



Robinson Nature Center
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044
www.howardcountymd.gov/RobinsonNatureCenter.htm
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 information about camp.

The camp your child is registered for, **Epic Water Venture Mini-Camp (RP4849.401)**, is Wednesday through Friday, July 19th – 21st, 2017. Camp begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. 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 or has any special dietary restrictions that you did not note when you registered, please call Joshua Detweiler at 410-313-0507, as soon as possible so we can best accommodate your needs.

Daily Routine:

At this camp, we will spend each exciting day playing indoor and outdoor games, conducting stream investigations and creating crafts. Registration verification and camper check-in begins at 8:45am on Wednesday, July 19th in the lobby of Robinson Nature Center.

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:

- Children **MUST** wear closed-toed shoes when exploring the river. Flip-flops and 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 make sure your child also has the following each day of camp:
 - **A change of clothes and shoes** for after we explore in the river.
 - **A towel**
 - **Lunch** – please bring a packed lunch with your child each day to camp. Please note that we are a “**Nut Free**” facility, so please do not pack lunches containing any nut products.

Baseball caps and pre-applied **sunscreen** are advised.

- 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.



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- 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.

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 Field Trip to the National Aquarium: On **Thursday, July 20th** we will take a bus trip to Baltimore to spend the day at the **National Aquarium**. Please have your child wear their Robinson Camp shirt (provided on the first day of camp) to make it easier to stick together as a group. Please also provide your camper with a **nut-free non-perishable lunch** and a **backpack** for them to carry it in during the field trip. If possible, please also arrive 10-15 minutes early on Thursday (between 8:45 and 8:55 AM) so that the bus may leave on time.

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. When calling with questions, please note, the Nature Center is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Thank you, and I look forward to meeting your camper!

Sincerely,

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