



**Enrollments** – Staff to child ratio is kept low to ensure individual attention and to enhance each child’s experience. Sessions are designed using different themes so children can participate in multiple sessions. Creative hands-on activities, games and art are age appropriate to encourage learning about nature while having fun. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing experience.

**Campers’ Behavior** - Given the outdoor focus of our camp programs, participants are expected to be able to meet their own personal and safety needs, be self-sufficient, and function and interact appropriately within a group setting to the extent that is appropriate for the ages specified in the program descriptions. If this is not the case, please contact us for available accommodation. All children need to be toilet trained.

**Arriving on Time** – Camps begin promptly at the designated time. Please have your camper(s) at the Interpretive Center for check-in on time to ensure they don’t miss any of their program. Staff will not be available to supervise participants prior to the camp start time.

**Snacks** – Snacks will be served at mid-morning and mid-afternoon. If your child has special dietary needs, please contact us before the camp starting date so we can make necessary accommodations.

**Clothing** – All our programs include outdoor exploration, often off-trail. Please have campers dressed in clothes that can get dirty, muddy, or wet.

**Shoes** – Closed-toe shoes are necessary to ensure safety and comfort for exploring in a variety of terrains. No sandals, flip-flops or clogs. We will let you know in advance if water shoes or boots are needed.

**Rain Gear** – Please send rain gear with each camper if there is any chance of rain. We will often go outside if it is raining lightly. NO umbrellas – it is difficult for children to explore and manage an umbrella.

**Cancellation Policy** – A refund less a \$20 fee will be given if the cancellation is more than fourteen (14) days prior to the camp start date. If less than fourteen days, refund less a \$20 fee will be given only if we can fill the space. If we must cancel a camp session, you will receive a full refund.

**Arrival/Departure** -- All camps begin and end each day at the Interpretive Center, located just off our main parking lot at the end of Rustad Road. Your child will need to be signed in and out of camp each day by the person dropping them off and picking them up.

**Weather** – Camps will run regardless of the weather. In case of severe weather we will take campers to secure areas.

**Sunscreen & Insect Repellent** – Please apply these before arriving at camp. We will re-apply as needed so send extra along.

**Things to Bring** – We suggest each camper bring the following things. If you wish to leave some things for the duration of the camp please put them in a bag labeled with the child’s name.

- ⇒ Backpack to hold things
- ⇒ Water bottle
- ⇒ Change of clothes
- ⇒ Extra socks
- ⇒ Lunch (for full day camps only)
- ⇒ Sunscreen and insect repellent

**Full-Day Camps** – As needed, a separate letter containing more details and a list of gear needed will be sent out before camp begins by your camp leader.

**Forms** – Please be sure to fill out all appropriate forms sent with your confirmation letter/email and return to River Bend **before** camp begins.

**Membership** – If you registered for camp as a River Bend member (i.e. taking the member discount), your membership **must be current** on the day camp starts for your camper to participate.

**Questions** – Contact us by phone at 507.332.7151 or by email at [camp@rbnc.org](mailto:camp@rbnc.org).

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