



Howard County
RECREATION & PARKS

Robinson Nature Center
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044
www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter
410-313-0400



Dear Camper and Parent:

Thank you for choosing Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks at Robinson Nature Center for your child's summer camp experience. This letter provides important information about camp, including **required forms your camper must bring with them.**

The camp your child is registered for, **Nature Extravaganza** (RP 4866.401), is Wednesday through Friday, June 21 - June 23, 2017. Camp begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM each day. Camp will be held at **Robinson Nature Center** located at 6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044. For directions, see the website: www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter

Special Accommodations: If your child requires any special accommodations please call Monica Horan at 410-313-0674, as soon as possible so we can best accommodate your needs.

Daily Routine:

At this camp, we will spend each day playing indoor and outdoor games, exploring the Middle Patuxent River and making crafts. Some days we will watch a movie in our planetarium or meet live animals. There will be time for students to eat a snack each day. **Please send a nut free snack, nut free lunch and water bottle with your child each day. Please label their water bottle with their name.** Registration verification and camper check-in will take place on Wednesday morning as you arrive. Check in begins at 8:45 AM. Each day, guardians are required to sign their campers in and out of camp.

Photo ID Requirement:

In order to ensure the safety of children enrolled in camps, any adult picking up a child from camp must be listed on the camper's Participant Information Form as authorized to pick up the participant. This year, all camp staff are required to have you show a government issued photo ID (driver's license, passport, U.S. military ID, or permanent resident card) at pick up before they release campers to you. **Please make sure you have your ID with you when you come to pick up your child.**

Camp Preparation:

- The recommended attire for camp is a t-shirt, shorts (or long pants if the weather is cold), socks and close-toed shoes. Please wear clothes that are OK to get a little bit dirty and wet. Children **MUST** wear closed-toed shoes when exploring the river. Flip-flops and open toed sandals are not allowed. We recommend **closed-toed water shoes or old tennis shoes**. Shoes must be worn at all times during the camp program.
- As we will be exploring the stream each day, clothes and shoes may become muddy or wet during these activities. Your child may wear a **bathing suit** under their clothes. **We recommend arriving to camp already dressed in a bathing suit under clothing. Please send a change of clothes and shoes** for after we explore in the river. A towel will also be needed.



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- Billed caps and sunscreen are advised. Please apply sunscreen and insect repellent before bringing your child to camp.
- On the first day of camp, please bring the [Camp Participant Information Form](#) completed and signed.
- Please read over the [Code of Conduct](#) with your child prior to camp.
- **YOUR CHILD'S MEDICATIONS:** If your child will bring any medication to camp with them, please bring the [Medication Administration Authorization Form](#) completed and signed on the first day of camp. A PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE is required on this form. Please note that we cannot accept school medication authorization forms because they do not apply to recreation and parks employees. Bring your child's medication in its original container that has the prescription label. The dosage listed on the container must match with that listed on the Medication Form.

Please note that if your child has been prescribed a rescue inhaler or epi-pen (even if they have never exhibited symptoms or had to use it), you should fill out the medication order form and bring the inhaler or epi-pen with you to camp. We take all precautions to ensure your child's safety, but in the event your child were to suffer an asthma attack or severe allergic reaction, having these items on-site is imperative to your child's treatment. If you are unable to provide these items at camp check-in, you will be required to sign a waiver form each day allowing your child to attend camp without their prescribed medication.

Forms to read/bring to camp:

[REQUIRED: Participant Information Form 2017](#)

[PLEASE READ: Camp Code of Conduct 2017](#)

[REQUIRED IF BRINGING CHILD MEDICATION: Medication Authorization Form](#)

Camp will run rain or shine. In the event of extreme inclement weather, please call the Front Desk at 410-313-0400 for updates on program status.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you and I look forward to meeting your camper!

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