Outdoor Education
Summer Day Camps
2018
Give your children the opportunity to connect with nature this summer. Children spend the day outdoors playing games, building forts, getting dirty, and having a blast!

Summer day camps for ages 4 - 12

Registration begins March 15 at 7 pm

How to register:

Online (Recommended): http://activenet.active.com/columbusrecparks
1. Create an account prior to registration day. If you already have an Activnet account, update your information. Do not create a duplicate account. If you need help accessing your account, please contact us.
2. Visit the Activenet homepage and log in
3. Search for your desired camp
4. Select your desired weeks of camp
5. Proceed to check out and complete information
6. Download the participant waiver form. Fill one out for each child. If prior to June 1st mail to Outdoor Education Summer Camp, 3200 Indian Village Rd., Columbus, OH 43221. If after June 1st bring your form with you on the first day of camp.

In Person*: If you are unable to register from home, you can register at any Columbus Recreation and Parks Community Center or McKnight Outdoor Education Center.

*In person registration does not guarantee registration in camp, space is limited.

For Questions Contact Us
614.645.3380
outdooreducation@columbus.gov
www.columbusrecparks.com
Financial Assistance
Payment Plans are available for all campers. Choose a payment plan when you register. One quarter of your camp fees must be paid at the time of registration. Remaining fees will be divided equally and your credit card will be charged automatically when payments are due. All payments are due prior to June 11th.

P.L.A.Y. Grants are available for children who qualify for TANF, Medicaid, Caresource, or Molina Health. Grants cover one session of camp per child. The maximum amount awarded is $85 per child. Grants must be approved before you register for camp. Requests for applications should be emailed to volunteers@columbus.gov. If you have questions please call 614.645.3325.

The Outdoor Education CRC Summer Camp Scholarship Contest is accepting entries through February 25, 2018. Up to 10 scholarships may be awarded (up to a $140 value). See website for more information.

Cancellations and Requests for Refunds
All refund requests must be submitted in writing. Email OutdoorEducation@columbus.gov with "camp cancellation" as the subject. Include your name, child's name, camp session to be canceled, and address. A refund check will be mailed to you from the City of Columbus. Please allow up to 8 weeks for processing. Processing fees are not refundable. Cancellations prior to June 1 will receive a full refund minus a $25.00 processing fee. Cancellations on or after June 1 but more than 10 business days before the start of your camp session will receive a 50% refund. Cancellations made less than 10 business days prior to the start of camp will not be refunded.

Resident vs. NonResident Camp Fees
Look up your address on the Franklin County Auditors website: www.franklincountyauditor.com. If Columbus is your tax district, you qualify for resident rates.

Age Policy
There are no exceptions to our age policies. Your child must be six years old by the first day of camp to attend Indian Village, Camp Terra, or Camp Walnut. Your child must be four years old by the first day of camp to attend Indian Village Preschool.

Waiting List
If a spot becomes available in the session you would like to register for, we will email you. You will be given 72 hours to respond before your spot is offered to the next child on the list. Please make sure you have a current email address linked to your Activenet account to receive notification.

Camper Groups
Campers are broken into groups by age. For safety, we keep a 1:12 ratio of staff to campers and a 1:6 for preschool camp. Campers are assigned to groups based on age. Camp is a great place to meet new friends.
General Camp Information

What to bring to camp:
- Snack
- Water bottle (all sites have drinking fountains for refills)
- Weather appropriate clothing and closed toe shoes. Expect clothes and shoes to be wet and dirty.
- Complete change of clothes and extra pair of closed toe shoes
- Jacket on cool or wet days
- Backpack or bag in which to keep the above items
- Swimsuit and towel (optional)
- Sunscreen (must be able to self-apply)
- Bug Spray (must be able to self-apply)

What not to bring to camp:
- Items of value
- Electronics including cell phones, video games, etc.

* We are not responsible for any missing or stolen items. Unclaimed items will be donated after five business days.

Lunch
Lunch and one snack are provided for campers (* excluding Indian Village PK) via the CRPD Summer Foods Program. https://columbus.gov/recreationandparks/programs/FreeMealPrograms/. All components found in the provided meals meet the USDA Summer Feeding program requirements. No peanut or pork products are served.

