



About College Settlement

- College Settlement of Philadelphia was founded in 1889 to provide social, cultural and educational programs for the immigrants of South Philadelphia; the Agency operated a Settlement House in Philadelphia at Fourth and Christian Streets.
- College Settlement Camp was founded in 1922 by Anna Freeman Davies and has been providing camping services for people from the Greater Philadelphia Area since that time. Today, we offer 5-day and 12-day Overnight Camp programs (ages 8 – 12), Teen Adventure programs (ages 13 and 14), Day Camp programs (ages 7 – 12), and a Counselor-in-Training Program (ages 15 – 17).



College Settlement Outdoor School Program



Bring your students to us for a day of learning how to cooperate, communicate, and think outside the box.

Team-building

Our team challenges are designed to foster inclusion, and our program can be customized to meet your school's specific needs.

Environmental Activities

Combine team-building activities with hands-on science lessons for an AMAZING day of learning.



Our beautiful 234-acre property, located in Horsham Township, PA, has team challenge courses, pavilions, two large multi-purpose buildings, cabins, meadows, forests and wetlands. We offer a wide variety of programs and activities; we also have a number of overnight programs, plus weekend facility rental available for youth and adult groups, with and without programming.

Contact us for more information!



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Day Trip Programs

Fostering personal growth through unique outdoor experiences.

Our Spring and Fall Outdoor School Program was started in 1973. We run programs for over 35 elementary, middle and high schools, and also have programs for boy and girl scouts, sports teams, and adult and youth groups.

Group Challenge Course

We focus on effective communication, problem solving, and creative thinking rather than on physical ability. Team members use their grit and emotional intelligence to collaboratively solve each challenge. Using the Challenge by Choice philosophy, students can choose their level of participation. Typically, groups spend two hours out on the challenge field. Whether it is anti-bullying activities, stereotype-busting programs, large group non-competitive games, or unique team challenges, we can design a program to bring your students an educational, fun and valuable experience in a beautiful, ever-changing natural environment.

Low Ropes Course

The Low Ropes Course is an excellent follow-up to the Group Challenge Course. These activities require more careful supervision and more cooperation between the students. Outdoor School staff will cover low ropes supervision with the school teachers in a short training session.



Lessons

With 234 acres of beautiful meadows and forests and a dedicated, diverse staff, we can work with you to design a program around your school's needs. We can cover sustainable agriculture, wetland, forest and aquatic ecology, conservation, farm animals, animal tracks, even archaeology — you name it! Our lessons are hands-on, multilevel, and outdoors. It's a great way to bring alive the science learned in the classroom.

We believe students should leave our Outdoor School Program as part of a cohesive team, and with a greater awareness of the wonderful natural environment right in their own back yard.



Basic Day-Trip Schedule

used by most groups:

- 9:00 – 9:30 Arrival and Ice Breakers
- 10:00 – 12:15 Group Challenges
- 12:15 – 1:00 Picnic Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:30 Low Ropes or Lessons
- 2:30 – 2:45 Debrief and Wrap Up

Schools can opt to customize this schedule in any way to fit their arrival and departure limitations, and to adapt in inclement weather. Speaking of which, we have pavilions and a large multi-purpose building for use during inclement weather.

Water coolers are provided on warmer days. Meals can be arranged if needed. Our staff to student ratio is typically 1 staff member for every 15 students.