

About our Educators

Kathy Chesney is the WRLF Educator and Program Coordinator. Kathy, an environmental educator and science enrichment specialist, has extensive experience in outdoor education with numerous area schools, preschools, child care and other organizations.

Leslie Reed-Evans is the Executive Director of the WRLF and a naturalist with a special interest in birds and plants. Leslie leads preschool nature classes and other programs throughout the year for WRLF, The Trustees of Reservations, the Hoosic River Watershed Association, and others.

Arthur Evans is an outdoor enthusiast with a respect and love for the outdoors. He has spent his lifetime mastering the use and care of hand tools like those used in the construction of early homes and barns. Art has extensive experience in woods lore, using hand tools and traditional building techniques.

WRLF at Sheep Hill
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What parents are saying about the WRLF's summer programs:

"Sheep Hill is an ideal place for a summer exploration: its child-friendly scale, frog-filled pond, nature-loving instructors and hands-on approach to many varied projects, from art to science, appeals to all kids. Highlights for my children were the butter churning and the building of stick houses in a 'wild and faraway hill part!'"
CH, Williamstown

"It's so nice to have programs that celebrate wonderful things to do in nature and let the kids do some outdoor play and exploration. It is really lacking in our world, and I value that you provide a safe, friendly and fun place to learn and enjoy!"
WP, Vermont

"I have three children who attended Sheep Hill summer programs -- and they still build fairy houses from stones and leaves, take great delight in catching frogs and listening to birds, and know more about the local flora than I do."

AR, Williamstown

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SUMMER CHILDRENS' PROGRAMS AT SHEEP HILL

Sheep Hill, a conservation property and the headquarters of the Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation, is the perfect place for your child to experience, explore, and connect to the natural world. This child-friendly conservation property offers room to roam, and indoor facilities for getting out of the weather.

WRLF's summer programs are designed to excite and inspire children, while teaching them to understand and respect nature and creatively express its wildness.



Summer programs at a glance

June 29th - July 2nd (4 days)
Parent and preschooler nature exploration
10 – 11:30 AM daily

July 6th - 10th
Habitat Exploration for 5-7 year olds
9 AM – 1 PM daily

July 13th - July 17th
Discover and Create for 6-8 year olds
9 AM – 1 PM daily

August 3rd - August 5th
Making a traditional primitive bow for 8-11 year olds
9 AM - 4 PM daily

Beginning Saturday July 11th
Drop-in family nature programs at Sheep Hill from 9 until noon



Summer program information

Monday June 29 – Thursday July 2
Parent and Preschooler Nature Exploration with Kathy Chesney, Leslie Reed-Evans and staff
Gentle nature exploration at Sheep Hill will include discovery walks, outdoor play, craft activities and stories to engage children in nature.

Hours: 10-11:30 AM each day
Cost: \$40 per child, \$30 WRLF members. One parent per 2 children, pre-registration required (Single session cost: \$12)



Monday July 6 – Friday July 10
Habitat Exploration for 5-7 year olds * with Kathy Chesney
Each day will introduce a nature topic featuring the pond, meadow, stream and woodlands, and their swimming, walking, hopping, and flying inhabitants. Outdoor games, nature crafts, and cooking will be a part of the program.

Hours: 9-1 daily
Cost: \$180 per child; \$140 WRLF members

Monday July 13 – Friday July 17
Discover and Create for 6-8 year olds * with Kathy Chesney
Using a variety of materials from nature, such as clay dug from the stream, we will work on craft projects that are both functional and imaginative. Baking, cooking, exploring Sheep Hill's different habitats, playing games, and reading stories will all be part of the adventure!

Hours: 9-1 daily
Cost: \$180 per child; \$140 WRLF members

Monday Aug. 4 – Wednesday Aug. 6
Making a traditional primitive bow for 8-11 year olds* with Art Evans
In this year's workshop we will build an eastern woodland Indian traditional bow and learn more about Native American culture.

Hours: 9-4 daily
Cost: \$125 per child; \$110 WRLF members includes materials. Limit 10 participants

**Age ranges are flexible – please contact us if you are considering enrolling a child outside the age ranges given* Ask us about multi-program and multi-child discounts. Program support provided in part by MountainOne.*

Not a member? Consider a \$40 annual membership and save on all programs and events during the year, and support the WRLF's education and conservation efforts!