

How to be prepared for my camp week!

This is an example of the information that we send in the camp letter prior to your week of camp.

DROP-OFF and PICK-UP

1. Both the Half and Full Day camps begin at **9:30**. We have a carpool only drop off. **Drop-off begins at 9:15. Please do not park and walk your camper inside unless you have signed up for the early bird drop off.** Please do not park and walk your camper up to the boardwalk during carpool time. If you want to park and drop your camper off, please wait until 9:40 when most of the cars have made their way through the line.

We will have signs and greeters in the parking lot to make traffic flow as smoothly as possible. Needless to say, the first day is always a bit more congested as we coax reluctant youngsters out of their seats and collect paperwork...but it gets better as the week moves along.

If you are registered for our Early Bird option, we ask that you park and bring you child inside starting at **8:00- 9:10** to drop them off and sign-in.

2. For Half Day Camp, camp ends at 1:00. **We will have a carpool pick up for the half day only.** Please pull around our parking lot and wait at the board walk for us to walk your camper to your car. Please pull forward into the parking lot to adjust any car seat straps so we can keep the carpool line moving.

For Full Day camps, camp ends at 3:30. Please park and come to the front of the main building and you will sign your camper out and be directed where to pick up your child. **If you have registered and paid for our aftercare Adventure Club,** we ask that you park and come into the main building to sign out and pick up your child any time before **6:00pm**. We will be checking parents' ID's each day during camp dismissal. This policy will ensure the safety of your children and we will do everything we can to make sure that it does not slow down the check out procedure. As usual, you will be given a card with your child's name on it that should be given to their teacher to check out.

LUNCH and SNACKS

1. For Half Day Campers, please pack a Lunch, Snack and water bottle. For Full Day Campers, please send a lunch in a lunch box or coolie bag with ice packs if needed, a water bottle, and two snacks each day. We are teaching the kids about the R's (reduce, reuse, and recycle) so please keep this in mind when packing lunches and snacks.

2. Campers will be able to refill their water bottles throughout the day as it does get hot here. Make sure your child has a reusable water bottle with them. We will keep them hydrated!

Camp Allergies

Depending on the allergies in camp, you may be asked to refrain from packing certain food items for the safety of the campers.

GENERAL INFO

1. We do have sun and we do have mosquitoes! It is a nature camp after all. Please apply sunscreen and bug spray **PRIOR** to their arrival. You may send extra with your child and it can be reapplied during the day if needed, but we want to make sure that each camper comes to camp protected and ready to go. We will not apply bug spray without your permission. Please let us know if it is OK to reapply both bug spray and sunscreen.

2. No Electronics – this is nature! Our Junior Counselors even give up their cell phones for the day. No easy task for the teenagers!

3. Please label everything your child will be bringing to camp (clothes, towels, water bottles, etc.). Each group will have their own space to keep their things, but these are young kids and everything looks like it belongs to them!

4. Clothing – The most important reminder is about shoes. We **do not** allow flip-flops, crocs, or in general open-toed shoes. Sneakers are great for our daily activities and games, and a pair of water shoes or an old

pair of sneakers for creek play. We also recommend that you send a change of clothes in a plastic bag in case your child needs to change really dirty or wet clothes during the day. We can keep the "just in case" clothes here with us all week (label the bag please). Depending on weather and creek conditions, we will have a creek play days on **Wednesday**.

PAPERWORK

1. Please review the Nature Center's Behavior Policy with your child and **sign it and bring it with you on the first day**. You can download the behavior policy at the link below. Although we hope for and anticipate no problems, they do occasionally arise. We just simply want your child to know their basic responsibilities. <http://dunwoodynature.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/DNCBehaviorPolicy.pdf>

2. If your child has any specific allergies or particular medical/social needs that you did not disclose during the registration process, please let us know so that we may take any precautionary steps to ensure their safety and enjoyment. If there is anything else that we should be aware of to better serve your child during the week, please just let us know.

3. Finally, if anyone other than the parent/guardian listed on the registration will be picking up your child, please let us know. We will not release any child to someone who is not previously authorized to pick him or her up. Thank you for choosing the Dunwoody Nature Center. We look forward to a great week. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

We typically have creek day on Wednesday. Please send your camper with the following items

- water shoes that stay on well in the creek (no flip flops or crocs), old tennis shoes, keens, natives etc. work well
- change of clothes
- small towel
- everything marked with a name