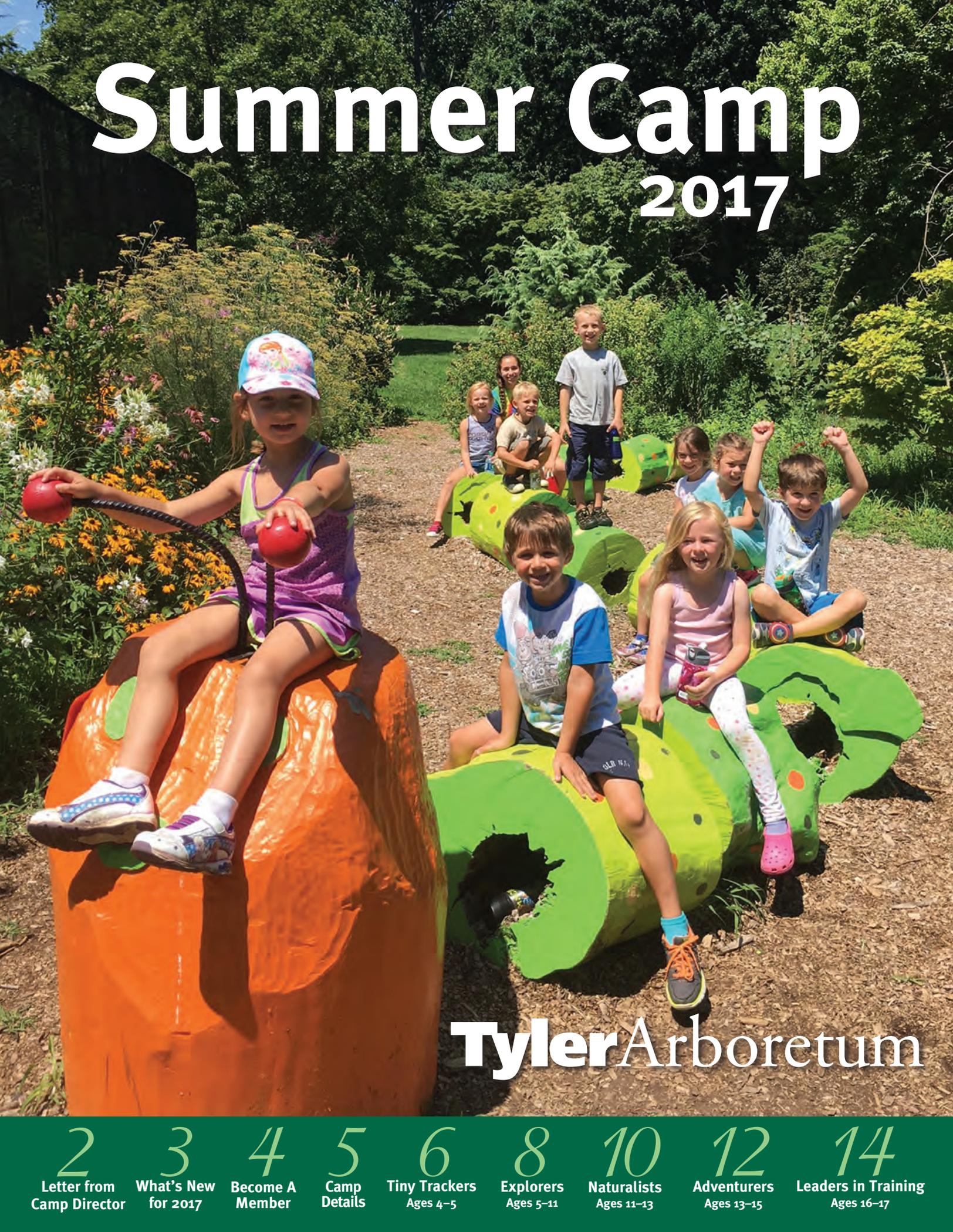


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Letter from the Camp Director

“Help young people learn in nature, not just about nature.”

~Richard Louv

As I think about the exciting things to come to camp this summer I'm reminded of the summers of my past, sitting among the pines listening to campers reflect on the moments that have impacted their lives forever.