If possible, please pack extra snacks or pack a lunch if you prefer. Refrigeration is not available.

*Indian Village Preschool participants will receive one snack but are not served lunch as part of the program. However, free lunch is available between 12 pm and 1 pm as you leave/arrive for camp. Parents must remain on site to supervise children during this time. Ask our camp director for details.

Pick Up and Drop Off
All campers are required to be signed in and out of camp. Campers will only be permitted to leave camp with a person on the approved escort list. **Check to include yourself on the list even if your register, it will not automatically fill your name in.** A photo ID must be presented during sign out every day, absolutely no exceptions.

To add a name to your pickup list email OutdoorEducation@columbus.gov with your child’s name and the additional names to be added to the pickup list. You may also add names in person. Please be sure to list the names, as they appear on a photo ID. Avoid nicknames.

Late Fees will be charged for children not picked up by 6 pm. Fees are $10 plus $1 for every minute after the pickup time. Example: A child who is picked up at 6:05 will be charged $15.

Please remember to drive slowly through the park during pick up and drop off. Thank you!

Weather concerns
Campers will spend most of their day outside. In the event of severe weather, summer camp will still be held. We have many “rainy day” activities to play indoors. On heat advisory days we will take frequent breaks indoors and/or in the shade to cool down.
Camp Discipline Policy

First Warning – Child receives a notification of inappropriate behavior from the counselor who helps to guide to corrections

Second Warning – Child receives a timeout within their group

Third Warning – Child receives a timeout in the office and a parent is called

Fourth Warning – Child is sent home for the remainder of the day

Fifth Warning – Child is sent home for the remainder of the week (no refund)

Immediate expulsion from camp for the remainder of the week (no refund) for any of the following: intentional nudity, violence (hitting, kicking, spitting), bringing weapons to camp, bullying, cursing, leaving the grounds without permission.

If your child is sent home for the week twice during the camp season they will be expelled from camp for the remainder of the season with no refund.

Camp Rules

Responsibility – You are responsible for what you bring to camp. Do not bring anything of value.
Environment – Please respect nature by not picking leaves off trees, or killing bugs on purpose.
Safety – Stay away from the river/lake. Stay within eyesight and earshot of your counselor.
Participate – We ask that you try everything we have planned. You might try something new, and like it!
Educate – Each week has a theme. We will participate in themed activities, and learn something new.
Communicate – If there’s a problem, tell us! Don't wait until Friday.
Teamwork – You will be working as a team in your small group, and the whole camp is a team.
Respect – The building, the grounds, your counselors and CITs, and each other. Be kind and helpful.

Camp Themes

Each week of camp offers traditional camp activities, regardless of the theme. Including games, crafts, unstructured nature based play, and exploration. Camp is carefully planned and offers a balance of organized staff lead activities and child directed choices. Each camp has a daily schedule that we follow, however, activities may be moved around throughout the week to meet the current needs of the day. It is important for us to keep campers engaged and having fun throughout the week.

CRC Fundraisers

Camp Photos

As a fundraiser our Outdoor Education CRC makes photos available of weekly camp groups. Photos are $5 and money is due by Wednesday at Noon.

Camp Store

Our CRC sells snack foods during lunch and during the first half hour of after camp care. Snacks are priced from $.25 $1.00 and are optional. These activities help cover the cost of camp scholarships and additional program supplies.
Life in the Trees

Week 1: June 11-15 and Week 6: July 16-20
Discover the creatures that make their home in trees, from tiny leaf miners to flying squirrels. Get ready to explore the woods and take a closer look at wildlife in trees through games and activities.

Bees, Beetles and Butterflies!
Week 2: June 18-22 and Week 7: July 23-27
Bees are just the beginning! Discover the fascinating lives of pollinators and learn how to stay safe as we observe their habitats. We’ll explore the diversity of pollinators through exploration, crafts, and games.

