

Growing Greener Children

Riverbend Environmental Education Center is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization with a purpose to deliver environmental education programs to children that increase their appreciation and knowledge of the natural world, thus fostering a joy of science learning and environmental stewardship.

Since 1974, Riverbend has been creating a deep, genuine connection between children and nature. The heart of our operations is the Snider Barn, a 1923 Sears & Roebuck catalogue barn that houses our teaching facilities, live animal collection and office space. Currently, we serve more than 11,500 children annually through our myriad of diverse program offerings.

Program Offerings Include:

- **Schools:** Educational field trips, off-site visits to schools, after-school nature clubs
- **Scouts:** Badge requirements, campfires, night hikes and overnights
- **Camp:** Summer exploration camp and year-round camp on school holidays
- **Nature Clubs**
- **Birthday Parties**
- **Family Programs:** Bi-monthly weekend programs year round, including summer campouts



Our Mission, Vision & Values

Mission: Riverbend Environmental Education Center teaches environmental principles to children in Southeastern Pennsylvania through a direct connection with nature, inspiring respect for our natural world and action as aware, responsible and caring citizens.

Vision: Riverbend Environmental Education Center will be recognized as the model environmental learning resource for children in Southeastern Pennsylvania known for our superior educational programs and as a unique and significant destination.

Values:

- Excellence in environmental education for all children.
- Connecting children to nature is a vital component for their well being.
- Being good stewards of the environment and the land we own.
- Collaboration and partnerships with other organizations to fulfill our purpose.
- Responsible governance and management to ensure a stable financial foundation.
- Fun – our work is recreational, creative, and educational.



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Membership



Join Us!



Membership Benefits

All Members

- Free access to our trails, ponds, gardens, and 30-acre site 365 days/year from dawn to dusk
- Free parking for all events
- Members-only e-happenings newsletter
- Members-only volunteer day of service
- Exclusive and reciprocal membership at more than 165 nature centers around the country through ANCA (www.natctr.org). Nearby centers include: Great Valley Nature Center, Briar Bush Nature Center, Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, Delaware Nature Society, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Pocono Environmental Education Center, and Silver Lake Nature Center

Valuable Discounts (for certain membership levels)

Riverbend Programs:

- Free admission to Summer Solstice Event
- Free admission to Shiverfest Event
- Birthday Party - \$25 discount
- Nature Club - 10% discount
- Year-Round Camp - \$5/day discount
- Family Campout - 20% discount
- Barn rental - 10% discount
- Summer Exploration Camp - 10% discount in June and August; 20% discount in July
- Free admission to two Family Programs

Local Businesses and Organizations:

- Elmwood Park Zoo - 50% discount on admission
- Exclusive membership in the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions program (AHS - www.ahs.org), providing you free admission and discounts at more than 200 of the nation's gardens and arboreta. Nearby organizations include: Camden's Children's Garden, Morris Arboretum, and Tyler Arboretum.
- Red Bud Nursery - 5% off plants
- Wild Bird Center - 10% discount

Membership Levels

Basic Family/Individual

\$50

All members benefits plus:

- **Free admission** to Summer Solstice Event

Family/Individual Plus

\$100

All "Basic Family/Individual" benefits plus:

- **Free admission** for one child to Shiverfest
- **Exclusive Riverbend program discounts:** Birthday Party, Nature Club, Year-Round Camp, Family Campout
- **Retail partner discounts:** Red Bud Nursery, Wild Bird Center
- **Organizational partner discount:** Elmwood Park Zoo

Complimentary: Riverbend waterbottle (BPA-free, made from 100% recycled post-consumer materials)

Birdwatcher

\$250

All "Family/Individual" benefits plus:

- **Free admission** for two children to Shiverfest
- **Membership** in the American Horticultural Society Reciprocal Admission Program (AHS - www.ahs.org)
- **Barn rental discount**
- **Free admission to two Family Programs**

Complimentary: Riverbend eco-friendly reusable tote bag

Nature Lover

\$500

All "Birdwatcher" benefits plus:

- **Free admission** for family to Shiverfest
- **Summer Exploration Camp discount**

Complimentary: Riverbend fleece jacket

Membership is tax-deductible.

Yes, I would like to join!

☐ Miss ☐ Ms. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Mr. ☐ Dr. ☐ Other

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST ____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Basic Family/Individual ☐ \$50

Family/Individual Plus ☐ \$100

Birdwatcher ☐ \$250

Nature Lover ☐ \$500

Number of children in your household:

12 years and under _____ 13-18 years _____

I would like give a gift membership to:

☐ Miss ☐ Ms. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Mr. ☐ Dr. ☐ Other

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST ____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Gift card message: _____

Payment

My membership level \$ _____

Gift membership level \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____

☐ Check (made payable to Riverbend)

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

Name on card _____

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Visit www.riverbendeeec.org to join electronically!

Riverbend is a key local resource for nature education and recreation for you, your children, and the children in your community. Working together, we strengthen our common interests and goals, and we gain access to a broader constituency. Riverbend offers easy access to an authentic and unpretentious nature experience.