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## Adkins Arboretum's Summer Nature Camps Begin June 13

Summer belongs to children! For more than a decade, families and children have grown with Adkins Arboretum's Summer Nature Camps.

The camps provide extraordinary ways for children to enjoy summer the old-fashioned way—outdoors.

Campers will make lifelong memories while exploring the Arboretum's woodland,



meadows, streams and wetland. From grazing on blackberries to splashing in the Blockston Branch, the Arboretum's Summer Nature Camps provide children with a truly enchanted experience.

From little acorns...mighty oak trees grow! <u>Camp Bumblebee</u>, for preschoolers ages 2 and 3, runs June 13–17. The Arboretum's littlest campers will explore the wonders of nature with all five senses: tasting berries in the Funshine Garden, touching wiggly tadpoles in the wetland, splashing in the stream and much more. Adults attend this camp with their children and enjoy the experience of discovering nature together.

<u>Camp Pollywog</u> (June 20–24) campers ages 4 to 6 will enjoy a week of water fun, from splashing through streams in search of frogs to making rainbows with the Funshine Garden hose. Along the way, they'll learn about the amazing water cycle and the cool plants and animals that live and grow in watery places.

In <u>Camp Paw Paw</u> (June 27–July 1), campers ages 7 to 9 will enjoy a week of exploring the diversity of plants and animals that call the Arboretum home. Climbing trees, building forts, wading in streams and gathering blackberries are part of the fun. Along the way, campers will craft cool stuff to use in their own backyards, including a pocket sundial and a water scope.

In <u>Camp Egret</u> (July11–15), campers ages 10 to 12 will discover the great outdoors. Campers will climb trees, build forts, explore Eastern Shore ecosystems, and track the habits and haunts of Arboretum wildlife. They'll also engage in traditional camp activities, environmental games, team building, and ecological investigations. This hands-on camp allows campers to experience nature through a variety of lenses, including science and the arts.

Registration fees vary, and advance registration is required. Register at <a href="mailto:adkinsarboretum.org">adkinsarboretum.org</a> or by calling 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. For information about programs, visit adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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