

Nature Explorers Summer Camp
Environmental Examiner

Summertime Safari

Nature Explorers kicks off their first week of camp with Summertime Safari. Campers entering Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten explore the natural environment surrounding the Essex County Environmental Center in Roseland, NJ. Each day is a new adventure in which campers encounter frogs, salamanders, turtles, insects, birds, and fish. Are you curious to know what Summertime Safari campers encountered this week? Ask your camper to hear about his/her personal experience.



Hannah reads to the campers

H₂O Olympics

This week campers learned the amazing power of water. During the Water Olympics lesson campers attempted several experiments. In the first experiment, campers determined how many drops of water a penny can hold before the water spills over. In the second experiment, campers learned that paperclips can float on the water's surface *and* sink to the bottom. Sound confusing and unbelievable? Ask your camper if they'll share the secret.

Nature Explorers Interns

Join us each week as we feature one of our Nature Explorer Interns.

Hannah Bielecke

We start our series with Hannah Bielecke. She's recently back from a semester abroad in Costa Rica. The focus of her semester included Spanish, Environmental Studies, and Human Rights. Hannah is a student at the University of New England working on a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies. Her interest in pursuing an environmental career and passion for environmental communication attracted her to the Nature Explorers Internship. Hannah is from West Orange, NJ and joins Nature Explorers for the second time. She was a volunteer 3 years ago and was inspired, once again, to join the team. She enjoys working with children and has gained experience working with them as a babysitter.



Jack and fellow campers moving at lightening speed to catch worms.

Breaking News!

Jack F. holds the Nature Explorers record for most worms found in Essex County. With great conviction and motivation, Jack turned over log after log in order to capture enough worms for the fishing session. With his determination, Jack will catch 3,000 worms before Derek Jeter makes another 1,000 hits!



How many drops does it take?

Booklist

This Week's *Hot Reads*:

1. *Giant Thoughtless*, Bridges to the Natural World, NJ Audubon
2. *Hey, Little Ant*, by Phillip and Hannah Hoose
3. *In the Small, Small Pond*, by Denise Fleming
4. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by Eric Carle