

Nature Adventures Camp Parent Information Packet

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Welcome to Nature Adventures Camp

We have been preparing for your camper's arrival for some time now and are extremely excited for camp to begin. The staff are looking forward to a great summer filled with fun, smiles, new skills, and new friends.

About Durant Nature Preserve

Durant Nature Preserve has 237 beautiful acres of forested trails, 2 lakes and a shady creek for campers to learn about nature in and explore. Campbell Lodge serves as Nature Adventure Camp's headquarters. Nature Adventures shares the preserve with Camp Friendly, located at a separate facility on the North side of the preserve.

Camp Location

Durant Nature Preserve South Entrance/Campbell Lodge
3237 Spottswood St., Raleigh, 27615

Camp Supervisor

The Durant Nature Preserve Assistant Manager, Hannah Lee, plans camp throughout the year, hires seasonal staff and supervises the camp. Hannah is happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have. She operates out of the Durant Nature Preserve Office and can be reached at (919) 870-2871 or (919) 605-7829.

Camp Staff

Beyond the talents, enthusiasm and smiles they bring, our highly qualified staff attend Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resource trainings. These extensive courses emphasize basic philosophies about appropriate developmental activities, various learning styles, conflict management, positive behavior reinforcement, diversity, skills, CPR/First Aid certifications and much more. Staff must pass a criminal background screening prior to working with Nature Adventures Camp. Staff will wear camp shirts and a photo ID badge. You may also see our Raleigh Summer Youth Employee who will be learning valuable job skills while assisting us at camp.

Calling Camp

Camp Office: **919-870-2872**

Camp Supervisor: **919-870-2871** or **919-650-7829**

If you know that your child will not be at camp for the day or will be arriving late, please call and let us know. Also, if you will be picking your child up early, call at the beginning of the day or send in a note so we can have them ready for you. Please contact the Camp Supervisor, Hannah Lee (919-870-2871), for any concerns.

Drop off/ Pick up

For camper security, we utilize photo ID's and/or Security Tags for sign out.

Legal guardians and other individuals listed on the participant registration form as an authorized pick up person will be issued a security key tag. Key tags may be obtained from the site on the first day of the camp program by showing a photo ID.

Drop-off: 8:30-9:00am, our activities will begin promptly at 9:00am, please be on-time.

Pick up: 4:30-5:00pm

Late Fee Policy: \$5 for the first 10 minutes, \$1 for each minute after.

Payment is due at time of late pick-up. Habitual tardiness could result in participants' dismissal from the program.

****If you need to drop your child off late/pick your child up early, a written note or phone call is required to ensure that we have staff available to assist you.****

We may ask you to pick up or drop off your camper during certain windows of time.

Camp Attire

Please send your child to camp in cool, comfortable clothes that can get dirty. Tennis shoes (closed toed with heel strap) are required at all times- flip flops, sandals, open toed shoes, Heeleys[®] and shoes with high heels are not permitted. Please also send closed toed shoes with a heel strap that can get wet and muddy (old tennis shoes are great). It is a good practice to send your camper with a complete change of clothes each day. Please label all belongings. If something is misplaced please check the lost & found.

What NOT to Bring

Cell phones, jewelry, video games, iPods or other personal audio equipment, Game Boys, toys, stuffed animals, pets, pocket knives, aerosol cans, and water guns.

Daily Camp Necessities:

****PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING****

Towel, sunscreen, insect repellent, **lunch, 2 snacks, reusable water bottle**, tennis shoes, complete change of clothes & shoes.

Sunscreen & Insect Repellent

Please apply sunscreen and insect repellent to your child before camp. There are opportunities for your child to reapply sunscreen at the lodge, before activities begin, at lunch, at afternoon snack, and any time during rides out. Spray or mist sunscreen/insect repellent are recommended and may not be shared with other program participants.

Group Numbers

We maintain a 8:1 or better staff to camper ratio during activity periods.

Canoeing/Rafting

Paddling at Durant is on the lake. Our Camp Directors are trained as boat guards and are experienced paddlers. All campers wear personal floatation devices (life jackets) which we provide. We paddle every day as weather permits.

Wading

Wading in Secret Creek, sprinkler and water games also help keep campers cool in the summer.

Swimwear is optional if your camper does not want to get their clothing wet. If sending swimwear, one piece required for females, no speedo type briefs for males.

Medication

Only medications which are medically necessary and cannot be scheduled outside the hours of the recreation program will be given during the program. A medication permission form must be signed by a parent or guardian. All medications must be contained in a prescription bottle and appropriately labeled. Only one week's worth of medication will be accepted.

Ticks

We live in a region with a high tick population. Ticks may carry serious diseases. To help protect campers, we do tick checks twice each day. You should check your camper each evening. Early tick removal may reduce the risk of infection of some tick-borne diseases. Some insect repellents may help protect against ticks. Contact a physician if your camper develops potential tick-borne symptoms. Please consult the Center for Disease Control's website if you have further questions: <http://www.cdc.gov/lyme> or call 1-800-232-4636.

Activities

Typical activities include nature exploration, nature games, paddling on the lake, water play, crafts, or fishing. The best made plans can change due to weather, water, or air quality concerns and staff will be prepared with inside activities if necessary.

Camp Themes

Ages 7-9

June 20-24: Forest Adventures

July 11-15: Pond and Stream Adventures

August 1-5: Animal Adventures

Ages 10-12

June 13-17: Reptile and Amphibian Adventures

June 27-July 1: Creepy Crawly Critter Adventures

July 18-22: Mammal Adventures

Ages 13-16

July 25-29: Nature Adventures Teen Service Week