The Great Scioto Expedition
Week 3: June 25-29 and Week 8: July 30-August 3
Discover how rivers shape our planet! Campers will conduct experiments to learn about erosion, flooding, and water safety. We’ll design dams inspired by beavers and explore the dynamic features of our great Scioto River.

Catch a Ray
Week 4: July 2-6 (no camp on July 4th) and Week 9: August 6-10
This week we will delve into learning how the sun helps life on Earth. Use solar power to create art, cook s'mores, and conduct experiments! We’ll also find out how solar energy powers the new Wyandot Lodge.

Adventures in Adaptations
Week 5: July 9-13 and Week 10: August 13-17
Can a white tailed deer jump higher than a basketball player? Find out how adaptations help humans and animals thrive and test out your own abilities this week! Try activities comparing wings and arms, and find out what types of feet are best for running.
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Meet the insects who help make food for people and wildlife. Explore the fascinating lives of pollinators and learn how to stay safe as we observe their habitats. We'll also have a Pollinator Party to learn about these bugs through crafts, games, and more!

Scioto Expeditions
Week 3: June 25-29 and Week 8: July 30-August 3
Celebrate the Scioto River with us this week! Try games and activities about life in Ohio rivers and learn water safety too. Campers will build their own “beaver dams” and explore the dynamic features of our great Scioto River.

Catch a Ray
Week 4: July 2-6 (no camp July 4th) and Week 9: August 6-10
This week we will delve into learning how the sun helps life on Earth. Use solar power to create art, cook s’mores, and conduct experiments! We'll also find out how solar energy powers the new Wyandot Lodge.

Adventures in Adaptations
Week 5: July 9-13 and Week 10: August 13-17
Explore how adaptations help humans and animals thrive by testing out your super powers! Try games and activities to compare wings to arms, and figure out which types of feet are best for running.

Ages: 4-5
Fees: $75 Columbus Residents / $90 Non-Residents
(Week 4 Fees $65 / $78 because of July 4th)
AM Session: 9 am - 12 pm
PM Session: 1 pm - 4 pm
Drop-off and pick up times are no more than 15 minutes before/after each session.
Camp Terra
at Antrim Park Shelter House
5800 Olentangy River Road  Columbus, OH 43085

Ages: 6-12
Fees: $130 Columbus Residents / $156 Non-Residents
(Week 4 Fees $104 / $125 because of July 4th)
Day Camp Hours: 9 am - 4 pm
Drop-off Hours: 8 am - 9am / Pick-up: 4 pm - 6pm

The Adaptation Games
Week 1: June 11-15 and Week 6: July 16-20
Investigate your abilities in climbing, archery, and field games that explore unique animal adaptions. Each day, find out how human abilities compare to animal adaptations in different ways. Bring your curiosity and sense of humor!

Arbor Adventures
Week 2: June 18-22 and Week 7: July 23-27
Take a hike to the trees with us this week as we find out what makes these super plants so special. Find out which Ohio fruit tree is home to zebra swallowtails and discover other wildlife hiding in a tree’s roots, canopy and bark!

Bugs and Beyond
Week 3: June 25-29 and Week 8: July 30-August 3
Explore pollinator habitats and the amazing wildlife that live among them. Search the meadows for a closer look, while learning about life cycles and how to keep safe around stinging insects. Campers will try new scavenger hunts, crafts, and games to become bug experts!

The Aquatic Life
Week 4: July 2-6 (no camp July 4th) and Week 9: August 6-10
What do damsels, dragons, and hellgrammites have in common? Discover what these cool aquatic creatures can tell us about the water in our streams and ponds. This weeks’ adventures will include stream study, with activities and crafts about aquatic life!

Our Yellow Giant
Week 5: July 9-13 and Week 10: August 13-17
Sunshine is so much more than warmth and light. This week we'll explore how our sun impacts life on Earth through experiments and activities. Create a sun dial, learn about navigation and find out how to stay safe in the heat.
Camp Walnut
at Big Walnut Shelter House
5000 East Livingston Road  Columbus, OH 43227

Ages: 6-12
Fees: $130 Columbus Residents / $156 Non-Residents
(Week 4 Fees $104 / $125 because of July 4th)
Day Camp Hours: 9 am - 4 pm
Drop-off Hours: 8 am - 9am / Pick-up: 4 pm - 6pm

The Strength of Solar
Week 1: June 11-15 and Week 6: July 16-20
Find out how wildlife and plants experience and use the power of the sun. We'll create a sundial, practice navigation, and conduct experiments to explore all things solar this week.

