



Dear Camper,

I am so pleased that you will be part of the 2022 Summer Nature Camps at Adkins Arboretum. The staff is working hard to get ready for you. We'll have a terrific time exploring, hiking, gardening, playing games, making cool crafts, and meeting new friends. The goal of these camps is to provide you with many different opportunities to discover and shine—both outdoors and within. You'll need your imagination, your inspiration, and a healthy dose of curiosity.

You are registered for **Camp Turtle "Animal Friends,"** which runs the week of **July 25–29 from 10 a.m. to noon.** To make sure camp runs smoothly, please be sure your parent or guardian completes our online camper information form **at least three days before the start of camp.** The form can be found here:

[https://www.adkinsarboretum.org/programs\\_events/summer-camp-forms.html](https://www.adkinsarboretum.org/programs_events/summer-camp-forms.html).

You'll also find information about what to bring and what to wear to summer nature camp. Be sure you read over the list to help you gear up for camp fun. Since we'll be making crafts that involve the use of non-washable acrylic paints, it's a good idea not to wear new or fancy clothes to camp.

Your camp teacher and I are really looking forward to seeing you. I know we're going to have a great time making summer camp memories. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at [jhoughton@adkinsarboretum.org](mailto:jhoughton@adkinsarboretum.org).

See you soon!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Houghton  
Assistant Director  
Adkins Arboretum



**Adkins Arboretum Summer Nature Camps will comply with 2022 Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene COVID guidelines. These guidelines are expected out in the next few months; stay tuned for more information.**

## **WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP!**

- Bag or backpack to hold all your stuff
- Water bottle labeled with name
- Sunscreen (Camps Paw Paw and Egret. Each camper must bring their own. Parents of Pollywog, Turtle, and Bumblebee campers should apply sunscreen to their children prior to camp.)
- Sunglasses (optional)
- Insect repellent (Camp Egret only. Campers in Bumblebee, Paw Paw, Turtle, and Pollywog should apply prior to camp. Tick protection is particularly important.) **Please do not apply bug spray to hands or from the knees down on wading days, as this will harm aquatic organisms.**
- Rain gear, depending upon the forecast (we DO play in the rain!)
- Towel
- A change of clothes
- Water shoes or clean, dry shoes and socks
- Lunch (Camp Egret only)

## **WHAT TO WEAR!**

- OLD CLOTHES! We paint with acrylic paints and get VERY dirty. Light-colored clothing is advised, as ticks are easier to spot.
- Shorts
- T-shirt
- Old sneakers or shoes that may get dirty and wet and that will be comfortable on long walks (no flip-flops, please)
- **Hat or cap** (the importance of this item of clothing cannot be overstated)

**Please label everything with your child's name—especially water bottles!**

