



# Bringing Nature Home: Summer Adventure Camp

## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What if my child wants to sign up for more than one week? Will he/she repeat the same activities?**
  - a. We are offering 3 distinctly different camp experiences. Each session will have a different theme and you are welcome to sign up for multiple sessions!
- 2. I have one child that is young and a child that is older, can both of them attend camp?**
  - a. Yes, both children can attend camp on a single device. The price is for the household.
- 3. My child is older/younger than the recommended age. Can they still participate?**
  - a. Yes, the recommended age is just that - a recommendation. Please contact our team to learn more about planned activities and to find out if the camp might be a good fit for your child.
- 4. How do I sign up?**
  - a. You can learn more about our camp offerings and register your child at [fergusonfoundation.org/summercamps](http://fergusonfoundation.org/summercamps)
- 5. What will my child be doing during camp?**
  - a. Campers will have a variety of activities that they will participate in, including...
    - i. Movement sessions to work out those morning wiggles
    - ii. Virtual Field trips to different areas on the farm to meet different animals and see different parts of our 330-acre campus (wet meadow, fields, river, barnyard, solar building, etc...)
    - iii. Teambuilding activities to meet their fellow campers
    - iv. Crafts to extend learning
    - v. Recommendations on how to get them and their families outside
    - vi. Snack break to help keep minds engaged
- 6. What if I don't have materials to make certain crafts?**
  - a. All crafts done during the week will make use of materials commonly found at home. We will provide alternate suggestions if campers do not have these materials.
  - b. For each session we will provide a document with information listing necessary materials.

**7. Are your staff certified?**

- a. All staff goes through training that covers a wide variety of topics and skills to ensure our staff are prepared to teach, engage, and guide, each camper. Topics such as risk management, online safety and cyberbullying are covered in training.

**8. What is your staff to camper ratio?**

- a. Each session will be capped at 25 households, and there will be three staff members guiding each session of camp. Two staff members will virtually interact with the campers throughout the session. One staff member will be behind the scenes assisting with any camper questions and technology challenges.
- b. At no point will a staff member be in a 1:1 ratio with a camper online.
- c. It is impossible for our staff to provide complete supervision for a child that attends online camp. It is required that an adult is somewhere nearby in case of accidents, misbehavior, or other issues that may come up through the camp session. We ask you to provide a contact number in the event of an emergency.

**9. Do you have a child protection policy?**

- a. All staff are required to undergo child abuse and child safety training provided through Prince George's County Safe Schools.

**10. What if my child doesn't like an activity or doesn't want to participate?**

- a. We encourage all campers to step outside of their comfort zones and try something new. The activities are structured to be age appropriate, easy to follow, and fun.

**11. Will there be camp rules? What happens if my kid doesn't follow them?**

- a. On Opening Day, campers will discuss the camper code of conduct and rules. These rules promote the comfort and happiness of every camper or participant. If there is an ongoing behavioral problem with a camper, the first step will be a discussion with the camper about their improper behavior and how to fix it. A verbal agreement of better behavior will be made between instructors and the camper.
- b. Cyberbullying will not be tolerated. Any spoken or written threats or intimidation will result in disciplinary actions. If your camper feels like they are being bullied, please let the instructor know and we will deal with it accordingly.
- c. Any participant that engages in any form of harassment or abuse may be removed immediately, without other warnings.

**12. What happens if my child has technology issues?**

- a. If there is a technology issue and the camper is not able to attend a day or a session then please contact the camp director so we may determine the best way to continue your camper's involvement.

**13. What if I am running late?**

- a. We will start the camp precisely at 9:00 AM. We encourage families to log their camper in between 8:45 AM and 9:00 AM. A facilitator will assist you entering the camp session. If you are running late, please contact the facilitator assigned to the Zoom meeting, so they can assist you with logging into camp.

**14. What digital platform will be used to run camp?**

- a. We will be using Zoom to run each session. It's a free program available for download; we will provide instructions and links to parents ahead of each session.

**15. What are you doing to address the security issues that come with using an online platform?**

- a. One of our facilitators will be monitoring the online session to support the campers and educators, confirm attendance, and also assist with any behavior issues that may come up.
- b. Each camp session will have its own unique password that we will email to you a few days before the first day of camp. You must use this password to log into the session.

**16. I have questions not answered here. How do I contact you?**

- a. Please email Camp Director Will Orndorff at [worndorff@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:worndorff@fergusonfoundation.org) with any questions or to learn more about the camp sessions.