The **Outdoor Teen Adventure Club** is a low-cost, youth-led club for 6th-12th graders who want to spend their time in an enjoyable and meaningful way.

In a safe space supported by our facilitators, teens will have opportunities for activity planning, outdoor adventure, creativity, relationship building, and leadership.

Teens will leave this club having developed leadership, communication, goal-setting, teamwork skills, confidence, positive relationships, a connection with nature, and more.

**End of Summer Celebration!**
(1pm to 5pm)

Join us Saturday August 27th for our first annual Cardboard Boat Regatta!

**Saturday Sessions:**
(1pm to 5pm)

- September 10th
- September 17th
- September 24th
- October 1st
- October 8th

- October 15th
- October 22nd
- October 29th
- November 5th
- November 12th

**Overnight Options:**
(Sat 1pm to Sun 12pm)

- August 27th to 28th
- October 8th to 9th

Register at https://bit.ly/3yUy2ei
The goals of Outdoor Teen Adventure Club were designed with the intention that teens can truly Heal, Grow, and Be Wild at this unique and pivotal stage in their lives.

**Heal**
- Facilitators actively promote a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all teens
- The club will foster positive relationship building among teens
- Program is designed to capture the healing power of both nature and adventure

**Grow**
- Designed for practicing leadership, teamwork, communication, and reflection
- Activities intended to foster personal growth
- Teens are encouraged to challenge themselves and venture outside of their comfort zone

**Be Wild**
- Outdoor Teen Adventure Club is a place for teens to bring their whole self
- Creativity, friendship, and play are practiced and encouraged
- Majority of time spent outdoors connecting to nature

**Costs:**
- $5 per session
- $40 per overnight

**Questions?**
Contact us at ashleyd@howellnaturecenter.org
**Saturday Schedule:**

Every Saturday, September 10th through November 12th

- 11:30 - 12:00pm Arrival (Leadership Committee)
- 12:00 - 1:00pm Arrival (General Club Members)
- 1:00 - 5:00pm Club Meeting
- 5:00 - 5:30pm Departure (All Teens)

**Weekly Agendas:**

In our weekly Saturday sessions, teens have the opportunity to truly embrace the ideals of Heal, Grow, and Be Wild. Rather than putting together a set agenda for teens to follow each week, the program leaders guide teens through a collaborative planning process. Our season starts with a Beach Party on September 10th and ends with a Banquet Celebration on November 12th. What happens in between is up to the teens!

In the past, our Saturdays have been filled with adventures like performing an Egg Drop off our 60-foot climbing tower, traversing through our high ropes course or down our ziplines, practicing our bushcraft skills by roasting bagels over survival fires, and battling it out in an intense match of Kayak Dodgeball.

Through this less structured format, teens have the opportunity to embrace their wild side and practice positive risk-taking. At the same time, the program leaders help them create a safe community that allows all voices to be heard and each teen to let their favorite self shine through. This environment fosters growth by encouraging teens to take ownership of their experiences. Last but certainly not least, this unique space allows our young people to heal through a supportive social connections, and through being in nature.

*Financial Assistance is Available*

Camp should be accessible to everyone, and we are striving to eliminate barriers to entry. If the financial cost is preventing your teen from joining one of our retreats, you may be eligible for a sponsorship. Please complete an online application, including the financial aid form. You will be notified within 1–2 weeks if you have been awarded a sponsorship.

If your teen is facing additional barriers to attending, please reach out to discuss how we may be able to support their participation beyond financial aid.

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Fall 2022
Additional Opportunities

End of Summer Celebration
Join us August 27th for our First Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta!

In this special session, teens will be challenged to create a boat using only cardboard and duct tape, then sail it across Pleasant Lake. This is a great chance for returning teens to get reacquainted and excited about the upcoming semester, as well as for new teens to build new connections and learn more about the program.

Teen Leadership Committee
Weekly 12pm to 1pm

The Teen Leadership Committee is intended for returning teens who would like an active role in the planning process. They meet with the program leaders weekly to discuss weekly activities, retreats, and fundraising. This is a great opportunity for teens to develop critical thinking, leadership, and communication skills!

Overnight Options
August 27th-28th and October 8th-9th

Twice throughout the semester, teens will have the option of staying overnight after the session! We'll tent camp at the nature center, cook dinner over the fire, and relax with evening hikes and campfires. Tents, meals, and overnight supervision all provided.

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$40 per overnight with financial assistance available