



Kids in the Woods
Summer Day Camps
at
Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve

PARENT/GUARDIAN & CAMPER HANDBOOK
Summer 2024

Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve
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WELCOME TO THE “KIDS IN THE WOODS” SUMMER DAY CAMP!

We are excited to provide your child with a high-quality, enjoyable experience exploring nature this summer. To ensure a safe and fun camp experience for all, please read the following information carefully. If you have any questions, contact the camp director.

CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Director:

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Education Center Director:

Meaghan Boice-Green
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(518) 414-0244 (cell)

DROP-OFF/PICK UP

You must sign your child **in and out** of camp. Your child will only be released to the custody and supervision of parents/ guardians and those authorized on your child’s information form. **Authorized individuals, including parents, must bring identification for pickup.**

In the event of a stormy day, camp will be moved inside the Education Center, including the drop-off and pick-up location. There will be signage in the main parking lot directing you. A decision will be made prior to the start of camp that day by the camp director, and you will be notified by email.

Camp	Drop Off Time	Pickup Time	Extended Care (*see extended care policy on page 3)
Little Sprouts (Ages 4-6)	9:00 am	12:00 pm	8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Nature Explorers (Ages 7-9)	9:00 am	3:00 pm	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wilderness Adventurers (Ages 10-12)	9:00 am	3:00 pm	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Junior Naturalists (Ages 13-15)	9:00 am	3:00 pm	8:00 am – 4:00 pm

If you are more than 15 minutes early for drop-off or 15 minutes late for pick up, you will be charged for extended care for that day. Please note that the Education Center will not be open before 8:00 a.m. or after 4:30 p.m.

Please try not to be late for drop-off or pick-up. It is to your child’s advantage to be able to fully participate in the program. **We recommend putting our phone number 716-683-5959 into your cell phone so that you can notify us in case of traffic delays etc.** Extended care options, if needed, are described on page 3.

EXTENDED CARE POLICY

Extended care is \$8.00 for the AM hour, and \$8.00 for the PM hour. You can find these in the “Add Ons” section in CampDocs. **You must register and pay for extended care in advance.** Please note that extended care is not extra camp time, but a courtesy to our patrons’ schedules. We offer care as follows:

Little Sprouts: 8 am to 1 pm
All other Camps: 8 am to 4 pm

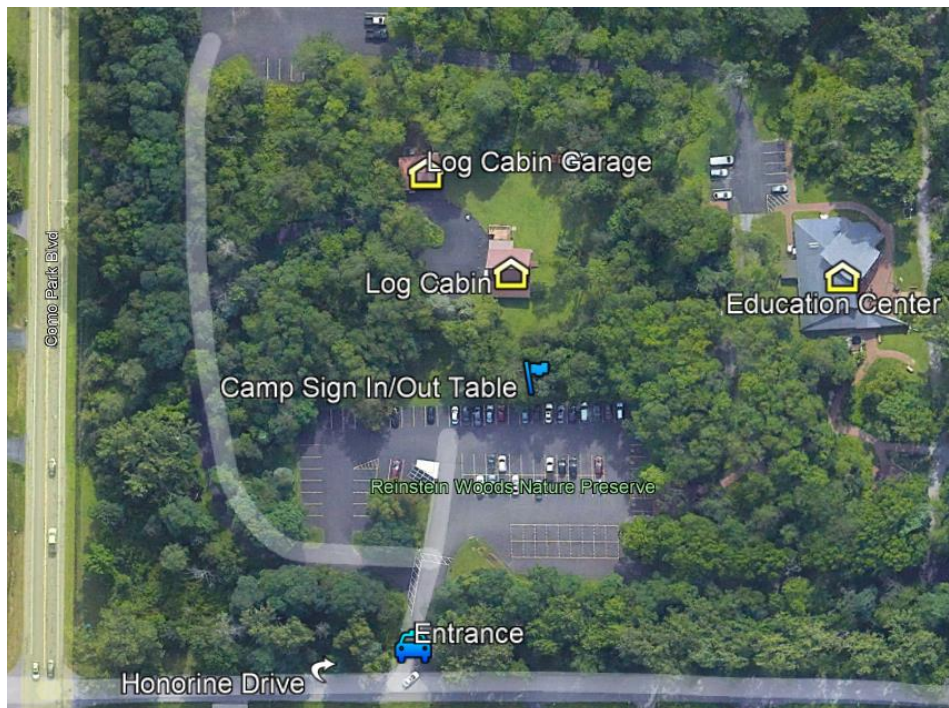
If your schedule changes and you suddenly need extended care, you must give the camp at least **24-hour notice**. We will do our best to accommodate but cannot guarantee that extended care will be available in that situation.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

- Friends of Reinstein will provide a full refund if a camp is cancelled by Friends of Reinstein.
- A full refund minus the \$50 processing fee will be given if a parent or guardian cancels at least 3 weeks before camp begins.
- A 50% refund will be given if a parent/guardian cancels 3-2 weeks before camp, minus a \$50 processing fee.
- There will be no refunds made for cancellations less than 2 weeks before camp.

