

Hello Camp Foxfire Families,

We appreciate your patience in waiting for firm answers on how the COVID-19 pandemic will impact our camp schedule and activities this summer. We want to assure you that park educators have been working diligently to stay informed about any guidelines and restrictions that will be applied to summer camp programs in our town and state and have developed program modifications as necessary. We are pleased to announce that we are able to run a program for most age groups, however, in order to meet state requirements we have had to cancel certain sessions. We are developing the procedures necessary to make sure everything is in place for the first day of camp on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Nevertheless, we understand if your plans have changed or the program no longer fits your needs. Should you wish to cancel your registration, please contact the nature center office by June 12, 2020 for a full refund of all associated camp fees.

*Please take the time to carefully review all of the following information to be fully informed of the changes to the program and expectations for campers as you finalize your summer plans.*

### Camp Foxfire Program Experience

All camp sessions will run weekdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Unfortunately, due to group restrictions, we will not be able to provide our **Before & After Camp** sessions. All extended care participants already enrolled will receive a full refund.

- **PreK-K:** We regret we are not able to provide our Pre-K/K half-day program and will process full refunds to all that are currently registered.
- **Grades 1-2:** This program will run as scheduled. Program descriptions and pricing remain as originally offered.
  - Animal Olympics: June 29- July 3 OR July 20-24
  - What's for Lunch: July 6-July 10 OR July 27- July 31
  - Water Wonders: July 13-17 OR August 3-7
- **Grades 3-4:** This program will run as scheduled. Program descriptions and pricing remain as originally offered.
  - Heroes vs. Villains: June 29- July 3 OR July 20-24
  - Secrets of the Underground: July 6-July 10 OR July 27- July 31
  - Wet N' Wild: July 13-17 OR August 3-7
- **Grades 5-6:** This program will run as scheduled, although the age group will be extended to include 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Program themes and pricing remain as originally offered, however, we regret there will be no offsite trips or overnight camping.
  - Wildlife Intensive: June 29- July 3 OR July 20-24
  - Survivalists: July 6-July 10 OR July 27- July 31
  - Trail Blazers: July 13-17 OR August 3-7
- **Grades 6-8:** We regret that we are not able to provide this program due to travel restrictions, however, we invite these ages to enroll in the Gr. 5-8 group should they wish. We encourage you to call the nature center, 860-285-1886, at your earliest convenience to transfer enrollment (space is limited) or receive a full refund. We will gladly refund any difference in fee for those transferring to Gr. 5-8.

## Group Modifications

- Group sizes will be reduced to no more than 9 campers per group, a Camp Teacher and support staff as necessary.
- Camp groups will be self-contained and remain separated from other age camp groups. Campers will be with the same participants and teachers throughout their week. Camp groups are not allowed to intermingle.
- We expect campers to respect rules of social distancing to the best of their ability. We recognize our campers' various developmental stages, however, if campers disregard all social distancing and have repeated physical contact with other campers, the behavior policy will be enforced and could result in removal from camp.

## Health Screening

*Please be mindful that limiting your family's number of social contacts outside of camp hours will protect the health and safety of all camp participants.*

- Upon arrival at camp each day, all staff and children are required to complete a health screening. This involves answering several questions about any potential symptoms or exposure and having a temperature under 100 degrees.
- We highly recommend designating one parent/guardian to drop off/pick-up camper(s) each day. Individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness per CDC guidance should not drop off or pick up campers when avoidable.
- If your camper fails a health screening they will not be permitted to attend camp that day.
- If your camper exhibits observable symptoms of illness during the camp day, they will be quarantined on-site and we ask that a parent/guardian be available to pick them up within (1) one hour.

## Safety & Sanitization

- Safety of our campers is our highest priority!
- All staff will be trained in cleaning & sanitization procedures recommended by the CDC.
- Campers and staff will be required to wash their hands before and/or after many activities and the use of any shared group equipment.
- Items used by camp groups will either stay within that group for the duration of the week and be sanitized daily or be thoroughly sanitized before use by another group.
- Campers and camp staff will use designated restrooms that are not open to the public.
- Camp staff are required to wear face masks when they are within 6 feet of another person.
- Campers may wear face masks upon parent/guardian request, however they are not required to do so.

Despite the necessary modifications to this year's program, we continue to strive to immerse our campers in hands-on, field based environmental education activities where they can develop a deeper appreciation of nature while learning new skills and having fun outdoors! Our highest priority is to provide the best service to our community in the safest manner possible. We continue to monitor additional changes as they evolve and are making adjustments daily to meet new regulations. We appreciate your patience and will communicate more information as it becomes available. We hope you feel confident attending Camp Foxfire knowing that we are monitoring the situation carefully at each turn. If you have specific questions or concerns, you can email us at [CampFoxfireNWP@gmail.com](mailto:CampFoxfireNWP@gmail.com).

Upon enrollment, you received camp forms with your receipt. You will also find them attached to this email including a new **Informed Consent Form** now required by the State of Connecticut. We have extended the deadline for submission of camp forms to Friday, June 19, 2020. You may submit these by email ([CampFoxfireNWP@gmail.com](mailto:CampFoxfireNWP@gmail.com)), mail (145 Lang Road Windsor, CT 06095), or call the nature center at 860-285-1886 to set up an appointment to drop off.

Thank you for your confidence in us!

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