



Dear Camper,

I am so pleased that you will be part of the 2020 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 Pollywog "Nature's Treasure Chest,"** which runs the week of **June 29–July 3 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** To make sure camp runs smoothly, I've attached a Camper Information Packet for your parent to complete. **Please bring this packet with you on the first day of camp.** The packet can also be completed online at 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.

I'm 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 (410) 634-2847, ext. 23 or jhoughton@adkinsarboretum.org.

See you soon!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Houghton
Assistant Director
Adkins Arboretum



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP!

- **A plain white T-shirt on the first day of camp so that you can create your own camp shirt!**
- Bag or backpack to hold all your stuff
- Water bottle labeled with name
- Sunscreen (Camps Paw Paw and Egret. Each camper must bring his/her 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, as this will kill the aquatic organisms we'll be handling!
- Rain gear, depending upon the forecast (we DO play in the rain!)
- Towel
- Clean, dry shoes and socks to change into, as well as a change of clothes
- 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!



Camper Information Packet

Camper's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Approximate Weight: _____

Camper's Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone Number: _____

Health Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

Legal Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

If I am not reachable in the event of a medical emergency, please contact:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Provide information on any allergies, medical conditions, psychological conditions, behavioral conditions, dietary restrictions, or special needs that we need to be aware of.

Is camper currently enrolled in a Maryland school? YES NO

If yes, name of school _____

- If camper is **NOT** currently enrolled in a Maryland school, please provide a record of immunizations for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola), German measles (rubella), and mumps.
- If camper is exempt from immunization on medical or religious grounds, please provide a signed copy of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Immunization Certificate.

Parents of campers enrolled in **Camps Bumblebee, Turtle,** and **Pollywog** are asked to apply sunscreen to their children before the start of camp. Sunscreen will not be provided by Adkins Arboretum.

Campers enrolled in **Camps Paw Paw** and **Egret** should apply sunscreen before the start of camp and also bring sunscreen for further applications. Please indicate below if there are any brands of sunscreen that your child may not use.

- May camp staff assist with sunscreen application if necessary? YES NO

My child has permission to be photographed or videotaped while attending Summer Nature Camp. I understand these images may be used later for marketing (names will not be used.)

YES NO

In case you are not able to pick up your camper, the following people are authorized to provide transportation.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

With my signature below, I certify that all the information on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand it is my responsibility to notify Arboretum staff to change any of the information contained in this form.

Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____