

Write, Draw, Explore! Nature Journaling Camp

An IU13 Summer Enrichment Experience

Who can attend?	Students entering Grades 4 through 7 in Fall 2026
Date:	Thursday, June 11, 2026
Time:	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tuition:	\$55/student
Outdoor Location:	Lancaster County Central Park, Environmental Center, One Nature's Way, Lancaster, PA
Registration Deadline:	June 4, 2026
Camper Limit:	25



Step outside, slow down, and discover how nature can inspire creativity. This one-day **Nature Journaling Camp** invites students in grades 4–7 to spend the day at **Lancaster County Park** exploring the outdoors while learning how to observe, reflect, and record the world around them. Led by **Karen Waltemyer**, students will learn how careful observation helps us better understand our environment. Campers will explore ways to deepen their journaling experience—no matter the subject—by combining **creative writing and artistic expression**.

No prior experience or special “talent” is needed. Nature itself becomes the guide, encouraging creativity and curiosity in every student. Participants will see that there is no single right way to journal—nature can be captured in countless ways, all based on personal perspective.

Throughout the day, students will:

- Practice observation and reflection skills
- Use writing and art to record their experiences
- Journal while hiking and spending time in the stream
- Learn techniques they can continue using long after camp ends

Come ready to explore, create, and see nature in a whole new way!

What to Bring/Wear:

- Backpack/drawstring bag with lunch, snack, and drink; filled water bottle. Insect repellent, hat, and sunscreen are recommended.
- Dress for outdoor exploration, including the creek. Water shoes or old sneakers will be required in the creek.
- Signed Lancaster County Dept of Recreation Waiver & Release of Liability form – Download [HERE](#)

[Click here to register!](#)

Questions?

Visit [IU13](#), email enrichment@iu13.org, or call IU13 Gifted Education and Enrichment Services: 717-947-1182. NOTICE: IU13 reserves the right to cancel this experience if there is inadequate enrollment. A full refund will be given.

IU13 makes learning fun through its summer enrichment experiences. Each experience is an enrichment opportunity that requires teamwork, flexibility, and social interaction. Parents **LOVE** that their children meet new friends, enjoy hands-on learning, and have a great time! [For more information, go to **www.iu13.org** and search Summer Enrichment Experiences.](#)

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