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## *Welcome* to Summer Nature Camp

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are excited that your child will be joining us for Summer Nature Camp! In order to ensure an enjoyable time for everyone we have some important information.

Campers should come dressed to be outside. They will get their clothes dirty with everything from mud to paint. Children must wear sneakers or hiking boots. They may not wear flip-flops or crocs to camp! We go outside in all weather so be prepared with raincoats and rain boots, or sweatshirts on inclement days. See the reverse side for a list of items campers should bring with them.

Campers should bring a water bottle and a **non-perishable** lunch and snack with them everyday. Lunches and snacks cannot be refrigerated.

To comply with state camp regulations all campers must have a current physical (not more than 3 years old) and a signed KI (potassium iodide, in the event of a nuclear emergency) form on file. If your child requires any medication to be with them at camp, proper medication forms signed by the doctor must accompany the medication.

Exploring nature is the best way for children to learn to love and have fun in the outdoors. To maintain a safe environment, children must follow safety rules that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Stay with the group
- If separated, stay put
- Listen to directions
- Respond immediately when asked to freeze and listen
- Stay within designated areas on trails and at the water

Please discuss these rules with your child so they are prepared the first day of camp.

Please apply insect repellent and sunscreen before joining the camp group each morning. It will be reapplied at lunch time. Check your child carefully at the end of each day for ticks.

Monday morning check-in is under the front porch of the Nature Center. From there we insure all paper-work is complete and let you know your child's meeting place. Drop-offs and pick-ups will occur at your child's assigned area. Camp begins at 9AM and ends at 4pm. To help with tight schedules pre-camp and after-camp is available starting at 8:15am and ending at 5:30 pm. To sign-up, please call (860) 536-1216. You will sign your child in and out of camp each day. Please send a note if someone other than a parent will be picking up or dropping off. Traveling campers please note if your child is on a fieldtrip they will not be able to be picked up early or dropped off late. To ensure the safety of all children they can not be dropped off or picked up at fieldtrip sites.

Summer camp is a great place to make new friends. In order to maintain a low camper to teacher ratio, camps are often split into two groups. Although we try to accommodate requests, we can not guarantee placement with a friend.

The number of children attending camp each day can lead to a very busy parking lot at drop-off and pick-up time. Please keep a close eye on your children and remember that we do have additional parking in the field below the Denison Homestead.

The Nature Center has a wonderful group of instructors who can't wait for the start of Summer Nature Camp. We look forward to meeting your child and sharing our knowledge. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you soon!

Sincerely,



Kim Hargrave  
Camp Director

### **What should we bring to camp?**

All items should be in a backpack -- shoulder bags are cumbersome while hiking.

Non-perishable lunch, drink and 2 snacks (we get hungry!)

Water bottle

Bathing suit (they can wear them if desired)

Towel

Water shoes or sandals (not flip-flops or crocs, these get sucked down in the mud forever or float away)

Bug spray

Sunscreen