



Discovery Day Camp Checklist

In order to provide a unique and hands-on outdoor learning experience, we incorporate hikes through the woods, prairies and creeks into the daily curriculum. Based on many years of camp experience, below are some tips to help make your child's experience at camp a safe and enjoyable one.

- Please dress your child in **comfortable close toed** shoes for hiking (old shoes preferable).
 - Campers will change into water shoes (old tennis shoes, close toed water shoes, close toed sandals etc) at the creek then will change back into dry shoes to hike elsewhere. **NO CROCS!**
- Please put your child's name on **everything!** Hats, shoes and water bottles seem to be the most common items that get left at camp each week.
- During our adventures, we'll likely get a little wet or muddy so please wear older clothes and shoes to camp each day!

Other items to bring:

- A sack lunch Monday through Friday. **Explorers (age 3-6) campers do not bring a sack lunch.** All campers are also welcomed to bring snacks
- **For all campers,** please provide extra shoes, socks and underwear for your camper.
- Bring your preferred sunscreen and wear a hat for shade.
- Bring your preferred insect repellent for mosquitos and ticks.
- A change of clothing and extra shoes each day are also a good idea. Maybe an old T-shirt or smock for arts and crafts projects as well. **Be sure to bring a recyclable plastic bag for wet and dirty clothes!**
- Flip-flops and crocs are **only** allowed for changing clothes or after water games, not for hiking. Please be sure all sandals and shoes fit properly.
- Your child should bring their own water bottle (*with their name on it!*) to take along on hikes.
- Please send a backpack or book bag each day so that your camper has a place to keep any personal belongings, as well as to carry home finished arts and crafts projects.

Please be sure to check with the Camp Director on the **FIRST** day of camp to be sure we have all your contact information, camper's health history form and any relevant medical information. If your child needs to take any medication during the day, please make arrangements with the Camp Director. **Health forms and the Camp Packet must be completed 2 weeks before camp starts.**

Morning Drop-Off – Each morning, staff will be available so that you can quickly drop off your camper along the driveway at the front of the Lodge. If you need to walk your camper in, please park in the lower gravel parking lot. All campers **must** check in with the Camp Director before going to their assigned group.

Afternoon Pick-Up - Camp Staff will be happy to have your camper meet you at your car along the driveway at the front of the Lodge. For safety reasons, please stay in your vehicle and announce your camper's name. If you need to come into the Lodge, please park in the lower gravel parking lot. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CIRCLE!** Thank you for your cooperation.

Note: If possible, put your camper's car seat on the passenger side of car and our staff would be happy to help get campers strapped in.