

# Winter Camp Information for Parents

## What does my child need to bring to camp?

- Morning snack
- Lunch (refrigeration and cooking are NOT provided)
- Warm clothes and extra clothes
- Stocking cap and gloves or mittens
- Warm socks and shoes or boots (extra socks)
- Water bottle (yes even in winter the children need to have water to drink)
- Backpack to keep the above items in

## What is NOT allowed at camp?

- Do not bring items of value like jewelry
- Do not bring trading cards such as Pokemon, Magic, etc.
- Do not bring electronics including cell phones, electronic games, MP3 players, etc.
- We are NOT responsible for any lost, missing, or stolen items

## What time can I drop off/pick up my child?

- Drop off is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- Pick up time is from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- **LATE FEES** will be charged for children not picked up by 6 p.m.
  - **LATE FEES** are \$10 plus \$1 for every minute after 6 p.m.
  - **Example: A child picked up at 6:05 will be charged \$15**

## Who can pick up my child from camp?

- When you registered your child for camp online you were asked to provide a list of people allowed to pick up your child from camp. If you need to add a name to this list please contact us at 645.3380/645.5980 or email [outdooreducation@columbus.gov](mailto:outdooreducation@columbus.gov) to make changes.
- Please be sure you have included yourself and your spouse on the pickup list.
- Anyone picking up your child must be on the escort list and they **MUST HAVE A PHOTO ID WITH THEM!** People without proper ID will be turned away.

## Will the children be outside?

- Yes, children may spend up to two hours at a time outside before coming in to get warm. Appropriate clothing is very important!

## What should I send with my child on Field Trip Day?

- **We will take a bus to the Columbus Zoo on December 30.** The children will have to carry their gear with them all day so be sure to lighten their load.
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- Lunch (refrigeration and cooking are NOT provided)
- Warm clothes
- Stocking cap and gloves or mittens
- Warm socks and shoes or boots
- Water bottle
- Backpack to keep all of the above items in

## What is the camp discipline policy?

- First offense – Child receives a warning from the counselor
- Second offense – Child receives a timeout within their group
- Third offense – Child receives a timeout in the office and a parent is called
- Fourth offense – Child is sent home for the remainder of the day
- Fifth offense – Child is sent home for the remainder of the week
- 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.
- IMMEDIATE EXPULSION FROM CAMP IS FOR THE SEASON WITH NO REFUND
  - Nudity
  - Violence
  - Weapons
  - Bullying
  - Cursing
  - Blackmailing others
  - Leaving the grounds

## What are the camp rules?

- **R**esponsibility – Do not bring anything of value (Pokemon, Magic cards, jewelry, etc.). You are responsible for what you bring to camp.
- **E**nvironment – If you kill it, you eat it. Please respect nature by not picking leaves off trees, or killing bugs on purpose.
- **S**afety – Stay away from the river/lake. Wear closed toe shoes (no Crocs). Stay within eyesight and earshot of your counselor. If it doesn't have wings it can't fly. Please walk in the buildings, the floors get slippery.
- **P**articipate – We ask that you try everything we have planned. You might try something new, and like it!
- **E**ducate – Each week has a theme. We will participate in themed activities and there may be a speaker.
- **C**ommunicate – If there's a problem, tell us! And remember to be polite when communicating with fellow campers. Use "Please", "Thank you" and "Excuse me".
- **T**eamwork – You will be working as a team in your tribe, and the whole camp is a team. We can work together to make this the best week ever!
- **RESPECT** – The building, the grounds, your counselors and CITs, and each other. Be kind to each other and be helpful. Immediate expulsion for nudity, violence, leaving grounds, foul language, bullying, weapons, blackmail, and other offenses deemed serious.