Camp is a place for children to make lasting bonds with peers and adults. It's an opportunity for children to experience independence, in a supportive environment that fosters growth. It's a place where children get to explore and discover both the natural world and themselves. It is my desire that children look back on their time at Tyler's Summer Camp with fond memories of fun and friendship, but also as a place that helped them grow into a strong, confident adult. A place where they connected with nature and became a lifelong steward of the natural world.

As we move into a new camp season, I felt compelled to ask how we can strive to do more for the children in our community. Researchers are constantly bringing new discoveries and advancements in the field of positive youth development, and Tyler has utilized this knowledge and expertise. As I reflect on the best practices and on my experience, it is my desire that Tyler's Summer Camp is at the forefront of youth development, with intentional programming designed to impact children and teens in a way that is memorable and life changing. Camp is more than merely a place to come and have fun. Don't get me wrong, we certainly have fun (and lots of it!) but camp is so much more.

As part of our continued effort to increase the positive impact camp has on your children, we have expanded our camp staff and programming. But more than that, we have designed a more intentional program for all ages that engages youth in a way that not only fuels their sense of wonder and discovery, but gives children a space to stretch their social, emotional, physical, and cognitive muscles outside of the context of their family. This type of experience helps children learn powerful lessons including skill-building, character development and community living.

We are excited for all the great things that are happening at camp this summer, which will enable us to offer exciting opportunities and experiences for your children.

I cannot wait to see you in June!

Liz Hornbach



Youth Programs Manager & Camp Director

A great camp made even better!

What's New for 2017!

More Staff!

We are expanding our staff to give your children the best possible camp experience, as they explore the marvel of the natural world, and discover their place within it! This year, your children will enjoy the personal attention of a 1:4 ratio of staff to camper, ensuring unparalleled enrichment and fun!

Double the Counselors, Double the Fun!

We've doubled the number of counselors with each group to help your children grow and have a camp experience like never before! Your children will have even more personalized attention to help them explore the great outdoors, develop confidence and make new friends.

More Enrichment with an Additional Nature Specialist

Tyler has always offered excellent programming that encourages your children to discover the natural world. This year we are adding another Nature Specialist to allow your children to spend more time with expert naturalists, and dive deeper into our beautiful landscapes and ecosystems with fun activities and exploration designed to help them experience nature in meaningful ways.

Assistant Camp Director

This new role within the camp will support the daily needs of campers, and offer better communication with parents every day! Joining us year round, our assistant camp director will also manage our scouting programs, eco-birthday parties, and school field trips.



Expanded Programs!

Ready...Set...Color Wars!

A week like never before! During this patriotic mini-week (July 5-7) we'll break the entire camp into three teams, to compete in a series of games, races, challenges and hunts. Spend the week with campers of other ages to earn points in a variety of messy, silly, wild and funny challenges. Bring your patriotic colors and your team spirit and join the summer madness! See individual age groups for more information.

Expanding Middle School & High School Programs

You have asked, and we have answered! We are now offering more programs for Naturalists (ages 11-13) and Adventurers (ages 13-15). Naturalists will run every week this summer, and some weeks we'll offer two groups...that's double the kids! Adventurers will expand to 5 weeks this summer with amazing trips and overnight experiences. Check out pages 10-13 for details on the individual programs.

Leaders In Training (LIT)

We're excited to introduce Tyler's first ever leadership training program, designed for ages 16-17. These three-week sessions will help teens develop leadership skills while having a blast swinging from trees in high adventure activities, and surviving in the woods with their newly developed outdoor skills. By working in groups, and individually, LITs will conceptualize, plan and implement small and large-scale activities, to be delivered to the rest of the camp community. Through these exercises LITs will learn important planning and management skills. Teens will walk away from this three-week experience with confidence, leadership skills and awesome new friends. More information about this program on pages 14-15.

Better Options!

