

Preschool Discovery Mornings in Parks

For Preschool children ages 3 1/2 to 5. A fun, hands-on way to explore nature's treasures right at their neighborhood park.

Children must have turned 3 by January 1st, 2017 and must be toilet trained. Each day features a different aspect of the theme this year: COLORS! Activities include hikes, games, crafts, songs, live animals and more. Note: Children attending this camp do **NOT** bring a lunch.

NEW THIS YEAR: Stanbery Camp has been moved to the first week of camp and new camp site has been added at Mt. Airy Forest, Oak Ridge Lodge.

PROGRAM REPEATS and is the same each week; please schedule your child for ONE session only.

Days: Programs are held ***Monday – Friday.**

Times: 9:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Fee: **\$55.00** per camper per week



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| Stanbery Park | June 12 - 16 | (At Shelter; end of paved path) |
| French Park | June 19 - 23 | (At shelter at top of hill) |
| 3 sessions | July 3 - 7 | (same as above) |
| | *Fee: \$50.00 with no camp on Tues., 7/4. | |
| | July 17 - 21 | (same as above) |
| Ault Park | June 26 - 30 | (At Principio Ave. picnic area) |
| 3 sessions | July 10 - 14 | (same as above) |
| | July 24 - 28 | (same as above) |
| Mt. Airy Park | July 31 - August 4 | |
| (Oak Ridge Lodge) | | |



Camp Information and Policies



Your child can enjoy more than one Parks camp this summer!

Although we request that you **only register for ONE Discovery Morning** camp, preschool camps are also available at California Woods and Trailside Nature Center. Themes and activities vary each summer, so camp is "new" for your child each year!

Who May Attend:

Children ages 3 ½ - 5 (pre-Kindergarten) and toilet trained.

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:

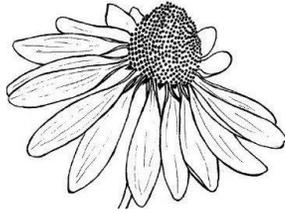
Confirmations are sent via email within minutes after registering online.

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.

Daily Topics:

This year's weekly theme is COLORS IN NATURE. You will receive a handout on the first day of camp that provides you with daily questions to ask your camper regarding what was learned at camp. Here are the daily topics:

Monday: Yellow
Tuesday: Green
Wednesday: Blue
Thursday: Brown
Friday: Red



Placement:

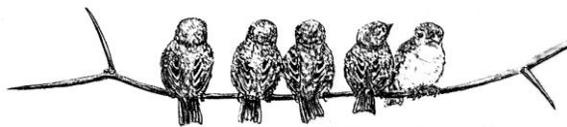
Campers are divided into groups of similarly-aged children. Camp provides a good opportunity to make new friends in a fun-filled environment. If your child wants to attend with one special friend, please name that child when registering. We can place children with the requested friend *only if both children 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 15 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.

Preparing for Camp:

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.



Preparing for Camp continued:

Weather: Summer weather can be unpredictable and **this camp is held entirely outdoors. If severe weather (thunderstorms or heavy rain) is predicted for extended hours during camp, Discovery Mornings 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 lesson plans and quieter activities later in the morning.

Water Bottle: Hot days require good hydration and preschoolers take breaks between activities to drink from their water bottle. No lunch is needed.

Edible Craft: One day during camp, your child will be making an edible craft using vanilla wafers, vanilla frosting, red food coloring, and chocolate chips. Please let us know if your child has any allergies or medical conditions that would conflict with participating in the edible craft.

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.

