



WELCOME TO ORNITHOLOGY SUMMER CAMP!

WHEN: Mon, Tues July 13 – 14, Flag Ponds ♦ 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Wed, July 15, Cypress Swamp ♦ 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Thurs, July 16, Cypress Swamp ♦ 4:00pm-10:00pm

June 15, 2015

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Welcome to Ornithology Summer 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
- **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.
- **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.
- **Thursday Night:** We will provide a cookout and campfire snacks. Bring water bottles.
- **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 CENRD 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.

I have enjoyed preparing for this camp, and I can't wait to try everything with my young ornithologists. I look forward to meeting everyone this summer, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. ♦ (410) 535-5327 ♦ stelesj@co.cal.md.us

Sincerely,

Shannon Steele
Naturalist

ORNITHOLOGY CAMP CHECKLIST



What to Bring:

- Lunch (pack in reusable containers, if possible, to minimize trash.)
- 2 additional snacks for the trail (finger food)
- Refillable water bottle
- Backpack
- 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
- Flashlight (Thursday Night)
- Small Antibacterial Gel (optional)



What NOT to Bring:

- Electronic Devices
- Money
- Candy (except in your lunch)
- Toys
- Flip flops or Crocs

Special Notes:

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: In the morning, we will wade through the swamp and creek to check nest boxes. Campers should wear OLD pants and OLD tennis shoes and bring a change of clothes.

Thursday: Wear Camp T-Shirts and bring a flashlight. We will have a cookout for the campers and will have a campfire snack. Picky eaters may want to bring their own snacks.