WELCOME TO NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP!

Mon, Fri, July 3 & 7: Flag Ponds, 9am-3pm
Tues, July 4: No Camp
Wed, July 5: King's Landing, 9am-3pm
Thurs, July 6: Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, 9am-3pm
Friday, July 7: Art Show, Flag Ponds, 3pm

June 14, 2017

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Welcome to Nature Photography Camp! To help insure that your child has a safe and fun time, I have a few suggestions:

- **Drop off and pick up** your child at the following locations, promptly at the above times.
  - **Flag Ponds:** education building **(please stop at the front gate booth and inform the park staff that you are here for camp)**
  - **Cypress Swamp:** picnic pavilion **King's Landing Pavilion 2:** second driveway on left (past the obstacle course)
- **Sign In:** Please sign your child in and out every day. On the first morning, please allow extra time to double-check paperwork. Turning in forms prior to the first day of camp will also help save time.
- **Cameras:** Bring digital cameras that use memory cards or that have a USB cable, in order for me to download their pictures. Please do not bring expensive Digital SLR type cameras with interchangeable lenses since cameras will be around sand, dirt, and water. We also ask that campers do not use video features on their cameras during camp hours. Don't forget to keep an extra set of batteries in your backpack or be sure to charge battery every night. If camper has at least an 8G memory card, they will be able to fit all pictures on it.
- **Lunch & Snacks:** Pack a lunch, plus 2 additional snacks (such as crackers, granola bar, grapes) which can easily be eaten while we're hiking. If you pack a juice box for lunch, make sure they also have a refillable water bottle.
- **Backpacks:** Campers will store all personal belongings in their backpack and will carry them throughout the park, leaving unnecessary items in the building to lighten their load.
- **Clothing:** dress in OLD CLOTHES that can get dirty or painted. Please provide a change of clothes.
- **Shoes:** Comfortable shoes are a must, since we will be walking quite a bit throughout the day. For safety reasons, we ask that campers do not wear flip flops or crocs.
- **Bullying:** We want our campers to feel safe; therefore, campers who are bullying others will be permanently expelled from all CCNRD camps.
- **Health/Safety:** While we are having fun exploring nature, I will make every effort to minimize your child's exposure to things like poison ivy, ticks, jellyfish, etc; however, if your child develops a rash or other symptoms, don't hesitate to contact your physician. In addition, please check your child for ticks after camp every day.
- **Friday Photo Finish:** After camp at 3pm on Friday, we are inviting campers and their families to an art show with light refreshments so that you can admire campers' amazing photographs.

Since taking pictures is one of my favorite pastimes outside of work, I can hardly wait for camp to begin. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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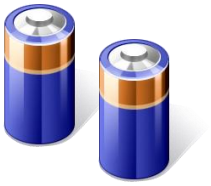
NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP CHECKLIST

What to Bring:

- ☐ Lunch (pack in reusable containers, if possible, to minimize trash)
- ☐ 2 additional snacks (finger food) for the trail
- ☐ Refillable water bottle
- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Digital Camera & memory card [8 G or more best] **(write initials on memory card)**
- ☐ Camera Case or Ziploc Bag
- ☐ Extra Batteries for camera
- ☐ Extra Set of Clothes (in a labeled plastic bag)
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect Repellent (one that works for both ticks and mosquitoes)
- ☐ 2 or 3 plastic bags for crafts, wet clothes, etc.
- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ T-shirt/swim shirt worn over swimsuit (reduces jellyfish stings & sunburn)
- ☐ Water Shoes or old tennis shoes must be worn in the water (no flip flops or crocs)
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Raincoat or Poncho (no umbrellas) if rain is forecasted
- ☐ Small Antibacterial Gel (optional)



What NOT to Bring:

- ☐ Electronic Devices (except camera)
- ☐ Video cameras or expensive digital SLR cameras with interchangeable lenses
- ☐ Money
- ☐ Candy (except in your lunch)
- ☐ Toys
- ☐ Flip Flops or Crocs

Special Notes: **Don't forget to charge camera batteries every night before camp!**

Monday: campers need to arrive wearing their bathing suits and sunscreen; please bring clothes for them to change into before lunch. Since the walk to the beach is approximately a half mile, campers need to wear comfortable shoes, and carry their water shoes with them.

Wednesday: We will be playing water games in the afternoon and probably will get soaked, so they should wear or bring their bathing suits and a change of clothes.

Thursday: Wear camp shirt today.

Friday: campers need to arrive wearing their bathing suits and sunscreen; please bring clothes for them to change into before lunch.

Friday Art Show at 3pm: On the first day of camp, please sign up to bring a snack or dessert item. We should be finished no later than 4pm.