



# TULPEHAKING

nature center  
at the Abbott Marshlands

Summer 2026

## Nature Camps



### Aquatic Adventure Camp

Aquatic Adventure Camp blends environmental science with summer fun! Campers become immersed in freshwater ecology as they explore Mercer Lake and observe its scaly and feathered residents.



June 29 - July 2  
9 am - 3 pm

**Mercer County Park  
Marina, West Windsor**



#### Eco-Explorers (Anglers):

**Must be ages: 10-12 yrs on Oct. 1, 2026**

Freshwater ecology meets fishing fun.

- \$200/week Mercer County residents
- \$280/week Out-of-county residents



#### Kayakers:

**Must be ages: 13-15 yrs by Oct. 1, 2026**

Kayak, explore, discover lake wildlife.

- \$240/week Mercer County residents
- \$320/week Out-of-county residents



### Baldpate Camp

Baldpate Nature Camp nurtures children's love of the outdoors through hands-on exploration, science experiments, forest hikes, and free nature play. Each day centers on a specific theme—bugs, forest ecology, birds, and wildlife tracking.

*Registration is limited to 1 week per camper.*



July 13 - 17  
July 20 - 24  
9 am - 3 pm

**Baldpate Mountain,  
Titusville**



**Chickadees (Must be ages: 7-9 yrs old) & Towhees (Must be ages: 10-12 yrs old): by Oct. 1, 2026.**

- \$250/week Mercer County residents
- \$350/week Out-of-county residents



### Tulpehaking Nature Camp

Discover nature through the lens of the Lenape, who inhabited this freshwater tidal marsh centuries ago and continue to view it as their homeland. Campers will explore this unique ecosystem and the history of the Abbott Marshlands through hands-on outdoor explorations paired with traditional Lenape games and crafts.

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Aug 3 - 7  
Aug 10 - 14  
9 am - 3 pm

**Tulpehaking Nature  
Center, Hamilton**



**Painted Turtles (Must be ages 7-9 yrs old)**

**Snapping Turtles (Must be ages 10-12 yrs old): by Oct. 1, 2026.**

- \$250/week Mercer County residents
- \$350/week Out-of-county residents



## How to Register!

Registration opens January 31, 2026.

Registration and payment can be completed online at <https://register.communitypass.net/mercer>. Camps are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and fill quickly. Only complete applications will be processed.

**Children must have reached the minimum age of their camp by Oct. 1, 2026.**

### Complete Application:

- Registration form
- Copy of participant's immunization record
- Medical Record Form
- Liability Release Form
- Full payment



### Cancellation & Refund Policy

Cancellation requests must be in writing to [natureprograms@mercercounty.org](mailto:natureprograms@mercercounty.org). **No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after May 15.** Fees are not refunded for a missed program.

### Late Pick-up Fees

Late pick-up fee is \$10 per-child per-15-minute past their scheduled pick-up time.

### \* NJ Child Care Assistance Program

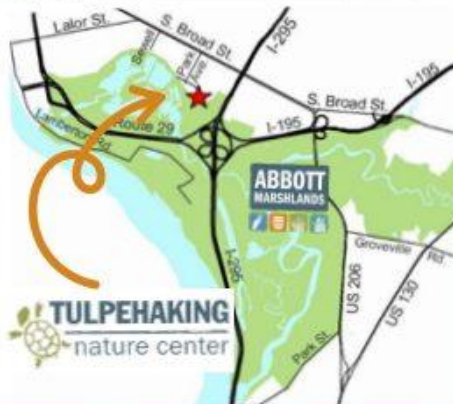
NJCCAP Youth Camp Subsidy available through Child Care Connection. Call the Referral Line @ 609-989-8101.



## \*Extended Care is Available!

Extended Care can be provided as an addition to your child's camp experience. During Extended Care, there will be more opportunities to explore and grow while providing a more flexible camp schedule for yourself and your child. Spaces are limited.

- ↳ **7:45 am - 9 am & 3 pm - 5 pm**
  - \$100/week Mercer County resident
  - \$125/week Out-of-county resident



## Tulpehaking Nature Center

157 Westcott Avenue, Hamilton NJ

### Open to the Public:

Wednesday - Saturday 10 am - 4 pm  
Sunday 1 pm - 4 pm

(609) 888-3218

[www.mercercounty.org/parks](http://www.mercercounty.org/parks)



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County Executive Dan Benson  
The Board of County Commissioners



## Registration Information



Registration & payment for programs are taken online at <https://register.communitypass.net/merc> unless otherwise noted.

For assistance with registration, please contact [natureprograms@mercercounty.org](mailto:natureprograms@mercercounty.org) or call (609) 888-3218, option 2.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Registration closes at 12pm the day before the program. Once registration closes, a confirmation with location and program details will be sent via email.

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