

## **Hello and thank you for your interest in our Nature Camp!**

Our day starts off at 9:00am (we do offer extended care from 8-9:00am and 3:30-5:00pm). We request that campers are dropped off 10-15 minutes early on Monday so paperwork can be handed off and campers can put their belongings in their cubby and make a name tag. Please do not drop off early if you are arriving at 8:00am. The daily timeline is listed below and more details on classes and activities are at the bottom.

- 9:15 On Monday the Camp Director explains the rules and expectations of Nature Camp to all campers
- 9:10 Buddy Time (this starts at 9:30 Monday): Campers are split into groups by age and gender of 3-5 campers and one counselor per group to play and explore in the Arboretum. Monday the groups only have time to go out into the garden and do a name game to introduce everyone in their group before snack. Some days we will have themed scavenger hunts, but most days this is a terrific time for campers to explore the different gardens and landscapes (with their counselors).
- 9:45 Meet back up for snack. We do not provide a snack. Bringing your own is recommended.
- 10:00 Morning rotations of art, gardening, or science activities start. We split the entire camp into two groups based on age. In this case, we still have the 1:5 ratios; however, it will be with a group of 10-20 campers, instead of individual groups of 3-5 like during buddy time.
- 11:00 Switch and complete the other activity. Groups of 10-20 campers are overseen and taught by one instructor and one other staff, along with 4-6 counselors.
- 12:00 Lunch: Please send your children with a lunch, unless you have pre ordered lunch through the Peacock Café or your child is a half day camper.
- 12:45 Buddy time which is run the same as the morning
- 1:30 First Afternoon rotation of art, gardening, or science activities begins.
- 2:30 Switch
- 3:30 Dismissal/after care
- 5:00 Aftercare ends and camp closes

Science classes range in topic from bird watching and bug hunts to learning about plant parts and different types of animals. Physics based activities and chemistry experiments like making slime are some of the camper's favorites! Art classes are nature themed and are as simple as

going into the Arboretum to draw with pencils, crayons, or pastels or more complex like sculpting or papier-mâché. All classes are led by trained instructors that teach the different skills needed for each activity.

Each day has the same timeline with different activities. We do not repeat classes so when we have repeat campers, there are always new things to do and to learn.

I hope this description is helpful and if you have any further questions about our programs please do not hesitate to email or call Chris Orosz at 626-821-5897 or [Chris.Orosz@Arboretum.org](mailto:Chris.Orosz@Arboretum.org).

In regards to registering your children, you can do so by calling our registration phone line at 626-821-4623. Thank you!