

WELCOME TO SWAMP SLEUTHS CAMP – PM session (1pm-4pm)

Tuesday July 25th- - Friday July 28th @ Battle Creek Nature Center

Dear Parents and/or Guardians, welcome to Swamp Sleuths Camp! To help ensure that your child has a safe and fun time please go through the following information before camp begins.

LOGISTICS:

-Sign In/Out: Please sign your child in and out every day (with your full name) and let us know if someone else will be taking them home. You will need to sign an authorization for your child to be picked up by anyone besides yourself.

-Help Make Check-In Faster: Camp forms are due **one week BEFORE** the first day of camp. Camp forms can be mailed to Battle Creek Nature Center or dropped off at the Nature center during business hours. You may need these forms if, for example, your child will need to bring ANY medication to camp, if you are carpooling with another family, or if your child has a severe allergy. All our camp forms can be found here: [Calvert Nature Society - Summer Camp Forms \(calvertparks.org\)](http://calvertparks.org).

-Tips for Making the Drop-Off Less Stressful: Before camp, talk about the fun things they will get to do (arts and crafts, catching animals with nets). At camp, after signing them in, you can help them find their seat. Allow staff to show you some of the fun opening activities, including journals. Once your child gets started on an activity, give them a quick hug/kiss and a prompt goodbye.

-We will be having a “Meet the Camp Leaders” open house on **Wednesday July 20th from 10am-noon at Battle Creek Cypress Swamp**. This will be an opportunity for you and your camper to drop in and meet us, ask any questions about camp, and have your camper become comfortable spending the week with us!

-Clothing: Wear OLD CLOTHES that can get wet, dirty, and/or painted. Please provide a change of clothes in a Ziploc bag.

SAFETY:

-All our camp is planned to take place outside – exceptions include: coming into the building to use the restrooms or needing to shelter indoors from extreme weather.

-We will encourage social distancing as much as possible.

-Camp activities have been planned so that they involve as little touching of shared objects as possible

-Regular hand washing - if we are close to a building with indoor facilities, we will use soap and water. If on a trail, we will use hand sanitizer.

****If your camper is at all feeling unwell – please keep them home****

-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.

-Please check your child closely for ticks after camp every day.

-We have enjoyed preparing for this camp and can't wait to explore the outdoors with your children. We look forward to meeting everyone this summer; please don't hesitate to email us at eva.blockstein@calvertcountymd.gov or connor.ficke@calvertcountymd.gov or call us at Battle Creek Nature Center (410-535-5327) if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Connor Ficke & Eva Blockstein

Summer Interns



SWAMP SLEUTHS SUMMER CAMP PACKING LIST

****Wear these things****

Tuesday:

Activities: Sensory Scavenger Hunt

- _ Sunscreen (bring extra)
- _ Insect repellent
- _ Old clothes to wear while exploring
- _ Old sneakers or well-fitting water shoes (no flip flops or crocs)
- _ Hat
- _ Raincoat/poncho
- _ Backpack (no wheels)
- _ Change of clothes/shoes in a Ziplock
- _ Plastic bag for wet clothes
- _ Towel
- _ Refillable water bottle
- _ Snack

Wednesday:

Activities: Meadow Adventure

- _ Sunscreen (bring extra)
- _ Insect repellent
- _ Old clothes to wear while exploring
- _ Old sneakers or well-fitting water shoes (no flip flops or crocs)

Wednesday continued

- _ Hat
- _ Raincoat/poncho
- _ Backpack (no wheels)
- _ Change of clothes/shoes in a Ziplock bag
- _ Plastic bag for wet clothes
- _ Towel
- _ Refillable water bottle
- _ Snack

Thursday:

Activities: Swamp Trail Exploration

- _ Sunscreen (bring extra)
- _ Insect repellent
- _ Old clothes to wear while exploring
- _ Old sneakers or well-fitting water shoes (no flip flops or crocs)
- _ Hat
- _ Raincoat/poncho
- _ Backpack (no wheels)
- _ Change of clothes/shoes in a Ziplock
- _ Plastic bag for wet clothes

Thursday continued

- _ Towel
- _ Refillable water bottle
- _ Snack

Friday:

Activities: Pond Adventure

- _ Sunscreen (bring extra)
- _ Insect repellent
- _ Old clothes to wear while exploring (long pants for hiking)
- _ Old sneakers or well-fitting water shoes (no flip flops or crocs)
- _ Hat
- _ Raincoat/poncho
- _ Backpack (no wheels)
- _ Change of clothes/shoes
- _ Plastic bag for wet clothes
- _ Towel
- _ Refillable water bottle
- _ Snack

