

# Chester County Adult Camps

They're not like any camp you may have attended in your younger years, and the variety and subject matter is infinitely more interesting. Chester County, Pennsylvania, is building on its previous adult experience "camps" to offer four weekends of specific-interest fun during 2010.

The weekends cover wine, culinary, beer and wine, and ghosts and you choose the level of accommodations from Bed and Breakfast inns to boutique hotels like the Mendenhall Inn. No hammocks or bunk beds or eating in mess halls. Instead, you take full advantage of the vineyards, restaurants, shops, and haunted places in the Brandywine Valley.

"People look at it as a behind the scenes type of thing," says Nina Kelly, who promotes Chester County. "Here you meet the vineyard owner, talk with the chef or shop owner one on one."

Each weekend begins with Friday evening events and concludes on Sunday and puts you in touch with local experts in the nearby historic corner of Pennsylvania that includes towns like West Chester, Kennett Square, and Phoenixville.

## Wine Camp

The Wine Camp, June 11-13, includes a Friday winemaking tour, picnic dinner, and concert under the stars at Chaddsford Winery. The remainder of the weekend includes vineyard tours, wine-

food pairing meals, and learning about The Crush, where grape juice begins its transformation into wine.

## Culinary Camp

The Culinary Camp, July 16-18, recognizes the relationship between food and wine, beginning with a similar Friday event at Chaddsford Winery. Saturday, you visit different restaurants and shops to learn more about mushrooms, cheese, gluten-free options, crab cakes, olives, and chocolate! On Sunday, you see

a glassblowing demonstration and enjoy a three-course brunch at Simon Pearce on the Brandywine.

## Barley and Vine Camp

For the Barley and Vine Camp, Aug. 20-22, the Friday night venue moves to beautiful Longwood Gardens for a wine-pairing dinner and spectacular illuminated fountain show. On Saturday, you walk through vineyards, meet brewers, and enjoy a cooking with beer and wine dinner experience.

## Ghost Camp

As the days grow shorter, Chester County offers up a Ghost Camp, Oct. 15-17, beginning with a Friday evening wine tasting and walking ghost tour of West Chester. The haunted theme continues on Saturday with a ghost tour of Phoenixville, lunch with a ghost book author, a visit to Longwood Gardens, and a ghost tour of a Colonial Pennsylvania plantation.

"They're all great experiences," Kelly says. "You visit Pennsylvania's largest winery, Chaddsford, and Main Street shops such as E'CLAT, presided over by a Belgian-trained chocolatier."

Packages for each of the camps start at \$395 per person, double occupancy, and prices are based on your selected accommodations. For reservations, visit [www.brandywinevalley.com](http://www.brandywinevalley.com).

**By Jane and Marvin Bond**



Wine Camp participants enjoy an outdoor lunch at Paradox Vineyards.

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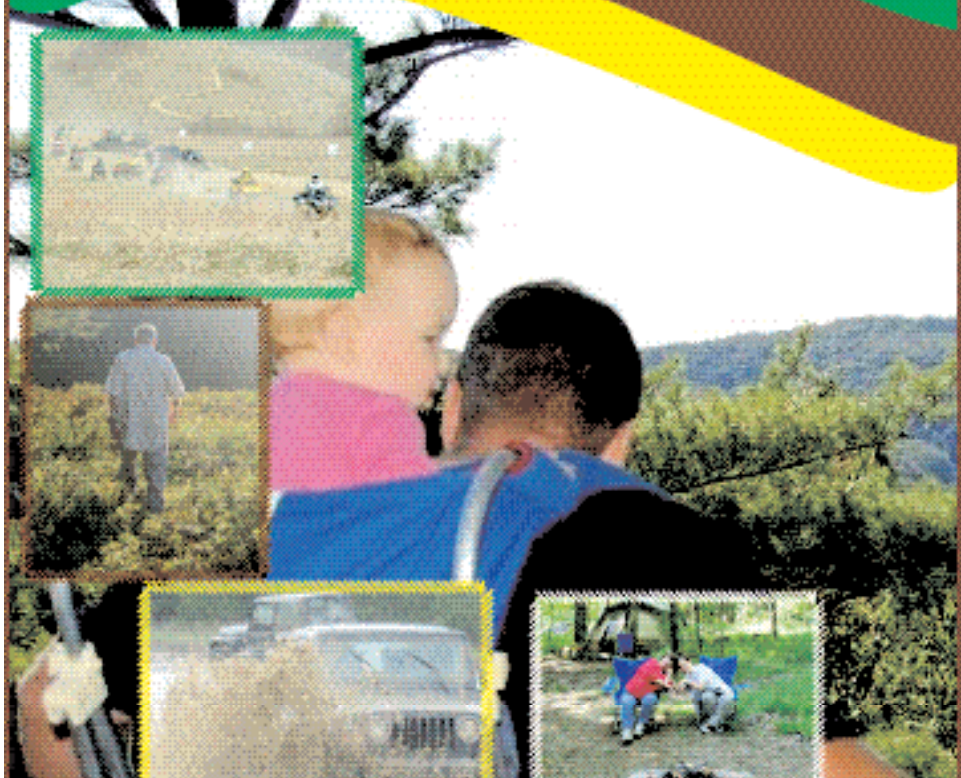
			
June 11-13 2010	July 16-18 2010	August 20-22 2010	October 15-17 2010

- Wine Camp: June 2010**  
Participants learn about the wine-making process and taste the fruits of our labor.
- Culinary Camp: July 2010**  
A delicious tour highlighting the region's No. 1 crop - mushrooms.
- Barley & Vine Camp: Aug 2010**  
Sample kegs and barrels out of the Brandywine Valley.
- Ghost Camp: October 2010**  
A spook-tacular weekend.

We've put a new twist on the "summer camp" concept. There are four fun-filled themed weekends available for couples and friends to enjoy. Learn more at: [BrandywineValley.com](http://BrandywineValley.com)



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