Extended Care

Customize extended care to fit your individual needs. Before and after care are now separate so that you can pay for mornings or afternoons, or both. Select individual days, or the entire week. Register only for the blocks you need, on the days you need them. Registration is now available online so you can sign up when it's convenient for you! See page 5 for pricing.

Become a Member

The loyal support of our members helps us protect and share our unique woodlands, wetlands, meadows, and gardens.

In return, Tyler members enjoy many rewards. Join at the Household level or above to receive:

- ✦ Priority Registration for camp (February 1-21)
- ✦ Exclusive camp t-shirt when registering by February 21
- ✦ Discount on camp pricing (\$50 per camper, per camp week)
- ✦ Free year-round admission to Tyler and 292 other arboreta, gardens, and nature centers
- ✦ Discounts on youth programs and eco-birthday parties
- ✦ Many other benefits!

Join or renew online at
www.TylerArboretum.org/membership

Camp Details

Registration Information

Register Online at: www.TylerArboretum.org/camp

February 1: Registration opens for Tyler Household Members and above

Members who register on or before February 21 receive a free Tyler Summer Camp T-Shirt (One shirt per camper)

February 22: Registration opens to the public

- ✦ Payment must be made in full at time of registration. Spaces cannot be held without full payment.
- ✦ Requests for cancellation must be made in writing and fees will be applied to each camper, per camp week. A cancellation fee of \$10 will be applied to each cancellation prior to April 14. A cancellation fee of \$50 will be applied to each cancellation thereafter, up to 15 business days prior to the start of the camp week. No refunds will be issued for withdrawal or absence with notice of less than 15 business days.
- ✦ Questions about registration? Contact Joanne Landau at JLandau@TylerArboretum.org or 610-566-9134 x303 (Enter extension as soon as the greeting starts to be directly connected).

Extended Care

Extend your camp day with before and after care. Register online anytime (up to the Thursday before each camp week). Payment must be made in full at time of registration. Pre-registration is required. Not available for Tiny Trackers.

Before Care (8:00-9:00 a.m.): \$10 per day or \$50 per week

After Care (3:00-5:00 p.m.): \$15 per day or \$75 per week

Visit: www.TylerArboretum.org/camp

Snacks, Meals & Water

- ✦ Campers MUST have a water bottle. Often campers will be out and about away from the building, and away from drinkable water sources. They must have the ability to stay hydrated even on their adventures. Please ensure that your camper has a reusable water bottle every day.

- ✦ Please provide a mid-morning snack and a packed lunch for your camper. Join us in our efforts to live in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way. Please consider packing a low-waste snack and lunch with reusable containers and napkins, which avoids extraneous packaging and non-recyclable materials. Please consider removing the plastic cover on juice-box straws, as they tend to litter the Arboretum after lunch time.

- ✦ Tyler is not a peanut-free facility, but we encourage you to consider packing peanut-free foods, as there are many campers with allergies. Please contact us if you have allergy concerns.

- ✦ Dinner and breakfast are provided for campers during overnights.

Clothing & Footwear

- ✦ Campers should come dressed ready for outdoor exploration and play in clothes that may get dirty. Campers must wear closed toed shoes, such as sneakers. Flip flops or open toed sandals are not acceptable camp shoes.

- ✦ Please pack a bathing suit, towel and water shoes every day, as there is always the possibility of a stream adventure or water games, especially on those extra hot days! Water shoes must be a style of shoe that will stay on while in the water. Closed water shoes, sandals that strap to feet or old sneakers work best. Flip flops are not acceptable.

- ✦ For young campers, an extra set of clothes is recommended.

Medications

All medications to be administered at camp or on an overnight must be listed on the Camper Information and Health Form, completed by a physician. This includes emergency medication (inhalers, epi-pens, etc.), routine prescription medication, over-the-counter medication and vitamins (Tylenol, Benadryl, etc.). Please visit the Camp Forms section of the website to download the form.

Tiny Trackers

4-5 year olds



Half-Day Program

Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Members: \$175

Non-members: \$215

Campers should bring a mid-morning snack.

Lunch Bunch

Stay at camp a little longer and enjoy lunch with your friends and another activity!

