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Your Leader in Local Watershed Conservation and Education

The Brandywine Valley Association, established in 1945, is the oldest small watershed association in the country. Its major role is steward to the Brandywine Watershed, a 325-square mile area encompassing the Brandywine Creek and its tributaries throughout southeastern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware.

The Myrick Conservation Center, a 318-acre property used for education purposes, is open daily to the public. Located on Route 842 (Unionville-Wawaset Road), 6 miles west of West Chester and 3 miles east of Unionville, the Center is home to the Brandywine Valley Association (BVA) and the Red Clay Valley Association (RCVA) -- non-profit organizations dedicated to promoting the restoration, preservation, conservation and enjoyment of the natural resources of the Brandywine and the Red Clay watersheds. Both organizations are supported through membership dues and private donations.

Myrick Conservation Center Summer Camp Programs 2010

Get wet and dirty every day... Guaranteed!



Member registration opens February 1st
www.brandywinewatershed.org

What's the BUZZZZ all about?

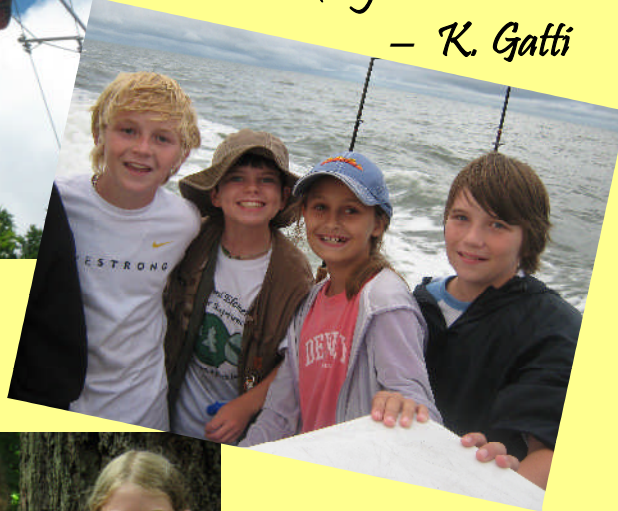
BVA Summer Camp - 25 years of innovative nature camps in a traditional outdoor setting

"The programs are great! The children are learning while having fun. It was not glorified babysitting."
- K. Humphrey



"Wonderful! Wonderful! Thank you for all you did to make such a great camp experience! [We] will be back next year!"

- K. Gatti



"[There was] something new and exciting every day! Super friendly counselors made them feel special." - R. Turner



"Camp was so much fun! We loved learning about the environment and spending time outside!"
- Campers, Sisters ages 11 and 9

AGES 11-15 and AGES 13-15

~Camps run from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, unless otherwise indicated~

Short and Sweet Adventures July 7 – July 9 (Wednesday-Friday)

These three days are a great way to continue your long holiday weekend! Wednesday you'll go for a canoe trip on the Brandywine. Thursday, you'll leave for Point Pleasant, PA for some outdoor rock climbing, with a guide, at High Rocks followed by overnight camping. Friday, you'll tube down the Delaware River before returning home. *Pick up is at 5:00 PM on Friday.*
\$350 members / \$400 nonmembers

Something Fishy July 19 – July 23

If you like to fish, or want to learn how to fish, this is the week for you! Learn about different types of equipment and how to use it while exploring some great freshwater and saltwater fishing spots. You will learn the art and science of fly casting and how to tie your own flies. You'll fish at several ponds and in the Brandywine Creek. On Thursday you'll head to coastal Delaware for an overnight camping and saltwater fishing expedition. You'll fish off a pier, in the surf and aboard a chartered fishing boat in the Delaware Bay for some inshore fishing. Along the way, learn about saltwater and freshwater ecosystems and fish biology. Even if you participated in the past, there's ALWAYS more to learn! Your guide for this unique journey will be an avid outdoorsman and naturalist, BVA/RCVA's own Executive Director, Jim Jordan. *Pick up is at 5:00 PM on Friday.*
\$495 members / \$545 nonmembers



New! Expeditions are for campers, ages 13-15, who are ready for serious off-site adventures.

Expedition: Pine Barrens June 28 – July 2

Ready for a nature expedition? Hone your naturalist skills by observing plants and animals while canoeing the Brandywine Creek and hiking at the spectacular Serpentine Barrens at Nottingham County Park. Then, visit the New Jersey Pine Barrens for hiking and canoeing through another unique ecosystem. Top off your expedition with camping under the stars on Thursday night and swimming in the Atlantic Ocean! *Pick up will be at 5:00 PM on Friday.*
\$395 members / \$445 nonmembers



Expedition: Poconos July 12 – July 16

This expedition begins with a kayak trip down the Brandywine Creek. You'll hike along the Brandywine at the newly preserved ChesLen property and then compare the landscapes of our Valley with the rock formations at the higher altitude of the Pocono Mountains. In the mountains you'll take a hike to visit the "Niagra Falls of the Poconos," also known as Bushkill Falls, and camp out overnight under the stars on Thursday. *Pick up will be at 5:00 PM on Friday.*
\$425 members / \$475 nonmembers

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Questions? Call 610-793-1090

AGES 6 AND 7

Summer Camp 2010

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Stream Sleuths

June 21 – June 25
July 12 – July 16

Do you like to play in water? Visit streams, ponds and wetlands in search of the plants and animals that love wet habitats. Learn why some places are wet and why others are dry. Investigate how streams form and the different ways they meander through the landscape. Create your very own stream model to take home!

