



Dear Parents and Campers:

Welcome to the **Mud Monsters** spring camp!

This camp will take place at Flag Ponds Park on Monday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 26 – 9:00AM to 3:00pm each day. I am looking forward to a fun-filled and adventurous spring experience! Please go over the camp checklist with your camper so that s/he will be fully prepared for camp. *We will be holding camp rain or shine, hot or cold – please be sure that your camper is dressed appropriately for the weather. If the forecast calls for a washout or severe weather, camp will be canceled.*

One of the best parts of spring is the MUD! We **will** be getting wet and muddy, so please also be sure to send your camper to camp in clothes and shoes that can get dirty and include a full change of clothes and shoes – we may be changing at lunch, depending where our adventures take us. We will be doing a lot of off-trail hiking, so please send your camper in long pants to help protect their legs from briars.

If the camper has any health concerns (severe allergies, diabetes, asthma, etc.) that will impact them while at camp, please let me know. The more I know, the more I can help your camper to succeed. Also please let us know if your campers will be needing to take any medication while at camp – even OTC. Any medication brought to camp must be in its original package and accompanied by necessary paperwork. A doctor's signature is needed – so please don't wait until the last minute to ask about paperwork.

Please be aware that we will be outside for the majority of this camp. Be sure that your camper does a "tick check" when they get home each day.

If your camper or anyone else in your family is unwell when it comes time for camp, please keep your camper home.

Questions or concerns? Please contact me by email @ "tania.gale@calvertcountymd.gov"

I look forward to our spring adventures!

Sincerely,
Tania Gale
Naturalist





"Mud Monsters" spring camp checklist

Monday –

(Activities: dip netting in the swamp and hiking in the forest)

- ☐ bag lunch*
- ☐ *(non-perishable food, no glass)
- ☐ a small snack (trail mix, granola bar, etc...)
- ☐ sunscreen (wear this and bring more)
- ☐ insect repellent
- ☐ long pants (wear these)
- ☐ warm hat
- ☐ gloves (if it is cold)
- ☐ rain jacket/poncho
- ☐ warm jacket
- ☐ hiking shoes/sneakers (wear these)
- ☐ *knee-high* rubber knee boots if you have them (we have some to lone out)
- ☐ refillable water bottle (1-liter size or similar)
- ☐ backpack (no wheels)
- ☐ complete change of dry clothes and shoes
- ☐ towel
- ☐ plastic bag for wet clothes

Tuesday–

(Activities: cliff climb and fort building)

- ☐ bag lunch *(see note above)
- ☐ a small snack (trail mix, granola bar, etc...)
- ☐ sunscreen (wear this and bring more)
- ☐ insect repellent
- ☐ long pants (wear these)
- ☐ rain jacket/poncho
- ☐ warm jacket
- ☐ warm hat
- ☐ gloves (if it's cold)
- ☐ refillable water bottle (1-liter size or similar)
- ☐ backpack (none w/wheels)
- ☐ hiking shoes/sneakers that can get wet and muddy (wear these)
- ☐ complete change of dry clothes and shoes
- ☐ towel
- ☐ plastic bag for wet clothes

****In general – dress in layers and try to avoid cotton clothing as much as possible. Cotton fabric will get wet and stay wet – not doing its job of keeping our campers warm.**

****We will be doing some off-trail hiking - long pants will protect campers legs from briars**