

Welcome to The Morton Arboretum's 2017 Summer Science Camp!

Important Forms to Return

- 🌿 Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form has been emailed to you. If you have already completed that, thanks! If you have not completed that form, please complete it as soon as possible.
- 🌿 If your child will be bringing an EpiPen, inhaler or other medication to camp, you and your child's pediatrician must complete the Medication Authorization Form. This form should have been emailed to you. If you did not receive it, please contact the Camp Supervisor.

Daily Drop-Off and Pick-Up

- 🌿 Drop off and pick up for camp is at the Thornhill Picnic Shelter near Parking Lot 21.
- 🌿 We have an exclusive entrance lane at the gatehouse for morning drop off. The dedicated entry lane will be available between 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM for camp parents and guardians. We will be sure to indicate this lane with additional signage as you approach the gatehouse. Please print a copy of the entry sign (attached to this email) to display as you enter.
- 🌿 Everyone must stop at the gatehouse upon arrival. If you are an Arboretum member, please have your membership card scanned.
- 🌿 Please note the camp entry lane is only for morning drop off between 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM. When arriving for other pick up or drop off times, you must proceed through an open lane, along with other visitors, before proceeding to Parking Lot 21.
- 🌿 Camp staff will be available for check-in at 8:50 am for morning and full day sessions and 12:20 pm for afternoon sessions. Children must be supervised by an authorized adult until these drop-off times.
- 🌿 For your child's safety, an authorized adult must sign your child in and out daily.
- 🌿 Please pick up your child promptly at the end of the program. If you are going to be late picking up your child, please contact the registrars at 630-719-2468. Any parent/guardian picking up a child late will be assessed a fee of \$15 per child for pickup 15 minutes late and \$1 per minute thereafter.
- 🌿 Observe the speed limit along the entrance and exits roads, since many children are present.
- 🌿 Parents may use the Night Exit from the Arboretum after drop-off and pick-up.
- 🌿 Dogs are not allowed on Arboretum grounds, even in your vehicle. Please leave your pets at home when dropping off or picking up your child(ren) from camp.

Late Arrivals, Early Pick-Up, and Absences

- 🌿 To take full advantage of our camp experience, it is recommended that children attend camp each day, arriving on time and not leaving early. Late arrivals and early pick-ups are discouraged – they disrupt the day's activities for all of the campers.
- 🌿 In the case of a late arrival, it is your responsibility to take your child to meet up with their group. Late arrivals should check in at the group's picnic table. If your child's group has already left, the

instructor will write directions on the dry erase board at the table. Please follow the directions to meet up with the group.

- 🍂 In the case of an early pick-up, it is your responsibility to arrange with your child's camp instructor a place and time to meet.
- 🍂 If your child will miss a day of camp, please call the camp coordinators by 9:00 am to inform our staff that he/she will not be in attendance that day.

Weather

- 🍂 Camp is held outdoors, rain or shine. In case of extreme weather, children will participate in indoor activities at the Thornhill Education Center, the Outpost, or the Visitor Center.
- 🍂 Camp will not be cancelled due to rain.

Daily Attire

- 🍂 Dress your child for outdoor play. Most of camp is spent outdoors. Camp is hands-on and interactive – we strongly encourage children to wear clothing that can get wet and dirty.
- 🍂 Expect hikes on wood-chipped and paved trails with uneven terrain.
- 🍂 Proper attire is important for the safety and protection of your child – they must wear sturdy walking shoes (sandals/open-toed shoes are not recommended).
- 🍂 Wear a short sleeve shirt and shorts or pants. Bring a hat and long sleeved shirt (to protect from insects and sun).

Daily Supplies

- 🍂 Full water bottle
- 🍂 A backpack for camper's supplies
- 🍂 Sunscreen (apply prior to arrival) - leave bottle in child's backpack for reapplication. Note: When using both bug spray and sunscreen, it is best to put the sunscreen on first.
- 🍂 Insect repellent (apply prior to arrival) - leave bottle in child's backpack. Note: We recommend that your bug spray contains Deet.
- 🍂 Raingear (if rain is predicted).
- 🍂 Snacks (at least 1 for each half day camp or night camp and at least 2 for full day camps – an extra snack is frequently a good idea!)
- 🍂 Lunch (if attending a full day camp or 2 half day camps)
- 🍂 Please do not bring personal materials such as fishing poles, binoculars, toys, books, etc. to camp.
- 🍂 Campers should leave cell phones and other electronic devices at home.
- 🍂 Please note that we cannot be responsible for loss or damage to personal items brought to camp.

Daily Snack, Lunch, and Beverages

- 🍂 Do not pack items that require refrigeration.
- 🍂 Note: Friday is Popsicle Day!!! We provide a popsicle for every child in our day camps. Please inform us if your child cannot eat popsicles. In addition, some camps may have small snacks related to the activities they are doing during the day. Please make sure your camp instructor is aware of any dietary concerns for your child.

Arboretum Exhibits and Various Locations

- 🌿 Campers may be transported using an Arboretum vehicle or tram, driven by authorized staff, to various locations on the Arboretum grounds.

Safety and First Aid

- 🌿 All camp supervisors, camp coordinators, camp instructors and supervised play leaders are certified in CPR and First Aid.
- 🌿 If any minor first aid is administered during camp, parents/guardians will be notified at the end of the camp day. Parents will be asked to sign a First Aid Card acknowledging that this conversation occurred.
- 🌿 If a camper has an illness or injury that requires more than minor first aid, camp coordinators will call parents immediately to discuss the situation.

After A Day at Summer Camp

- 🌿 We recommend that parents check children after camp for any “hitchhikers” that may have come home after a day of camp. Ticks and other insects are a reality of summer days outside. We recommend doing a complete check of your child from head to toe for ticks or other critters they may have picked up while at camp.

Camp Evaluations

- 🌿 At the end of the camp week, you will receive an evaluation for the science camp experience. Please take the time to complete this evaluation with your child. Your thoughts are very important to us.

Questions or Additional Information

- 🌿 Please feel free to contact Krista Childs, Camp & Scout Supervisor, at (630) 719-4890.