Monday – Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

\$40 per week

Campers should bring a packed lunch.

Register online at:
www.TylerArboretum.org/camp

Tiny Trackers camps are half-day camps designed to introduce children to the wonders of the outdoors and to help them make connections with nature and with new friends. Campers will explore many aspects of Tyler, with activities suited to their age and stage. Campers become part of a group of up to 10 kids, with two counselors who are passionate about working with this age group. Their days are filled with nature exploration, sensory play, games, crafts, and much more!



Down & Dirty 🌿 June 26–30

Kick off your summer investigating trees, soil, and critters! We will spend the week learning about forests as we roll over logs, sift through the soil, and tiptoe through trees. Get to know the quiet giants of the forest through arts, games, and of course: tree houses!

Going Buggy 🌿 July 10–14

Go on a very buggy adventure as you explore the Arboretum and the insects that inhabit this area. Learn about the life cycles of different bugs and the places they call home. Turn over logs, search the meadows and hunt in the stream for all the critters you can find! The Big Bugs art exhibit gives us a super-sized look at some of our most important members of the animal kingdom.

Splish Splash 🌿 July 17–21

Cool off during this fun-filled week in the water! Join us as we play and experiment alongside frogs, turtles, and other water-dwelling critters to find out more about water's role in nature. We will play water games, turn over rocks, and make some aqua-inspired crafts.

Land of the Lenape 🌿 July 24–28

Experience the daily life of the Lenape families who roamed Tyler nearly 1,000 years ago! Try on authentic clothing, explore the wigwam and play traditional Lenape games. We'll even try building a wigwam of our own.

Nature Creations 🌿 July 31–August 4

Let your creativity shine bright as we observe and record patterns and colors in nature. Use your hands, feet, and more to create one-of-a-kind crafts inspired by Mother Nature! Hike around to find unique materials to incorporate into your designs while using the Arboretum as inspiration.

Skulls, Skins, & Scat 🌿 August 7–11

Discover how wildlife leaves its mark on Tyler by searching the trails and streams for tracks and scat from deer, rabbits, squirrels and more. Get an up-close look at skulls and skins of native animals, and even dissect an owl pellet!

Fizz, Bang, POP! 🌿 August 14–18

Create potions and watch things ooze, fizz, and explode! Explore the chemistry that appears to be caused by magic to the untrained eye. We'll have a blast doing hands-on experiments featuring acid and base reactions, color change, and states of matter transformations.



Explorers 5-11 year olds



Full-Day Program

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Members: \$275

Non-members: \$325

Campers should bring a mid-morning snack and a packed lunch.

Register online at:
www.TylerArboretum.org/camp

Explorers camps are full-day camps where kids can be kids. Days are filled with activities designed to engage their curiosity and to help them develop a love for the natural environment. Two counselors with each group will help youth to develop life skills such as conflict resolution, decision making and confidence. Campers will embark on a new adventure each day as they explore the stream, roam in the meadow, hike in the woods, find frogs, turtles and aquatic bugs, and play in the tree houses.

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Mini-week pricing: \$225 members, \$275 non-members

A Big Bug's Life 🍃 July 10–14

Join us as we get an up-close and personal look at the bugs that live around us! Explore the life of an insect by searching in the meadows and ponds, under logs and in the air. Study the life cycles of different insects and where they call home. The Big Bugs art exhibit gives us a super-sized look at some of our most important members of the animal kingdom.

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Naturalists

11-13

year olds



Full-Day Program

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Members: \$375

Non-members: \$425

Campers should bring a mid-morning snack and a packed lunch. Dinner and breakfast are provided during overnights.

Each camp week includes an off-site field trip (Wednesday) and an on-site overnight (Thursday to Friday).

Register online at:
www.TylerArboretum.org/camp

Naturalists camps are designed for campers who are ready for a more in-depth experience, focusing on comprehensive activities, team building and off-site adventures. Youth will spend their days investigating the natural world, its inhabitants and the interconnectedness of nature. Two counselors with each group will ensure that each camper is challenging themselves in a positive and friendly atmosphere. Each week the group will embark on an off-site adventure and discover new strengths, while developing new skills. On Thursdays, campers will stay overnight and explore Tyler at night, with evening hikes, making s'mores by the campfire and sleeping out in tents in the Arboretum.



