



DENISON PEQUOTSEPOS
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Welcome to Summer Nature Camp

Dear Parents / 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 to share.

Campers should come dressed to play outside. They will get their clothes dirty with everything from mud to paint. Children must have sneakers or hiking boots on. 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. All children should have a complete change of clothes with them everyday.

Campers need to be able to use the bathroom independently.

Campers should bring a water bottle and a **non-perishable** snack with them everyday. 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. 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 paperwork 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 11:45. To help with tight schedules pre-camp is available starting at 8:15am. If you would like to sign-up for pre-camp, 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Hargrave', written in a cursive style.

Kim Hargrave
Camp Director