

Outdoor Education Summer Camp Guide 2016



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Columbus Recreation and Parks Outdoor Education



Summer day camps for ages 4 - 12
June 13 - August 19, 2016

*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!*

CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 17 at 7:00 pm

ONLINE <http://activenet.active.com/columbusrecparks> (RECOMMENDED)

IN PERSON At any Columbus Recreation and Parks Community Center or McKnight Outdoor Education Center.

STEP ONE Create an account prior to registration day. If you already have an account update your information. Please do not create a duplicate account. If you need help accessing your account, please contact us.

STEP TWO Register for camp.

STEP THREE 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.



CONTACT US:

Phone (614) 645-3380

Email outdooreducation@columbus.gov

Website www.columbusrecparks.com

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Payment Plans are available for all campers. You can 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 13th.

P.L.A.Y. Grants are available for those families with children on Medicaid or who meet certain income requirements. Grants cover one session of camp per child. Maximum amount awarded is \$85 per child. Grants must be approved before you register for camp. You will be emailed a coupon code to use during registration. Requests for applications should be emailed to volunteers@columbus.gov. If you have questions please call (614) 645-3325.

Outdoor Education CRC Essay Contest is accepting entries through January 31st. 10 scholarships will be awarded (up to a \$140 value) for your child to attend one of our Outdoor Education Camps.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUND REQUESTS

All 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 cancelled, and address. A refund check will be mailed to you from the City of Columbus. Please allow 6 - 8 weeks for processing. Convenience 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 full business days before the start of your camp session will receive a 50% refund.*
- *Cancellations made 10 business days or less prior to the start of camp no refunds.*

FREQUENT QUESTIONS

Do I qualify for resident rates? Look up your address on the Franklin County Auditors website: www.franklincountyauditor.com. If Columbus is your tax district, you qualify for resident rates.

My child is a mature five year old who has friends that are six, can he/she go to all day camp? 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 Camp Terra Preschool.

My child has special needs or behavior problems that may require extra attention; can my child still go to camp? Children of all abilities and interests are welcome to participate in our programs. If your child requires special assistance to participate, please contact our office prior to registering for camp.

I am on the waiting list for camp, now what? When a space becomes available in the session you would like to register for, we will email you. Due to the volume of campers we have on our waiting lists 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, otherwise you may miss our email.

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Bring to camp

- Snack
- Water bottle (all sites have drinking fountains for refills)
- Wear OLD clothing and closed toe shoes (no crocs)- You WILL get dirty!
- Complete change of clothes and extra pair of closed toe shoes
- Jacket on cool or wet days
- Backpack in which to keep the above items
- Swimsuit and towel (optional)
- Sunscreen (optional - must be able to self apply)
- Bug Spray (optional - must be able to self apply)
- Money for camp store purchases (Indian Village only - optional)

Do not bring

- Open toe shoes or crocs (You will be called to bring another pair of shoes)
- Items of value like jewelry
- Trading cards such as Pokemon, Magic, etc.
- 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 is provided for all campers (* excluding Camp Terra Preschool) via the CRPD Summer Foods Program. <https://columbus.gov/recreationandparks/programs/Free-Meal-Programs/>. All components found in the provided meals meet the USDA Summer Feeding program requirements. No peanut or pork products are served. You may also choose to send a lunch with your child. Refrigeration not available.

* Camp Terra Preschool participants will not be served lunch as part of the program. However upon request, lunch can be provided to your child between 12 pm and 1 pm as you leave/arrive for camp. 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 (this includes yourself). **A photo ID must be presented during sign out everyday, absolutely no exceptions.**

To add a name to your escort list email OutdoorEducation@columbus.gov with your child's name and the additional names to be added to the escort 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. Your child will not be permitted to return to camp until the late fee is paid.

Weather concerns

Campers will spend most of their day outside. In the event of severe weather 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 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

Immediate expulsion from camp for the remainder of the week (no refund) for any of the following: nudity, violence (hitting, kicking, spitting), bringing weapons to camp, bullying, cursing, blackmailing others, 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 – If you kill it, you eat it. Please respect nature by not picking leaves off trees, or killing bugs on purpose.

Safety – Stay away from the river/lake. Wear closed toe shoes. 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.

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 there may be a speaker.

Communicate – If there's a problem, tell us! And remember to be polite when communicating with fellow campers. Use "Please", "Thank you" and "Excuse me".

Teamwork – You will be working as a team in small group, 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.

