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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Raritan Headwaters Announces 2016 Nature Day Camp Program Schedule

Bedminster, NJ – It may only be February, but summer will be here before you know it, and what better time for kids to learn about the outdoors than those hazy, crazy days?

Raritan Headwaters is now accepting registration for the 2016 Nature Day Camp Programs. To be held July and August, the camps offer youngsters an up close and personal opportunity to learn about the natural world around them, and how they play an important part in protecting the natural environment.

Programs

This year's programs include:

Red Squirrels: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 11 – 15, Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve, 2121 Larger Cross Road, Bedminster. Get ready to discover the magic of nature. Explore who lives where? What eats what? What's hidden high and low? Join us as we learn about the woods, fields and streams with adventures, stories and games. Take-home projects each day help continue the exploration of nature in your own backyard. For ages 5 and 6. Cost: \$200 per child.

Tree Frogs: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 18 – 22, Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve, 2121 Larger Cross Road, Bedminster. Adventure awaits! Each day we explore a new topic, learning about the sun, astronomy, Native Americans, insects, amphibians and reptiles, mammals and birds, gardening, fresh water, the ocean, and more. Join us as we explore the outdoors with hikes, games and craft projects. For ages 7 through 10. Cost: \$200 per child.

Pleasant Valley Mills Farm Camp: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 11 – 15, Pleasant Valley Mills Farm, Mendham. Experience the workings of a family farm! Roll up your sleeves and pitch in to take on the daily care of pigs, sheep, chickens, ponies and a donkey, take care of the organic garden, and learn about local wildlife. Guest speakers share country skills like woolspinning, cooking with fresh produce, shepherding, and more. Each day holds creative projects, outdoor experiences and picnicking along the banks of the North Branch of the Raritan River. For ages 10 through 12. Cost: \$275 per child.

Honey Bees: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 25 – 29, Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve, 2121 Larger Cross Road, Bedminster. Bring your little ones to Fairview Farm for a morning full of fun nature games, stories and crafts. We will buzz all around, learning how to safely enjoy the outdoors as a group, use exploration tools like magnifying glasses and binoculars, and make fun new discoveries each day. For ages 3 and 4. Cost: \$150 per child.

Nature Photo and Documentary Camp: 10 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday, August 1-5, Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve, 2121 Larger Cross Road, Bedminster. Explore Fairview Farm, and learn how to observe and record the amazing wildlife and wonders of the preserve through a lens. The week will include lessons in the basics of photography/videography/editing, wildlife viewing and the week will wrap up with a photography show and video screening. Campers should bring a digital camera (tablets, GoPro's and most cell phones/iphones work fine), and there will be a few to borrow as well. For ages 9 through 12. Cost: \$200 per child.

Bedminster Nature Camp

Also this summer, Raritan Headwaters will run a week of Nature Camp with Bedminster Township Recreation, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 8 – 12, and from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, Aug. 15 – 19, at Miller Lane Park. Cost is \$200 per child. Registration will be available starting April 1 on Bedminster Township's website, <http://www.bedminster.us/>.

"Getting children involved with nature is essential for their well-being. It also teaches them how to be responsible citizens when it comes to protecting our previous resources," said Lauren Theis, RHA's director of stewardship and education.

To register or for more information, visit <http://www.raritanheadwaters.org/nature-day-camp/>.

For information about scholarships and extended hours, contact Lauren Theis at ltheis@raritanheadwaters.org or call (908) 234-1852, ext. 3314.

About Raritan Headwaters Association

The largest watershed organization in New Jersey, Raritan Headwaters Association has been working since 1959 to protect, preserve and improve water quality and other natural resources of the Raritan River headwaters region through efforts in science, education, advocacy, land preservation and stewardship. RHA's 470-square-mile region provides clean drinking water to 400,000 residents of 39 municipalities in Somerset, Hunterdon and Morris counties and beyond to some 1.5 million homes and businesses in New Jersey's densely populated urban areas. RHA has achieved statewide impact and is a proud recipient of the 2015 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award. To learn more about the Raritan Headwaters Association, please visit www.raritanheadwaters.org or call (908) 234-1852.

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