

TWEEN NATURE TREK (TNT) CAMP

AGES 9-12

NATURAL WORLD CONNECTIONS!

Monday- Forest Day- Human & Ecosystem

To introduce the theme of the week, we will begin with the ecosystem; learning about the connections between the parts of the system and ourselves! As we enter the forest and observe the trees, birds, and squirrels all living in one area, we will see ecosystems in action.

Ecosystem: a biological community of interacting organisms and their physical environment.

Tuesday- Beach Day- Human & Abiotic

We are so used to dealing with everyday biotic relationships that today we are going to switch it up and learn about the physical aspects of the beach ecosystem. The nonliving parts of the ecosystem are not often thought about but without them, or changes to them, what would our world look like?

Abiotic: physical rather than biological; not derived from living organisms.

Wednesday- Meadow Day- Human & Plant

All around us are plants but especially in the meadow! Today, we'll explore and identify plants in the meadow and what we can do to help them thrive. Pollinators in the meadow are an important part of the connectedness between humans and nature and can help us thrive as well.

Thursday- Pond Day- Human & Animal

The pond is full of micro and macro invertebrates, that we may or may not know about, sustaining so much life in this ecosystem. We will explore the relationships between the animals and how humans come into play by running scientific tests at the ponds.

Friday- Festival Day- Human & World

To wrap up the week and bring all four of these ideas together, we will take a big step back and look at the world around us and how it is all connected. We will also be celebrating the final day at camp during festival!