Camp Themes

Each week of camp offers traditional camp activities, regardless of the theme. Including games, crafts, unstructured nature play, and exploration. Although camp may look to be chaotic it is carefully planned and offers a balance of organized staff lead activities and child directed choices. Each camp has a 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.

Indian Village



McKnight Outdoor Education Center
3200 Indian Village Rd. Columbus, OH 43221

AGES 6 - 12 years old

FEES \$125 Per Session Residents
\$140 Non-Residents
(Session 4 \$100 / \$112)

HOURS 9 am - 4 pm
Drop Off 8 am - 9 am
Pick Up 4 pm - 6 pm



SESSION	DATE	THEME
1	June 13 - 17	Indian Village Jones
2	June 20 - 24	Land Before Time
3	June 27 - July 1	Summer Fun
4	July 5 - 8 (No Camp July 4)	The Great Outdoors
5	July 11 - 15	Weird Science
6	July 18 - 22	Indian Village Jones
7	July 25 - 29	Land Before Time
8	August 1 - 5	Summer Fun
9	August 8 - 12	The Great Outdoors
10	August 15 - 19	Weird Science

Each week campers will participate in a variety of activities including archery, fishing, hiking, fort building, group games, pontoon boat ride, and programs related to the theme. Campers 8 and older may go canoeing, 11 and older may go kayaking. **Please register for each theme only once.**

Indian Village Themes



Indian Village Jones and the Last Crusade

Play adventure games and collect clues to follow in the footsteps of Indian Village Jones as we search camp for ancient artifacts.

Land Before Time

The caves at Indian Village Camp are full of history. Discover what fossils can teach us as we explore the area for clues from the past.

Summer Fun

Celebrate summer with a week full of water games, field games, and campfire songs. During the week we'll tie dye shirts, make ice cream, have a water balloon battle, and much more!

The Great Outdoors

Join us for fun and excitement in the great outdoors. Learn how to set up a tent, cook a meal over a fire, and practice the principles of Leave No Trace.

Weird Science

Discover science through hands on activities. Make rockets and roller coasters during this week of fun and exciting experiments.

Camp Walnut



Big Walnut Park Shelter House
5000 E. Livingston Ave. Columbus, OH 43227

AGES 6 - 12 years old

FEES \$125 Per Session Residents
\$140 Non-Residents
(Session 4 \$100 / \$112)

HOURS 9 am - 4 pm
Drop Off 8 am - 9 am
Pick Up 4 pm - 6 pm



SESSION	DATE	THEME
1	June 13 - 17	Wild Wonders
2	June 20 - 24	A Bug's Life
3	June 27 - July 1	Survivor
4	July 5 - 8 (No Camp July 4)	Aquatic Adventures
5	July 11 - 15	Artful Antics
6	July 18 - 22	Wild Wonders
7	July 25 - 29	A Bug's Life
8	August 1 - 5	Survivor
9	August 8 - 12	Aquatic Adventures
10	August 15 - 19	Artful Antics

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Camp Walnut Themes



Wild Wonders

Embark on a journey of discovery and learn about many wonders of nature. What makes seeds grow? Where do fossils come from? What's an ectotherm? We will answer these questions and many more during this week of camp. There is so much to unearth!

A Bug's Life

What's it like to be a bug? We will take a look into what it's like to be an insect and learn about the different bugs in your back yard!

Survivor

Do you have what it takes to survive in the wilderness at Camp Walnut? Come ready to compete in field games and survival challenges to come out on top in this week long experience! Which group will reign as winners?

Aquatic Adventures

Investigate aquatic wildlife and their habitats as we explore the creek. We will monitor the water quality of Big Walnut Creek and talk about ways we can lessen our impact on water pollution. Be ready to get wet and play lots of water games!

Artful Antics

Get in touch with your creative side as we look to nature for inspiration. Create works of art from natural items, learn the art of storytelling, sing camp songs, and bring a special talent to share with the group!

