



Frequently Asked Questions

Here is some additional information to help you understand Outdoor Camp Life. All policies and procedures can be found in our Camp Handbook.

FEES

Is there an enrollment fee? Is there an activity fee?

There is no enrollment fee. Just the fee paid per session.

The only other additional costs that may be incurred are any additional shirts purchased as well as if any money is sent with camper(s) for snacks at pool or field trips with concession/gift shop options when possible. Please note campers are responsible for their own money; staff do not handle it.

SUPERVISION

Who is supervising my child?

Our Camp Directors are approved by KDHE as qualified program directors and also hold a bachelor's degree relating to child development; education or similar field. All support staff follow KDHE requirements with lead counselors being the minimum of high school graduates and at least 18 years old and assistant counselors at least 16 years of age. We prefer staff who have worked with youth before. All staff attend required trainings prior to the start of camp. Our ratio is one staff to every 15 campers; however, we aim for 1:12 at all times and when we go swimming, we aim for a 1:8 ratio.

How do we handle sun screening?

Campers must come with sunscreen on every morning. Camp will reapply sunscreen at morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. On swim days, they will also re-apply halfway through the swim time.

Please send Spray Sunscreen. If your child may be more sensitive to sun exposure, we highly recommend the use of hats and swim shirts.

What will my child do during camp?

Besides the trips, a tentative daily schedule will be emailed out to registrants 48 hours prior to course day. Activities include but are not limited to: arts & crafts, science, nature, games, sports, cooking, community awareness, playground. Field Trips include but are not limited to: entertainment centers, volunteer operations, educational trips.

DROP OFF/PICK UP/TRIPS

What is the drop/pick up procedures?

For drop off, each morning the participant must be signed-in using the QR code via the Procure App by parent/guardian or an authorized adult using their unique pin. Monday mornings all permission slips for the week/session must be signed at drop off. For pick up, each participant must be signed out on the Procure System (QR

Code or unique pin) by an authorized adult as well. The adult must show a picture ID and be on the participant's authorized pick up list.

Do I have to drop off and pick up at a certain time?

Camp operation hours are 7 AM to 6 PM. 7 AM is the time that CAMP opens for the day and will allow sign in to begin. You do not have to drop off at the time. You can actually drop off and pick up at any time during the day. Just be sure to know our schedule so you can see where we are at. Departure times are final for trips and unfortunately, we cannot wait. All participants do have to be picked up by 6 PM or there is a late fee of \$1 per minute due at time of pick up.

May my child walk or ride their bike to and from Camp:

Unfortunately, no. As stated above, participant must be signed in and out daily by an adult.

How are they transported to locations for trips?

Campers are transported by one of the City buses or by a leased school bus.

How do I know field trip times?

Field trip times are published on the camp trip calendar found online, as well as sent in the newsletters. Also if a camp is running behind on their return they will post that update on their "Room" in the Procure App.

DAILY REQUIREMENTS

Does my child need a lunch?

Yes, must bring a daily sack lunch. Refrigeration or microwaving will not be available.

Does my child have to wear the camp T-shirt daily?

Yes; however, you can purchase additional shirts if you like. Each camper receives one free shirt with enrollment.

WEATHER

What is the inclement weather policy?

We will go to an indoor location when it is excessive heat or storming and or there is something in the weather that is interfering with camp's activities. This is an outdoor based camp and therefore, tries to remain outside when possible. It does get to feel pretty warm but campers remain in shade, stay well hydrated and as well get acclimated to the weather. For our inclement weather procedures please see the full policy in the Outdoor Camp Handbook.

How do we know if they moved locations due to weather?

Inclement weather will be communicated via the Procure App.

SWIMMING

Does my child need a special swimsuit?

We prefer girls wear a one piece bathing suit. If the girls have a tankini, we will allow it as long as everything is covered. If this becomes a problem the camp staff will address it with the parents.

Does my child need a pool pass?

No! We will take care of the swimming cost.

How do you handle swimming?

When the camp goes swimming each camper wears a wristband that signifies they are with the camp. They also wear a neon wristband to signify non-swimmer. The first day of swimming each week, the camp will allow campers to take the swim test. Campers must swim across and back without touching the sides/bottom of pool and do so without struggling. Staff is in water at time of swim test. If they pass the test they are able to remove the neon wristband and go where they would like. If they do not pass, they must remain in the shallow area. Camp staff is dispersed throughout the pool either on the edge of the pool or in the water at all times.