

Summer Camp Information for Parents

What do you suggest my child bring to camp?

- Morning snack and afternoon snack. Please label as some children have eaten their entire lunch for snack!
- LUNCH IS PROVIDED! All components found in the provided meals meet the USDA Summer Feeding Program requirements. No peanut or pork products served.
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Complete change of clothes
- Closed toe shoes NO CROCS!
- Money for Camp Store purchases (Indian Village Only)
- Backpack to keep the above items in

What is NOT allowed at camp?

- No open toe shoes or Crocs (You will be called to bring another pair of shoes)
- 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 missing or stolen items, unclaimed items will be donated after two weeks.

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

- Drop off time 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 the pickup time
 - **Example: A child who is 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 email us at OutdoorEducation@columbus.gov with the child's name and the additional names to be added to the pickup list before camp starts. You may also add names during camp sessions by contacting the camp directors.
- Please be sure to list the names, first and last, as they appear on the ID. Please do not use nicknames.
- 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 and late fees may be charged.

Will the children get dirty?

- **YES!!!** Your child will be outside playing in the woods, mud, river, etc. and they will get VERY DIRTY. We strongly recommend sending them to camp in OLD clothing and shoes.

Will the children be outside?

- Yes, children will spend the day outside unless there is severe weather
- Indian Village is not air conditioned except for the office and the art room.
- Camp Terra and Camp Walnut shelter houses are air conditioned.

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 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK WITH NO REFUND** is done for any of the following:
 - Nudity
 - Violence (hitting, kicking, spitting)
 - Bringing Weapons to Camp
 - Bullying
 - Cursing
 - Blackmailing others
 - Leaving the Grounds

What are the camp rules?

- **Responsibility** – Do not bring anything of value (Pokemon, Magic cards, jewelry, etc.). You are responsible for what you bring to camp.
- **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 (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.
- **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 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.