

NatureCamps in Parks

Cincinnati Park Board Naturalists and summer counselors conduct a one-week day camp session in a park near you this summer. The theme this year is **AMAZING ANIMALS & CLASSIFICATIONS! This camp is held entirely outdoors!**

Children who are **ages 5 and entering 1st grade in Fall** through 12 years old can participate in active fun centered around local nature topics. Children are divided into groups by age.

The Friday cookout is a popular activity at camp; children should bring hot dogs, buns and s'more fixins!

NEW THIS YEAR: Stanbery camp has been moved to the first week of camp and a new camp location has been added at Mt. Airy Forest.

Each session runs from ***Monday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Note: To ensure a fun time and room for everyone, children are limited to no more than 2 of the NatureCamp sessions listed below for the summer.

Fee: \$75.00 per camper per week

*Week of July 3 is \$65.00 with no camp on Tues, July 4

Stanbery Park (Mt. Washington)

June 12 - 16

Enter from Oxford Ave; meet at end of paved path

French Park (Amberley Village) (3 sessions)

June 19 - 23, *July 3 - 7 (no camp on 7/4) and July 17 - 21

Enter from Section Rd; meet at the circle-end of drive

Ault Park (Hyde Park / Mt. Lookout) (3 sessions)

June 26 - 30, July 10 - 14 and July 24 - 28

Enter on Observatory Ave; meet at pavilion picnic area

Mt. Airy Forest, Stone Steps Shelter (Mt. Airy)

July 31 - August 4

Enter from Colerain Ave; continue past oval and take first turn to left.



Camp Information and Policies

We'll hike through forests and fields, explore creeks, make crafts, and play games to learn more about the plants and animals that live right here in Cincinnati. All camps are run by Explore Nature! staff and summer counselors. **Your child can enjoy more than one Parks camp this summer!** Register for up to two "NatureCamps in the Parks " at different locations and for as many different age-appropriate theme camps at California Woods, LaBoiteaux Woods and Trailside Nature Center as you wish. Themes and activities vary each summer, so camp is "new" for your child each year!

Who May Attend:

Children ages 5 (entering 1st grade in Fall) - 12 years old.

If a child of the wrong age is registered for a camp, you will be notified by our main office and we will try to accommodate you in another camp but we can not provide a refund.

Non-Refundable:

Camp registrations are **NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Due to the popularity of our camps, **we will provide a wait list.** Please recheck online weekly for openings that may occur in previously sold out camps

All transfers must be processed through our office at 321-6208; children will not be able to attend without prior approval and proper paperwork completed. Please only register for the camp your child can attend and which do not conflict with other summer plans you may have. Camp fees may not be prorated for any days of camp missed due to weather cancellations (see below for more information), homesickness, voluntary withdrawal, behavior challenges, illness or injury.

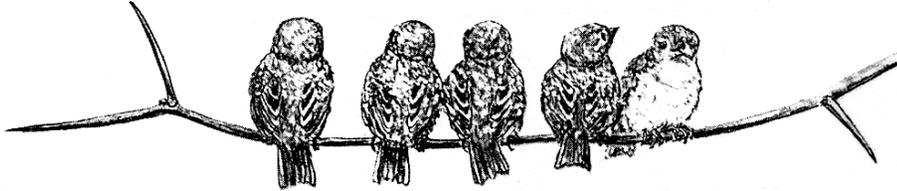
Confirmation:

Confirmations are sent via email within minutes after registering online.

Review for accuracy and contact us at 513-321-6208 if corrections are needed. You will receive a camp reminder the week before your chosen camp.

Placement:

Campers are divided into groups of similarly-aged children. Camp provides a good opportunity to make new friends in a fun-filled environment. If your child wants to attend with one special friend, please name that child when registering. We can place children with the requested friend *only if both children request to be placed together, the children are close in age and space is available.*



Transportation and Hours:

Parents or other family-approved adults are responsible for transporting campers to and from camp. This adult should remain with the child until they are settled with their counselor on the first morning which can be up to 10 minutes. Campers should be dropped off and picked up at designated areas determined on the first day of camp. Please do not leave your child in the park unattended before or after camp hours.

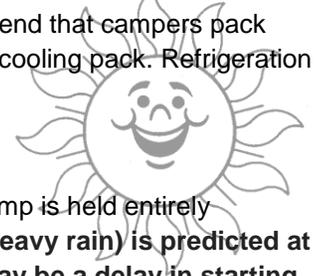
Clothing:

Campers should dress to be outdoors, whatever the weather. Old clothes and sturdy tennis shoes or boots are essential. No open-toed shoes, crocs or sandals are allowed. Bring rain coats or ponchos if the weather looks threatening. Other items that campers may need to “wear” are sunscreen and insect repellent.



Lunch:

Unless noted otherwise, children need to bring a lunch with drink and a water bottle to camp every day. We recommend that campers pack their lunches in insulated bags or lunch box with a cooling pack. Refrigeration is not available.



Weather:

Summer weather can be unpredictable and this camp is held entirely outdoors. **If severe weather (thunderstorms or heavy rain) is predicted at the beginning or near the end of camp, there may be a delay in starting or early dismissal. If severe weather is predicted for extended hours during camp, NatureCamps in the Parks may be canceled.** Outdoor activities will continue during a light rain. If the camp is canceled, parents will be notified by email at least an hour before the starting time. **No refund will be given for a canceled camp day.** During heat alerts, hiking and other lively activities occur earlier in the day and quieter activities in the afternoon.

Expectations of Campers:

Campers should be able to:

- Stay with their assigned group with minimum reminders.
- Explore the natural world and move themselves along trails, over uneven ground, up and down hills, and across bridges and streams.
- Interact with their peers in group games and activities and maintain appropriate self-control in social situations.

Cincinnati Parks has a zero tolerance on drugs and violence. Parents with questions regarding the staffing needed to meet your child's needs should contact us at 513-321-6208. We are happy to make reasonable accommodations.

