



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 information about camp.

The camp your child is registered for, **River Explorers Mini Camp (RP4819.404)**, will run Wednesday July 26th through Friday, July 28th 2017. The camp will begin at 1:00 pm and end at 4:30 pm on those days. 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

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 go to pick up your child.**

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 will take place on Wednesday afternoon as you arrive. Check in begins at 12:45 pm. All parents/guardians *must* come inside the Nature Center to sign-in and sign-out their children each day. Please do not drop off or pick up your child without signing them in/out. If you plan on remaining at the Nature Center during your child's camp session, you will need to check in at the front desk after signing your child into camp.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS: If your child requires any special accommodations or has any special dietary restrictions, please call Kelly Vogelpohl, 410-313-0408, as soon as possible so we can best accommodate your needs.

What to Bring:

- The recommended attire for camp is a **t-shirt, shorts, socks and closed-toed shoes**. Children **MUST** wear closed-toed shoes when exploring the river as well. Flip-flops and open 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.
- We will be exploring the stream each day where 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.
- We highly recommend that you **apply sunscreen to your child prior to camp**. Camp staff cannot apply your child's sunscreen for them. Any sunscreen brought to camp must be kept in the child's own backpack and clearly marked with their first and last name. Sunscreen cannot be shared with other campers.



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- Please make sure your child also has the following each day of camp:
 - o **A full change of clothes and shoes** for after we explore in the river.
 - o **A towel**
 - o **A water bottle** clearly labeled with your child's name
 - o **Baseball caps or hats** and pre-applied **sunscreen** are advised.
 - o **A nut-free snack.** A snack time will be provided.

Camp Preparation:

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

Sincerely,
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