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LITTLE SPROUTS

Entering Grades K+1st

July 13th-17th	August 3rd-7th
9am to 12pm	9am to 12pm
\$180	\$180

NATURE EXPLORERS

Entering Grades 2nd-5th

June 29th-July 3rd	July 20th-24th	August 10th-14th
9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm
\$340	\$340	\$340

WILDERNESS ADVENTURERS

Entering Grades 6th-8th

July 6th - 10th	August 17th - 21st
9am to 3pm	9am to 3pm
\$340	\$340



**Registration opens
March 3rd @ 10am**

Members get 10% off
one week of camp!

Extended care
opportunities are available!

For more information, visit
reinsteinwoods.org/camp
or scan the QR code!



Welcome Environmental Education Interns, Tyler and Reenie!

Can you believe that we have the pleasure of working with over 100 interns in the past 19 years? We are absolutely thrilled to be increasing that number by two more! Next time you are at Reinstein Woods, you may find them on the trails or being followed by a line of campers in the summer. Check out their bios below!

"Most of my happiest childhood memories are from being outside, so when I figured out that I could make a career of that, I jumped on it! Following my love of plants and desire to protect the environment, I graduated from Brandeis University with majors in biology and environmental studies. I am passionate about making the outdoors accessible to everyone, regardless of age, disability, previous experience, or any other factors that may make nature feel intimidating. Come talk to me about birds, plants, mushrooms, or your favorite part of nature, and we'll learn together!" - Tyler.



Tyler at Reinstein Woods

"My passions include nature walks, aquatic ecology, insects, and amphibians. After work, you'll either find me yapping about our regional flora and fauna or getting skunked in Eighteenmile or Cayuga Creek trying to catch and release some sort of salmonid. At SUNY ESF, where I received my B.S. in Environmental Biology, these passions were strengthened and my love for sharing my experience with my community blossomed. I love to turn a 15-minute loop trail into an entire "lesson" on ecology, invasive species, and if we're lucky, identification. Working as a field technician, a research technician, and a camp counselor has given me a deep understanding of how diverse this field is, and how much I aim to make it as accessible as possible to all through education.



Reenie holding a new friend

To me, environmental education has never felt like a job, but more of a goal. As an environmental education intern, my goal is to plant the nature-lover seed into as many people of all ages, so that whatever flowers from it, will continue our crucial role of conservation and stewardship of the land we live." - Reenie.

Save the Date: ILMP Day on Saturday, May 2

This year, Reinstein Woods is partnering up with Parks & Trails New York and thousands of other volunteers across New York State for I Love My Park Day. This magnificent event is dedicated to volunteers coming together to help improve and steward our public lands. This is New York's largest single-day volunteer day!

Join us and volunteer at Reinstein Woods, where we will plant native plants, clean up our trails, and remove invasive species. Help us steward the natural beauty of Reinstein Woods by enhancing our trails in preparation for peak visitation season. This is a great way to get out and do good while meeting other amazing like-minded people.

Last year, one project was building the compost bins by Scouting America Eagle Scout candidate Liam Sokolik. Liam and his family have been volunteering for years, and we are so thankful for their dedication! Check out the compost bins located just outside the Education Center.



Demolishing the old compost bin



New and improved compost bin

Bring Your Little Ones To Reinstein Woods on April 11

This will be the first time Reinstein Woods is participating in the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Week of the Young Child. We will be offering two kid-friendly public programs on Saturday, April 11, 2026. To register for either event, please call (716) 683-5959.

Birding for Kids at 10:00 AM

Learn tips and tricks for spotting birds in the woods and try out binoculars on a guided walk.

Stories in the Woods at 2:00 PM

Celebrate the Week of the Young Child by hearing a nature story, followed by a guided walk in the woods. For children ages 3-7.



Visitors on a public program

Friends of Reinstein Woods Coffee & Crafts Saturday, March 7 at 2 PM

Join other members of the Friends of Reinstein Woods for an afternoon of coffee and crafts. We will decorate some plant pots while we sip Birds & Beans coffee and chat about the warmer weather and growing season to come.

To RSVP or if you have any questions, please email Joann Flores at joann@reinsteinwoods.org or call the Education Center at (716) 683-5959.

Not a member yet? Join at reinsteinwoods.org/join

See our spring public programs by visiting reinsteinwoods.org/events or scan this QR code.

Call 716-683-5959 to request a paper version of the program schedule.