There are no refunds for: arriving late, leaving early, absence for an entire session, early dismissal from camp due to homesickness, behavioral misconduct, medical reasons, or cancellations of camp days due to COVID-19 related issues or severe weather.

DROP OFF/PICK UP MAP



WHAT TO WEAR

Masks are not required but are welcome. All camp activities will take place outside, so we recommend light-colored pants and lightweight, light-colored shirts. Light colors make it easier to see ticks on clothing. Socks and sturdy sneakers or hiking boots are a must (no flip-flops or sandals!). For pond day, bring old sneakers, water shoes or rubber boots. A change of clothes is highly recommended as well. Hats are allowed. Rain gear is also a good idea if it is in the forecast for that day. Please apply sunscreen and bug spray to your child before bringing them to camp each day.

WHAT TO BRING

Please provide your camper with a filled water bottle, snack, and a packed lunch. Food will not be provided by the camp. Please do not pack food that needs to be prepared (i.e., cooking, microwaving), refrigerated, or that requires silverware (if necessary, please pack your own). Simple foods – sandwiches, fruit, granola bars, etc. – are best. Lunches will be stored in a cooler until lunchtime; please provide an ice pack for your child's lunch, or pack food that does not need to be refrigerated. Filled water jugs will be provided to refill water bottles. **NOTE:** If your camper is enrolled in Little Sprouts, a lunch is not required, however it is encouraged if your camper will be staying late in extended care.

Other items that may be brought to camp include: a small daypack, binoculars, insect repellent, bug jars and nets, and cameras. Please leave cell phones, electronics (mp3 players, gaming consoles, etc.), and all other valuables at home. Items that are not to be brought to camp also include knives, lighters, or weapon of any kind. Friends of Reinstein Woods is not responsible for any lost or broken items. If you need to contact your child at camp, please call 683-5959.

A NOTE ON SAFETY

The camp is staffed by well-qualified counselors who are trained to follow a safety plan. All camp staff are certified in CPR/First Aid/AED. You will be notified of any incident/treatment involving your child. While staff make reasonable efforts to minimize hazards, accidents may happen. By participating in the KITW Camp, campers and their parents/guardians assume these risks.

Staff are not certified to administer any medication, including EpiPens and inhalers. If your child needs either of these or any other medications, they must be able to self-administer. If you have any concerns, please contact the camp director.

For the safety and comfort of all campers, parents/guardians are not allowed to watch or join in with camp activities. If you are concerned about your camper, you can contact the front desk at (716) 683-5959 to get in contact with the camp director.

CONTACTING THE CAMP DIRECTOR

During the camp day from 8 am to 3:30 pm, the camp director is with the campers and not in the office. If you need to get in contact with the camp director during those hours, please call the front desk at (716) 683-5959. The front desk staff can radio the camp director to pass along a message, or in case of an emergency, can radio the camp director to come to the building to speak with you directly. For all other non-urgent matters, please leave a voicemail or an email. All voicemails and emails will be addressed after 3:30 pm, as the director's main responsibility during the camp day is to stay with the campers and counselors.

HEALTH GUIDELINES

If your child is sick in any way, please call 716-683-5959 and inform camp staff prior to the start of camp that day. Please leave a message if no one answers the phone.

Families should follow NYS Guidance regarding when to quarantine your child or require them to wear a mask following exposure to someone with COVID-19. Please familiarize yourself with this guidance, and if you have any questions, please contact the Camp Director before bringing a child to camp following an exposure.

If you have any questions or want to learn more about procedures, we will use to ensure healthy campers, please contact the camp director.

Unfortunately, ticks are present in the woods. Please check your child for ticks every day after being outside. For more information on ticks, visit:

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/lyme/>

Camp Preparation Checklist

Before you come to camp each day:

Dress in:

- ✓ Light-colored pants & shirt
- ✓ Socks and sturdy sneakers/ hiking boots
- ✓ Rain gear if there's rain in the forecast! (**We will be outside all day**)
- ✓ Hats and sunglasses are encouraged!
- ✓ Masks are NOT required but are welcome!

Put on:

- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Bug spray- preferably with DEET or Picaridin (label may say KBR 3023)

Pack:

- ✓ Lunch (for full-day camp) and a snack (all camps)
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Optional items:
 - Small backpack, binoculars, bug jars, insect net, camera, insect repellent, hand sanitizer
- ✓ Change of clothes and water shoes/rain boots (for pond day)

Leave at home:

- ✓ Cell phone
- ✓ Electronics
- ✓ Knives
- ✓ Any other valuables

*Additional information such as camp itinerary and closing ceremony info will be provided in the week leading up to your camp. **Please watch your email for more information!***