

Chester County Conservation Camp

July 13th to July 19th 2025

Our Mission

Our mission is to educate youth through experiential learning in a safe, caring outdoor camp setting. Through adventure based activities, campers explore local natural resources, experience varied ecosystems and learn the value of stewardship of the environment. The camping program strives to build understanding and appreciation of local and global conservation issues. Chester County Conservation Camp has been recognized as an outstanding youth program by Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited and by the Chester County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Our Sponsors

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Chester County Dept of Parks and Recreation
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Cost

\$300 per camper. Contact the director for scholarships inquires and availability.

Where

Paradise Farm Camps, 1300 Valley Creek Road, Downingtown, Pa.

The 550 acre facility has been serving the camp community for over 100 years. There is a centralized camp with a large dining hall and a campfire area with cabins and individual toilet/shower facilities located nearby. West Valley Creek rambles through the property that includes forested hills, meadows and wetlands as well as sports facilities and a pool. There is also a small pond for canoeing and fishing.

Staff

All activities are closely supervised by experienced counselors. Most have been with Chester County Conservation Camp for many years and all are dedicated to our goal of fostering teamwork and environmental stewardship. The counselor to camper ratio is 6 to 1. There is a staff nurse available at all times.

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