

ZIMMER CLUB YOUTH CONSERVATION PROGRAM of Staten Island, Inc.



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2025 Winter Program

The Zimmer Club Youth Program uses the great outdoors as a classroom to teach youngsters about outdoor activities, conservation, and embracing nature. Our program blends learning with recreation in the belief that this approach heightens everyone's awareness of the environment and beauty of the outdoors.

ALL SATURDAY CLASSES ARE FREE – AGE RESTRICTIONS APPLY

(Classes are for ages 5 to 17 as indicated. For classes that are for children under 8, a parent or guardian must be present)

REGISTER ON WEBSITE - CLASSES START AT 9:00AM THE ZIMMER CLUB

Week	Class Date	Ages	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
1	Jan 25 th	5-17	Registration/Orientation and Pancake Breakfast <i>NYFD Home Safety Unit and Internet Safety and Cyberbullying</i>	ZCYSI - Anthony Gulemmo, Mark Yuknek, NYFD Safety Unit, and NYS Assemblyman Michael Reilly
2	Feb 1 st	7-17	Education – Science and Astronomy – Celestial Exploration and Life on Mars – <i>understanding planetary exploration and learn about extra-terrestrial life and the planet Mars</i>	Professor Harold Kozak (ret), JPL-NASA
3	Feb 8 th	8-17	Outdoor Sports - Introduction to Scuba Diving & Marine Life - <i>learn about scuba diving, snorkeling and underwater exploration</i>	Staten Island Sports Divers - Joe Schiavone
4	Feb 15 th	5-17	Community Awareness - Meet our SI Elected Officials and SI Law Enforcement Officers from different Departments. They will demonstrate their animals and special enforcement equipment.	City, State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies plus our Elected Officials
5	Feb 22 nd	8-17	Survival Skills - Emergency First Aid - <i>What to do before help arrives? With special presentation by the Drug Awareness Unit – Richmond County DA's Office</i>	Joe Chiusano and Freehold EMT Trainers – Staten Island DA Mike McMahon's Office
6	Mar 1 st	8-17	Education – Robotics - A High School team discusses building and competing with demonstrations and interactive experience	St Joseph by the Sea HS Robotics Team
7	Mar 8 th	5-17	Outdoor Sports & the Environment - Birds of Prey - Falconry – Hunting with Red Tail Hawk & Nature Photography using a cell phone	Falconers - Paul Scara and Team
8	Mar 15 th	8-17	Outdoor Sports - Eddie Eagle Safety Program & Laser Target (Ages 5-9) Marksmanship (Ages 10-17) with Firearm Range & Handling Safety Introduction at Colonial Rifle Range	Retired NYPD John Donohue, Vin Montagna, Colonial Rifle Range Instructors
9	Mar 22 nd	8-17	Outdoor Sports – All About Archery – Learn the parts of a bow & arrow, range procedures, and marksmanship plus intro to archery competition	SI Archery Edge and ZCYSI Volunteer Instructors
10	Mar 29 th	5-17	Education– Staten Island Zoo Visit & Nature Photography Awards Ceremony - Student Luncheon & Awards Ceremony	SI Zoo Mobile Unit, John Ares & the ZCYSI Instructors

Note: Classes have age and/or attendance requirement for participation. Snacks may be distributed on a class by classbasis. At the conclusion of each class session, a knowledge assessment test will be administered. At the end of the program, prizes and awards will be given out based on overall points: (a)Test Scores (b)Class attendance (c)Class participation and (d) Marksmanship. Point accumulation exceptions: If student attended a certification class having an age requirement, their points score will reflect their prior attendance.Dates & Times for Hunter Safety Class (HSC) and Boating Safety Course will be announced and posted on the website.

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