Animal Adaptations 🌿 June 26–30

The animal kingdom is a mysterious and exciting place! Come learn about how animals outsmart their predators and survive and thrive in nature. Visit the Delaware Museum of Natural History to embrace your inner taxonomist and discover how adaptations affect behavior, lifecycles, and lifespans.

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Mini-week pricing: \$225 members, \$275 non-members

Worlds of Water 🌿 July 10–14

Have a splash of fun with a week of aquatic activities! We'll experiment with it, drink it, play in it, and try to clean it, all to figure out what makes water so important. Your group will head on over to L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School at Marsh Creek and do some aquatic ecosystem exploration...by water! Learn basic paddling skills and then take a guided kayak trip.

Art in the Air 🌿 July 17–21

Nature is one of art's greatest inspirations. Spend the week creating in the great outdoors. Learn about different mediums including drawing and painting. Visit the Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia to see their nature inspired collection and have a drawing lesson from an experienced

artist. Culminate your week with an en plein air creation that you made, out in "the plain air"!

Big Bugs Bonanza 🌿 July 24–28

The summer is a perfect time to get an up-close look at the bugs and insects buzzin' around the Arboretum... from itty bitty ants to a 20 foot praying mantis in the Big Bugs art exhibit! This week will be filled with bugs galore. Investigate the importance of our small friends and search for them in their natural habitats. Visit the Insectarium in Philadelphia for a unique, live experience.

Forest Fun 🌿 July 31–August 4

Come discover one of nature's most diverse habitats during this forest-themed week! Adventure through the woodlands and investigate the layers of the forest, and the plants, animals and insects that live there. Travel to Treehouse World to climb high in the trees and check out their tree-mendous tree houses.

Sky's NOT the Limit 🌿 August 7–11

Look beyond the trees to the amazing canvas that is the sky. Investigate the incredible science behind clouds, and learn why the sky is blue and what makes a sunset so amazing! Head to the Neag Planetarium to experience the majestic night sky during the day.

Tyler's Excellent Adventure 🌿 August 14–18

Gain the know-how to camp like a pro! Build a "one-match" fire, identify trail signs and tie important knots for outdoor activities. Learn to read a map and become an expert at compass navigation at L.L. Bean's Outdoor Discovery School. Nature has nothing on you!

Adventurers

13-15

year olds



Full-Day Program

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Members: \$400

Non-members: \$450

Campers should bring a mid-morning snack and a packed lunch. Dinner and breakfast are provided during overnights.

Each camp week includes an off-site field trip with overnight (Thursday to Friday).

Register online at:
www.TylerArboretum.org/camp

Are you ready for adventure? These teen camps are designed to challenge campers with awesome outdoor experiences.

Campers will spend their week learning the survival skills necessary to make it in the wilds. This includes fire safety, food preparation, orienteering, packing, all while learning to work in a group and plan a trip. On Thursday the team will embark on an overnight adventure to explore interesting new environments and to put their camping skills to the test! Campers will walk away from this week with a newfound confidence and strong friendships!



Wilderness Readiness 🍃 June 26-30

Are you ready to take on nature? This week of outdoor adventure will get you ready for your next wilderness excursion! Build a solar still and a filtering system to learn how to procure water for drinking in a survival situation. Take your abilities to the next level and start a fire even with wet wood and construct a shelter from purely natural materials. Travel to Hickory Run State Park to practice your newly acquired skills!

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Mini-week pricing: \$225 members, \$275 non-members

Forest Adventure 🍃 July 17-21

Discover what it takes to have a healthy community in nature. Investigate different habitats and their complex, ecological interactions. As we explore the streams and trek through the woods, discover how these interactions are critical for their survival. Then develop the skills needed for you to survive in the natural world. Learn the principles of Leave No Trace, which limit the negative impact your interactions have on other living organisms. Camp out at French Creek State Park to use your new skills, and dare to navigate yourself through their woody landscape on their compass course!