Camp Terra



Antrim Park Shelter House

5800 Olentangy River Rd. Columbus, OH 43085

AGES 6 - 12 years old

FEES \$125 Per Session Residents
\$140 Non-Residents
(Session 4 \$100 / \$112)

HOURS 9 am - 4 pm
Drop Off 8 am - 9 am
Pick Up 4 pm - 6 pm



SESSION	DATE	THEME
1	June 13 - 17	Feathers and Flight
2	June 20 - 24	An Antrim Adventure
3	June 27 - July 1	A Field Guide to Camp Terra
4	July 5 - 8 (No Camp July 4)	Terra Top 10
5	July 11 - 15	The Aquatic Life
6	July 18 - 22	Feathers and Flight
7	July 25 - 29	An Antrim Adventure
8	August 1 - 5	A Field Guide to Camp Terra
9	August 8 - 12	Terra Top 10
10	August 15 - 19	The Aquatic Life

Each week campers will participate in a variety of activities including archery, fishing, hiking, fort building, group games, and programs related to the theme. Some weeks campers 8 and older may go canoeing. **Please register for each theme only once.**

Camp Terra Themes



Each week is themed off of the work and lives of a different naturalist, explorer or conservationist, and sometimes all three!

Feathers and Flight

This week is about flight of all kinds. While we practice our stealthy birding, we will relive the work of John James Audubon and Florence Augusta Merriam Bailey. The week will be filled with kites, paper airplanes, and gliders.

An Antrim Adventure

Take your adventure notes from John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt while we explore the wild woods of Antrim Park, take our lunch on the trail, and set up our campsites. Navigate with a compass, geocache in the park, and scale the climbing wall.

A Field Guide to Camp Terra

Identifying plants, birds, trees, and animals can be exciting and tricky business. Campers will work to identify the species around camp and add them to our official camp field guide!

Terra Top 10

This week is filled with the best of the best from activities at Camp Terra including the slip and slide, sock wars, geocaching, fishing, rock beach, and fossil hunts!

The Aquatic Life

Explore life in, on, and under the water. We will be constructing miniature boats to race across the lake and down the creek. Practice your paddle in our canoes and observe underwater habitats like Jacques Cousteau.

Camp Terra Preschool



Antrim Park Shelter House
5800 Olentangy River Rd. Columbus, OH 43085

AGES 4 - 5 years old

FEES \$60 Per Session Residents
\$75 Non-Residents
(Session 4 \$48 / \$60)

AM HOURS 9 am - 12 pm

PM HOURS 1 pm - 4 pm

Drop off and pick up times are no more than 15 minutes before/after each session.



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1	June 13 - 17	Feathers and Flight
2	June 20 - 24	An Antrim Adventure
3	June 27 - July 1	A Field Guide to Camp Terra
4	July 5 - 8 (No Camp July 4)	Terra Top 10
5	July 11 - 15	The Aquatic Life
6	July 18 - 22	Feathers and Flight
7	July 25 - 29	An Antrim Adventure
8	August 1 - 5	A Field Guide to Camp Terra
9	August 8 - 12	Terra Top 10
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Each week campers will participate in a variety of activities including archery, fishing, hiking, fort building, group games, and programs related to the theme. **Please register for each theme only once. Campers may not attend both AM and PM sessions during the same week.**

Camp Terra Preschool Themes



Each week we will learn about a new naturalist, explorer or conservationist, and occasionally all three!

Feathers and Flight

This week is about flight of all kinds. We will practice our stealthy birding and try to spot birds at the feeders we build! The week will be filled with kites, paper airplanes, and gliders.

An Antrim Adventure

Take your adventure notes from John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt while we explore the wild woods of Antrim Park, take our snacks on the trail, and read stories around a campsite.

A Field Guide to Camp Terra

Identifying plants, birds, trees, and animals can be exciting and tricky business. Campers will work to spot trees and animals around camp and add their artwork to our official Chipmunk field guide!

Terra Top 10

This week is filled with the best of the best from activities at Camp Terra including the slip and slide, fishing, rock beach trips, parachute games, fossil hunts, and obstacle courses!

The Aquatic Life

Explore life in, on, and under the water. We will be constructing miniature boats to race across the lake and down the creek, observe underwater habitats like Jacques Cousteau, and catch critters in the creek.

CIT Teen Volunteer Program



Young adults ready to take a leadership role are encouraged to apply for the Outdoor Education Counselor in Training (CIT) program. CITs work alongside camp counselors where they teach campers, play games, fish, canoe, and more.

AGES 13 – 17 (must have completed 7th Grade)

The program runs for 10 weeks during the summer at Indian Village, Camp Terra, Camp Terra Preschool, and Camp Walnut. CITs pay \$20 to participate, which covers the cost of training, two shirts and an event at the end of the summer.



Complete an application and return it by April 8, 2016. Spaces are limited with preference given to returning CITs and those who are able to volunteer at least three weeks. All new applicants will be required to interview for the position.

Applications and details are available online at www.columbusrecparcs.com

Questions?

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