\$170 members / \$225 nonmembers



Creepy Crawlies

June 28 – July 2
July 26 – July 30

Caterpillars, spiders, beetles, and slugs! How much do you know about these fascinating creatures? Meet a bug expert and see some unique insects up close. Sneak up on some creepy crawlies and discover what they are eating. Use a video microscope to magnify an insect's exoskeleton. Maybe these critters aren't so creepy after all!

\$165 members / \$215 nonmembers



Water, Water Everywhere

July 19 – July 23
August 2 – August 6

Find all of the watery spots at the Myrick Center and explore them to see how much fun you can have! You'll have a chance to get wet every day while you play water games, explore the pond and the creek, and run through the sprinkler!

\$160 members / \$210 nonmembers



Paws, Paints, and Wild Landscapes

July 26 – July 30

Are you a future wildlife artist? Join us for fun-filled nature explorations and a chance to paint, draw, and create artistic masterpieces! Practice recording your observations in your very own nature journal and take pictures using a digital camera. Visit the animals at the Barn at Springbrook Farm to be artfully inspired.

\$175 members / \$225 nonmembers

AGES 8 AND 9

Summer Camp 2010

~Camps run from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM~

Wacky Water Games

June 28 – July 2
July 19 – July 23

Did you know that water covers 75% of our Earth? There's even water in the air. You'll play all kinds of games during this watery week. Conduct experiments with water and its different states, explore the Myrick Center in search of water and tube down the Brandywine Creek. You'll get really wet this week!

\$185 members / \$235 nonmembers



Call of the Wild

June 21 – June 25
July 26 – July 30

Walk on the wild side while exploring the world of predator and prey, examine creatures of the water, search for animals in field, forest and sky, and poke under a not-so-lifeless log. Visit Saalbach Farm to explore and swim in Rock Run and experience an evening hike with your family when animals are most active, at dusk. The family hike will be on Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Siblings are invited!

\$250 members / \$300 nonmembers



Little House on the Preserve

August 2 – August 6

Rediscover the fun of candle making, churning butter, and making bread as you go back in time to the not-so-distant past. Learn about homesteading and sustainable living while playing outside during

camp! Take a trip to Coverdale Farm to visit some of the animals you may have taken care of long ago and Saalbach Farm to cool off like the first homesteaders.

\$255 members / \$305 nonmembers

First People of the Brandywine

July 12 – July 16
August 2 – August 6

Use your imagination to travel further back in time, long before the settlers from Europe arrived. View the Myrick Center as the Lenape once did, the original people of this land. Tube along the Brandywine searching for places that you would have lived, play Native American games, learn about and harvest edible wild plants and make a fire to cook your lunch one day.

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AGES 10, 11 AND 12 Summer Camp 2010

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Outdoor Extremists

June 21 – June 25
July 12 – July 16

Experience a week filled with outdoor challenges. Start off by getting to know your fellow campers at a high ropes course, play Frisbee golf, kayak the Brandywine Creek and challenge yourself to find the way while orienteering and hiking.

\$270 members / \$320 nonmembers

Creek Adventures

July 26 – July 30

Spend the week exploring the local watersheds. Hike along the Brandywine and Red Clay Creeks and canoe down an out-of-the-way stretch of the Brandywine. Stop along the way for a night of camping and creek side night sounds. *Pick up is at 3:00 PM on Friday.*

\$290 members / \$340 nonmembers



Lenape Drills and Skills

July 19 – July 23
August 2 – August 6

Primitive, prehistoric, ancient, primal, original, 100% natural with nothing added. Learn what this is all about when you spend time in the wild finding food, building shelter, and learning to make fire, the Lenape way. Would the Lenape have adopted you into their tribe? Practice ancient skills such as the throwing arts, canoeing the Brandywine, archery, tracking and making a bow drill fire. You'll visit Saalbach Farm and camp overnight at the Myrick Center on Thursday night. *Pick up is at 11:00 AM on Friday.*

\$275 members / \$325 nonmembers

Form & Function

June 28 – July 2

Try your hand at functional, low-impact, Earth-friendly art. For inspiration you'll canoe the Brandywine Creek and visit the extraordinary home and workshop of Wharton Esherick, an acclaimed, local artist. Then, channel your inner-eco artist by building a cob bench, working with clay and carving a wooden spoon from a poplar tree.

\$300 members / \$350 nonmembers

AGES 4 AND 5

Summer Camp 2010

~AM camps run from 9:00 to 11:30, PM camps run from 12:30 to 3:00~

Tiny Trailblazers

June 28 – July 2 (AM)
July 26 – July 30 (AM)

Trailblaze your way around the Myrick Center using your natural curiosity and imagination to discover the magic of summer. You'll go on a hunt for critters, search under rotting logs, peek at buzzing insects, find fragrant flowers and much more! There are games to play, songs to sing, and stories to be told as you unravel the mysteries of the summer season.

\$95 members / \$145 nonmembers

Great Garden Adventure

July 12 – July 16 (AM)
August 2 – August 6(AM)

Have you ever wondered how your food grows? Try your hand at planting seeds and harvesting fruits & vegetables. You'll play games, create food art and search for bugs in our organic vegetable

garden. This is a week of edible fun!

\$95 members / \$145 nonmembers



Puddle Jumpers

July 19 – July 23 (AM)
July 19 – July 23 (PM)

Do you like to jump in puddles after a rainstorm? You'll find all kinds of water spots at the Myrick Center. What lives in the pond, stream and wetland? Go on a search for plants and animals nearby, and you'll get wet too!

\$95 members / \$145 nonmembers

Water Babies

June 21 – June 25 (AM)
June 21 – June 25 (PM)

Which animals live in the water and how do they survive? Find out as we plunge into a week of water adventures! You'll visit the pond and stream to search for baby animals, play water games and listen to stories as you discover some of the native animals who make water their home!

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