Aquatic Ecosystems 🍃 July 24-28

Water has many purposes to plants, animals and people. Spend this action-packed week conducting experiments and discovering the connection between water, conservation and the impact of pollution. A visit to Assateague State Park in Maryland will give us an opportunity to contrast the wildlife in freshwater and coastal and marine ecosystems. Explore the salt marshes and maybe even catch a glimpse of dolphins, osprey or even wild horses. Camp out amongst the dunes and with an amazing view of the stars!

History in Nature 🍃 August 7-11

Discover the historical stories that are often hidden in the natural landscape. Uncover the past at Tyler with a visit to the collections in Lachford Hall and the Painter Library. Learn how the Arboretum came into existence and discover what amazing naturalists and scientists the Painter Brothers really were. See the printing press where they published their findings and discover how Tyler may have been a part of the Underground Railroad! Then take a trip to Gettysburg and hike around this scenic piece of American history and spend the night camping on the battlefields.



Leaders In Training (LIT)

16-17
year olds



Three-Week Session Full-Day Program

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Members: \$1,250 (Three-Week Sessions)

Non-members: \$1,400 (Three-Week Sessions)

Campers should bring a mid-morning snack and a packed lunch. Dinner and breakfast are provided during overnights.

Each camp session includes an off-site field trip with on-site overnight (week one), an off-site field trip with overnight (week two) and on-site overnight (week three).

Register online at:
www.TylerArboretum.org/camp

The Leaders In Training (LIT) program offers teens ages 16 & 17 the opportunity to develop real world skills and leadership abilities, within the support of the camp community. Campers will participate in activities, games and projects that are designed to develop skills in teamwork, problem solving, conflict resolution, work ethic, communication, independence, teaching and so much more.

As part of their training, they will learn practical camping and outdoor survival skills such as fire building and management, outdoor cooking, orienteering, wilderness campsite selection, natural shelter building, Leave No Trace outdoor ethics and many more. These skills and experiences will help teens gain an understanding of the interconnectedness of the natural world and our place within it.

In each three-week session (Monday – Friday), teens will engage in fun and challenging lessons and activities that focus on team participation as well as individual development. LITs will be mentored by experienced staff, including the camp leadership staff and will have the hands-on opportunity to put their newly learned skills into practice by leading and teaching others. LITs will work in groups to conceptualize, plan and implement a large-scale activity, to be delivered to the rest of the camp community.

Working with their peers and leading other youth will give them the real world experience of project management, team dynamics, and program delivery. It will give them an opportunity to mindfully reflect on their experience and apply the lessons learned to their next experience. Each activity is designed to build on skills learned in the previous one, to build skill mastery, understanding, confidence and resilience.

Sessions

Session 1: July 10–July 28 (Monday–Friday only)

Session 2: July 31–August 18 (Monday–Friday only)

Each Session Will Include

Week One: LITs will take a field trip to challenge themselves on a high ropes course. They'll return to Tyler that evening and camp out on-site (Wednesday to Thursday).

Week Two: LITs will take an off-site overnight fieldtrip to explore new places and develop their camping skills (Thursday to Friday).

Week Three: LITs will test their new skills with a survival camp out in Tyler's natural lands (Thursday to Friday).

Through these memorable experiences, campers will form bonds with friends and develop important life skills and values that they will carry with them through the rest of their lives.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be age 16 or 17, on June 25, 2017.
- Must be able to commit to the entire camp session of three weeks.
- In order to provide a cohesive and consistent experience for you and your teammates, you must be able to attend camp each day of the session, if you are unable to attend for the entire session, please choose a different session. You may apply and attend both sessions.



Application Process

Complete the LIT Application Form and submit, to:

Liz Hornbach

Youth Programs Manager & Camp Director

LHornbach@TylerArboretum.org

Deadline is March 1. After that, applications will be reviewed as space permits.

Once all of your paperwork has been received, it will be reviewed. If you meet the requirements, you will be contacted for an interview.

Application available at www.TylerArboretum.org/camp



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