

The New Weis Center
Summer Nature Camp
Frequently Asked Questions

What should campers bring each day?

Campers should have a nut-free lunch, at least 2 snacks, a large reusable water bottle, and a comfortable backpack that can hold those things for when we are out hiking. Additionally, campers should have a change of clothes, change of shoes, bathing suit, beach towel, and raingear each day. Campers will have their own cubby all week where they can leave raingear and a spare change of clothes all week if desired.

What should campers wear each day?

Camp-appropriate clothing is anything that will allow your child to be comfortable moving around outdoors all day. Keep in mind clothing may get wet or dirty! Shoes must be closed toed, with a back strap (sandals are okay to pack for the pool but no flip flops).

Can I have someone else pick up my camper from camp?

Your child will be released only to the person(s) authorized by the parent/guardian on the Registration Form. If someone other than that person(s) will be picking up your child, please bring a written and signed note in the morning, letting us know their name and description. The alternate pickup person should be prepared to show picture ID.

What time is pick up/drop off?

Camp begins at 9:00 a.m. and we will be doing check-in until 9:10. Pick up is at 3:00 p.m. and will go until 3:10. If you are running late past these times please give us a call so we know when to be expecting your child.

Where should I drop off my camper(s)?

Drop off is at the front gate. You may park in the parking lot, and then walk your child down the driveway to the picnic grove where we will be doing check-in.

Do you offer extended care?

Yes, before care is 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., and after care goes from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Quiet activities will be available, but extended care is not an extension of regular camp activities.

What can't my camper bring to camp?

Cell phones or other electronics, valuables (especially treasured jewelry), food containing nuts, weapons

Why can't my camper bring their cell phone to camp?

Campers cannot bring cell phones to camp for several reasons: it may get lost or damaged, it is a distraction outdoors, and we want to ensure communication goes through camp staff when campers are in our care. If you need to contact your child during a camp day, you can call our front desk (973-835-2160). If there is an emergency, your child needs early pickup, or any similar situation, they can come to their counselors and you will be contacted.

What happens in case of rain?

Camp goes on rain or shine! Rain will not stop us from exploring the outdoors, and we have covered pavilions and indoor facilities so we can take breaks to keep dry. Be sure your child has proper raingear (waterproof boots/shoes, rain jacket/poncho) on rainy days.

What happens if my child is sick?

If your child is sick before coming to camp, please do not send your child to camp and contact us in the office (973-835-2160) to let us know. Please allow your child to be symptom free for 24 hours before sending them back to camp.

If your child becomes ill during camp hours, we have a first aid station where they can lay down if needed, and you will be contacted so they can leave early.

Can my 5 year old come to camp?

In order to come to camp, your child must have finished kindergarten. We welcome 6 – 14 year olds, and 5 year olds on a case-by-case basis. We recommend if you have a 5 year old to have them enroll in Spring Break Camp or attend a Summer Camp Open House to see how they would do. A child must be able to confidently do the following in order to come to Summer Nature Camp:

- Change into a bathing suit, get dressed, and tie shoes independently
- Know how to be respectful of the personal space and privacy of other campers, and can pack up their own things independently
- Be able to eat lunch/snacks and drink water at the times allowed
- Be able to interact with children of various ages

Contact us with any other questions at (973) 835-2160, or email through the contact page on our website.