

Apple Blossom Village

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Summer Camp Guidelines

We would like to welcome your child to Apple Blossom Village Summer Camp! Our scheduled activities are designed to help your child gain a fuller appreciation and respect for nature and animals while having fun. Below are some additional guidelines to help ensure a safe and rewarding experience for everyone.

Camper Drop-off / Pick-up

Drop-off for your program is at the pavilion located at the top of the hill of the entrance. Please observe the 10 mph speed limit along the entrance road, as many children will be present. Park your car and escort your child or children to a staff person to confirm arrival on our attendance sheet. Do not block traffic or park along the entrance road. Children may be dropped off **no sooner** than 15 minutes prior to the start of the day and picked up no later than 15 minutes after 3pm.

Please pick up your child promptly at the end of the program. An additional fee will be charged daily for late pick-up. All children must be signed out at the end of each day. Anyone picking up your child will need to present a photo ID (i.e. drivers license) to camp staff for release of your child. We will not release your child unless proper identification is given. A form will be provided prior to camp where you can list persons authorized to pick up your child from camp. Please do not pick up a child without notifying staff.

Personal Items

All personal items brought to the program are your child's responsibility and **must be labeled**. Sunscreen and insect repellent will not be provided or applied by camp staff. Staff will supervise to ensure safe and proper application. Children will not be allowed to share sunscreen or insect repellent; only children bringing their own will be allowed to apply it. Please review the product labels to ensure you follow the manufacturer's guidelines for application. Refer to "Attire" below for additional suggestions on avoiding insect bites.

We ask your child leave items such as toys, electronic devices, etc.. at home. Campers are not permitted to carry any loose items with them during the day. This ensures better focus on the group activities and that treasured items will not be lost during the day. We are not responsible for any lost or damaged items that your child brings to camp.

No Phone Policy

Campers are NOT allowed to bring or use their cell phone or any electronic devices. We want everyone to fully enjoy the camp experience and engage in meaningful interactions without distractions. We understand that there may be concerns regarding communication and emergencies. Don't worry, our camp staff will have access to phones for any necessary

communication or emergencies. If parents or guardians need to reach their child during camp, they can contact camp administration, and we will assist with appropriate communication.

Please send with your child each day:

Bagged lunch and snack

Note: a microwave is not available- please pack accordingly.

Water bottle at least 16oz

Bug spray or Insect repellent

Sunscreen (must also be applied prior to drop off)

Attire

Your child will be getting dirty! Please send your child in appropriate clothing and footwear. The children will be both indoors, outdoors and working around animals. Shoes with backs are a must and all children must be wearing socks every day. For your child's protection from exposure to sun, insect bites and scratches the following attire is recommended:

- Shirts with sleeves (exposed shoulders are easily sunburned)
- Wear socks and bring extra!
- Brimmed hat, visor and/or sunglasses
- Sturdy footwear. **Flip flops and sandals are not permitted**
- Bathing suit
- Towel
- A backpack to hold belongings and an extra outfit is also recommended

***All items must be marked with the child's name. Apple Blossom Village is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Found items will be held until the end of the 7-week program and then donated to the Salvation Army or Goodwill.**

Weather and Cancellations

Camp will not be cancelled due to rain. Rainy day activities will be replaced, and outdoor activities will be altered in throughout the week. In hot weather, children will take regular water breaks and activities will be less active and held in a shady area or will be brought inside.

Code of Conduct

Children are expected to always display appropriate behavior. To assure the maximum enjoyment of the program by all participants, please review the following guidelines with your child. Your child is expected to:

- Show respect to all participants, staff, nature and animals
- Be pleasant to other and refrain from using foul language
- Refrain from causing harm to self, other participants and staff

- Use equipment, supplies and facilities properly
- Stay with in the group

Discipline

If behavior problems arise, you will be contacted that day to discuss the nature of the problem. The following disciplinary techniques may be used for uncooperative children:

Time out: the child is removed from the activity (but not from the vicinity) for the duration of one minute for each year of age. In extreme cases a child may be removed from the activity area if they have difficulty controlling themselves. In this case, you will be contacted to handle the situation. If a problem persists, we may request a conference with you. Children may be removed from the program if problems cannot be resolved.

Medical Issues

EMERGENCIES. In the event of a medical emergency, you will be notified immediately. Camp staff are First Aid/CPR certified and will take whatever emergency medical measures deemed necessary for the protection and safety of the camper. This may include transportation by ambulance to the nearest medical treatment facility.

INJURIES. In the event the camper sustains a minor injury (e.g., a small scrape) you will be notified by camp staff when your child is picked up unless on the contact & health form that you want to be contacted in the event of any injury. Camp staff will provide the necessary first aid. For more severe injuries you will be notified immediately. Depending on the severity of the injury and the activity for the day, you may be asked to come and pick up your child. You or someone on your emergency contact list needs to be available at any time to pick the child up from camp.

CAMPER ILLNESS. In the event of camper illness, you will be notified immediately and asked to come pick up your child.

Program Refund Guidelines

We want to inform you that our camp has a strict no refund policy for all registrations. Once you complete the registration process and make the payment, it is considered final and non-refundable.

If you have any doubts, questions, or concerns, we encourage you to reach out to us at 570-897-5900 or via email at abvsummercamp@gmail.com. We will be happy to assist you and provide any additional information you may need. We look forward to sharing an enriching and rewarding camp experience with your child.

Camp T-Shirt

Each enrolled camper will receive a camp t-shirt the first day of camp. This shirt is for your child to keep. Please make sure you circle the correct size on your child's registration sheet that best suits your child's needs. We will be ordering the sizes that you have listed, so please be sure to mark the correct size. You may want to order a size larger, in case your child grows, or if the shirt should shrink.