

# WELCOME TO NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP!

Monday July 19th, Battle Creek Cypress Swamp: 9am-3pm  
Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup>, Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm: 9am-3pm  
Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup>, Kings Landing Park: 9am-3pm  
Thursday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ward Farm Recreation Park: 9am-3pm  
Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Flag Ponds Nature Park: 9am-3:30pm



Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

To help ensure that your child has a safe and fun time at camp this summer, I have a few suggestions:

- **Drop off and pick up** your child at the following locations, promptly at the above times.
  - Battle Creek: Picnic pavilions, beyond the right side parking lot
  - Biscoe Gray: Equestrian entrance
  - Kings Landing: Pavilion 1 ( behind the barn, on your right side upon entry)
  - Ward Farm: Behind the house at the end of the entrance road
  - Flag Ponds: Picnic tables outside the education building
- **Sign In:** You must sign your child in and out of camp each day. Campers will be signed in one at a time; please look for signs or directions that will guide you through our new check-in procedure when you arrive. There will be a health screening including a temperature check each morning.
  - **All camp paperwork must be submitted 2 weeks prior to the start of camp.**
- **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 your battery every night. If campers have at least an 8G memory card, they should be able to fit all their 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, and make sure campers have a refillable water bottle.
- **Backpacks:** Campers will store all personal belongings in their backpack and will carry them throughout the park. Backpacks should have comfortable straps, please no drawstring-style bags.
- **Clothing:** dress in OLD CLOTHES that can get dirty and/or wet. Please provide a change of clothes daily.
- **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. Please check your child for ticks after camp every day. Campers will be encouraged to maintain a 6 foot distance from each other when possible. If your child develops medically significant symptoms, please contact your physician and alert the camp immediately.
- **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 our campers' amazing photographs. We should be finished no later than 4pm.

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 contact me if you have questions.

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# NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CAMP CHECKLIST

## What to Bring:

- Face Mask (will be required if we are indoors)
- Lunch (pack in reusable containers if possible, to minimize trash)
- 2 additional snacks (finger food) for the trail
- Large refillable water bottle
- Comfortable Backpack (no drawstring-style straps please)
- Digital Camera & memory card (**8G or more is best, please write initials on memory card**)
- Waterproof Camera Case or Ziploc Bag
- Extra Batteries for camera (if camera uses alkaline batteries)
- 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 wet clothes, etc.
- Towel
- Hand Sanitizer
- Raincoat or Poncho (no umbrellas) if rain is forecasted



## 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 your camera battery every night before camp!

**Inclement Weather:** On Wednesday and Thursday we will be in parks that have no safe indoor shelter. Therefore, if there is bad weather in the forecast, camp location may be switched for the day or canceled if another site is not available. You will be notified of any changes prior to the start of the camp day.

**Friday at Flag Ponds:** Campers should arrive wearing their swimsuits and sunscreen.

- All other days will not require a bathing suit, however we will be in and around water each day, so campers should be prepared to get wet and muddy! Water shoes or old tennis shoes will be required any time we are in the water.

**If you are running late or have an emergency please contact me via cell phone: 301-908-7387**

