

Dear Parents and Campers:

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

Please note: this camp now will take place Friday, April 19 and Monday, April 22 (9:00AM to 3:00pm each day) rather than Thursday, April 18 and Friday, April 19. This is due to the change in the Calvert County public schools calendar - now in session on Thursday, April 18.

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.*

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 change of clothes and shoes for the way home. 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.), staff must be informed before the camper's arrival on Friday – email is fine. Also please let us know if your campers will be needing to take any medication while at camp. If that is the case, please contact Tania Gale for a medication form. You may fill out the medication form and bring it with you to camp on Friday.

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. Using insect repellent that contains the chemical "DEET" will help repel ticks, as well as mosquitoes.

Questions or concerns? Please contact me at Battle Creek Nature Center at 410-535-5327 or by email @ "tania.gale@calvertcountymd.gov" I look forward to our spring adventures! All this info can also be download from the Mud Monsters event page on the Calvert Nature webpage - it will be posted there soon.

Sincerely,

Tania Gale

Naturalist

Mud Monsters' spring camp checklist

Friday– Flag Ponds (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 but they are not kid-sized)

___ water bottle (1 liter size)

___ backpack (no wheels)

___ complete change of dry clothes and shoes

___ towel

___ plastic bag for wet clothes

Monday- Flag Ponds (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)

___ water bottle/canteen

___ 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**