraged to register and submit all required forms and fees early! There is limited enrollment due to camp structure. Campers are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will close once all camp slots have been filled.

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