

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 10,000 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 Camp & Year Round Camp on School Holidays
- **Nature Clubs**
- **Birthday Parties**
- **Family Programs:** Bi-monthly weekend programs year round, including summer campouts



— OUR 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 Statement

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 partnership 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 entire 30-acre site 365 days a year from dawn to dusk
- Free parking for all events
- Members only e-happenings newsletter
- Members only volunteer day of service
- Exclusive 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

LOCAL BUSINESS 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 Children's Garden, Morris Arboretum, and Tyler Arboretum.
- Red Bud Nursery – 5% off plants
- Wild Bird Center – 10% discount

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

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 & Shiverfest Activities Book for Kids
 - Exclusive Riverbend program discounts: Birthday Party, Nature Club, Year Round Camp, Family Camp Out
 - 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 Admissions Program (AHS) (www.ahs.org)
 - Barn rental discount
- 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 _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

(home) (work/mobile)

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 to give a gift membership to:

Miss Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr. Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

(home) (work/mobile)

Email _____

Gift card message

Payment

My membership level \$ _____

Gift membership level \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Check (made payable to Riverbend Environmental Education Center)

Visa Master Card AE Discover

Name (as it appears on card) _____

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

You may also join on our website:
www.riverbendec.org/joingive/membership