

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ'S) 2021

Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding summer camp at the Howard County Conservancy. During the COVID 19 pandemic, as new guidelines are issued we will make the necessary changes.

How much is a session of summer camp?

*Each 5-day session of camp is \$290. *week 3 is \$230*

How much and when is Before and After Care?

Before Care starts at 8:00 am and is \$30 for the week. Due to COVID19, we will not be offering after care in 2021 to allow for time for sanitizing.

What are the regular hours of camp?

Camp runs from 9:00 - 3:30 daily. Morning drop off is from 8:45 am – 9:00 am. Afternoon pickup is from 3:30 pm -3:45 pm. If your camper is arriving late or being picked up early, please inform our staff so that we can make arrangements to meet you at your car.

Can my camper be in a unit with his/her friend?

We will try to accommodate requests, however because of the smaller unit size due to COVID 19, we may not be able to honor your request. If you do have a request, we need to know at least one week prior to the camp start. You may include this information in "Health History and Grouping Information" on the application or email the camp director.

How do you break up units at camp?

Generally, we will have a unit for campers ages 5-7, a second unit for campers ages 7-9, and a third unit for campers ages 9-12. The age breakdown is determined by the age of registrants and may change depending on the session.

If I need to cancel, can I get a refund?

Full Refunds are permitted up to 10 days prior to the start of camp.

**No refunds after 10 days prior to the start of camp session unless the camper suffers a medical emergency, attested to by a physician, which keeps the child from attending. Refunds are not given for absence, sick days or if a camper is dismissed due to behavioral problems. In the event of a COVID-19 related closure, refunds will be given appropriately.*

Do you serve food at camp?

No. Campers should bring a filling, waste-free lunch and snack. There is no refrigeration for lunches; include a freezer pack if needed.

What do I need to pack for my child?

*Please pack the following: water bottle; sunscreen; waste-free, filling lunch; sturdy closed-toe shoes for running around; water shoes; change of clothes; rain gear if the weather calls for it; a beach towel, book to read, a backpack in which to store your campers' items. Special request for **2021, please send a pencil box containing crayons, pencils, colored pencils, washable markers, scissors, glue stick and one or two dry erase markers.** Please make sure that your child has a labelled mask placed in a zip lock bag.*

Can the Conservancy staff administer medications?

No. Children who must take medications while at camp must be able to take their own medications under supervision of Conservancy staff. To do this, we must have parent authorization for over-the-counter medicines and a physician's authorization for prescription medications. A Medication Form must be filled out for each medication the camper is taking while at camp, including regular prescriptions and emergency medications. The Medication Form may be found on our camp webpage, <http://www.hcconservancy.org/camp/>.

My child is young. Will you put sunscreen on them?

No. Sunscreen is considered to be a topical medication by the Maryland Department of Health and we are not allowed to help apply it.

My child has special needs. Can they attend camp?

If your child is able to participate in normal daily camp activities, they are welcome to join us. However, we are unable to provide one-on-one assistance for camps. Please give us as much information as possible to allow camp staff to most appropriately assist your camper.

Something came up! I need someone to pick up my camper who is not on the authorization list. What do I do?

Email the director (camp@howardnature.org or belmont@howardnature.org). You should call as well to let us know about the changes, but we need to see the name in writing so we can check it against the driver's license.

How can I contact you during the day?

For important issues while camp is in session, please use the following methods to contact us:

Mt. Pleasant Office Phone (during business hours) 410-465-8877

Belmont Office Phone (during business hours) 410-465-8337

Our Camp Directors may not be at their desks while camp is in session. Please allow 24 hours for an email reply or call our office for immediate assistance.