Adaptation Olympics
Week 2: June 18-22 and Week 7: July 23-27
Discover unique adaptations of animals and experience what it would be like to have bug eyes or beaver feet! Compare human and animal adaptations through challenges, field games and other fun activities.

Up in the Trees
Week 3: June 25-29 and Week 8: July 30-August 3
Discover the interesting wildlife living in the trees of Camp Walnut! Not only do trees produce fresh air and shade, they are home to all kinds of wildlife! Have you ever seen a lacewing larva on tree bark? Or a red bat tucked under the leaves? Examine trees a bit closer this week.

A Bee's Needs
Week 4: July 2-6 (no camp July 4th) and Week 9: August 6-10
Can you tell a butterfly from a moth? Or a bee from a wasp? Find out this and more as we explore the fascinating lives of pollinators! Search the meadows for creatures as we also find out how to stay safe around them. Discover how beetles, flies and other bugs impact our environment.

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Week 5: July 9-13 and Week 10: August 13-17
Make a splash as we explore all things water. Experiment with water quality tests and search for aquatic creatures living in Big Walnut Creek. Get ready create art with water too!
Columbus Recreation and Parks Department
Participant Waiver Form

I. PARTICIPANT INFORMATION
First Name: ___________________ Last Name: ___________________ Home Phone: ___________________
Address: ___________________ City: ___________________ Zip Code: ______________
Circle One: M   F     Age:______    Date of Birth:____________    Current Grade:__________
Mother/Guardian Name:_________________________ Work Phone:______________ Cell:_______________
Father/Guardian Name:__________________________ Work Phone:______________ Cell:_______________

II. EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION
If parents or guardians are unable to be reached, contact:
Name: _____________________________________   Name: _______________________________________
Day Phone: _________________________________   Day Phone: ___________________________________
Relationship to Participant: ____________________    Relationship to Participant: _______________________

III. MEDICAL INFORMATION
Physician and/or Clinic
Name:_________________________________________ Phone Number:_____________________

Dentist and/or Dental Clinic
Name:_________________________________________ Phone Number:_____________________

Please provide specific information for any medical or behavioral conditions in which staff should be aware in order to provide a safe and successful environment (allergies, activity restrictions, asthma, ADHD, etc.)
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Medication Policy: Columbus Recreation and Parks Department staff shall not administer medication to participants of their programs. All medication taken by participant shall be self-administered, and no participant on medication shall be registered in the program unless that person is capable of taking his/her own medications, or parent/guardian is available to administer the medication. Recreation staff may (1) Remind a participant to take medication (2) Assist participant by taking the medication from the locked storage area and hand it to the participant.

Please identify type, dosage, and time for all medication that the participant is currently taking.
Medication:_____________________________ Dosage:_______________Frequency:_________________

IV. PARTICIPANT/PARENT/GUARDIAN RELEASE
____________________________________ has my permission to participate in all activities offered during the camp. If attempts to contact me at the above listed phone numbers are unsuccessful. I authorize and give my consent for any emergency medical, surgical or dental treatment for my child (listed above) anywhere/anytime should it be deemed advisable by a qualified medical Doctor or Dentist, and the transportation of the child to the nearest hospital reasonably accessible. I understand this is to avoid undue delay and to assure prompt attention/treatment in an emergency. I hereby give permission to the City/CRPD to provide routine first aid care, administer prescribed medications in a life or death situation, and seek emergency medical treatment for my child when deemed necessary. In case of accident or injury I will not hold the City of Columbus or its employees responsible. I understand and assume all risks that may occur during my child's participation in these programs. I understand that should any injury occur to my child at this camp, I will be responsible for all medical treatment and other costs through my medical insurance policy and/or personal finances.

SIGNATURE: ___________________________________________________ DATE:________________

(parent or legal guardian)

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