

Our Mission

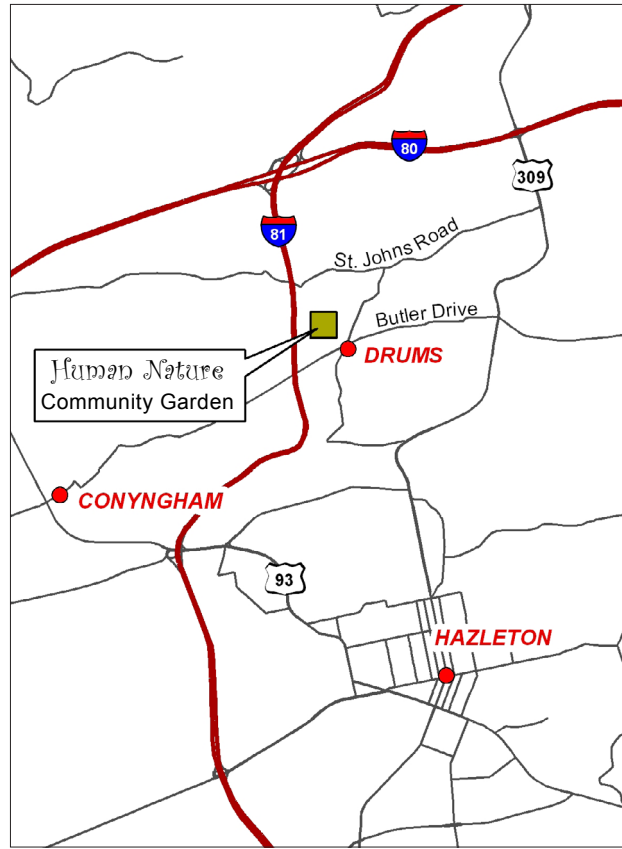
Founded in 2008, the Center for Landscape Design & Stewardship is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to teaching others how to create more livable, meaningful, sustainable, and healthy environments. Through partnerships with municipalities, academic institutions, local businesses, and other organizations, the CLDS is working to provide both adult and youth education programs in organic gardening and landscape design; demonstration gardens for inspiration and horticultural study; outreach programs to encourage the development of sustainable outdoor environments throughout our community; and increase awareness and appreciation of our collective landscape heritage.



Log-on to the CLDS website today to download a camp registration form, or to become a member of our organization.

www.DigCLDS.org

Memberships make great gifts!



Location

The Human Nature Community Garden is located in Freedom Park, 415 W. Butler Drive in Drums, Pennsylvania (approximately 2 miles west of Route 309). The garden is operated and managed in partnership with Butler Township.



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About the Camp

The CLDS Garden Discovery Camp is a one week summer day camp for kids entering grades 4 to 7, which is designed to encourage hands-on study, science exploration, socialization, and outdoor recreation within a safe and beautiful garden setting.



Activities will take place within the Butler Township Human Nature Community Garden in Drums, where the kids will plan, prepare, plant, and maintain their own garden plot, learn about bees, birds, butterflies, and worms, visit a nearby organic farm, and get a chance to eat fresh veggies grown in the garden.

The summer camp curriculum will integrate educational materials and programs provided by the Penn State Cooperative Extension 4H Program, as well as other environmental curricula developed by the National Gardening Association.

About the Instructors

The Camp Coordinator will be Mary-Lee Hood, a certified Master Gardener with the Luzerne County Cooperative Extension. Mary-Lee and other Master Gardeners, naturalists, and experts in their field will help the kids plant and maintain their gardens, and explore the special topics of the day.

Camp Sessions

There are four sessions to choose from (subject to enrollment). Each session will run Monday thru Friday mornings from 9AM to 12 PM.

Session One: June 13 – 17

Session Two: June 20 – 24

Session Three: July 25-29

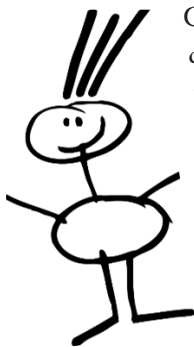
Session Four: Aug 1-5

Cost



Cost per child is \$30/session (a discounted fee of \$25/session applies to CLDS Members and Butler Township Residents).

Registration



Camp registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications will be accepted until a session is filled (maximum enrollment of 15). Registration forms are available for download on the CLDS website at www.DigCLDS.org, or by contacting Krista Schneider at 570-578-5903 or kschneider@DigCLDS.org.

Children who would also like to enroll in the Butler Township Park Recreation Program may do so by contacting the Township directly at 570-788-3547.

A Typical Day

A typical day at the garden will involve a fast-paced schedule of activities designed to keep kids interested, active, and engaged with nature. On any given day, activities may include:

- Planting seeds
- Taking a nature hike
- Building a pole bean tipi
- Transplanting seedlings
- Yoga in the garden
- Learning about butterflies
- Digging for worms
- Watching a cooking demonstration
- Maintaining a journal
- Staking plants
- Arts & crafts
- Making a scarecrow
- Searching for good and bad garden bugs
- Taste-testing veggies grown in the garden
- Weeding and watering garden beds
- Playing games
- Having fun while learning.....



What to Bring

Kids should dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes or sneakers, and expect to be outside during the entire time. Campers should also expect to get dirty, and a change of clothes is recommended. Every camper should pack a water bottle, sunscreen, and hat. A free lunch will be provided through the Township's summer recreation program.

