



ELAWA FARM FOUNDATION

2022

YOUTH CAMPS

PARENT HANDBOOK



A Message from the Education Manager

Dear parents/guardian,

Welcome to our 2022 youth camp at Elawa Farm! While summer is the season of abundance at the farm, the season is not quite complete until the campus is filled with the joyous laughter and activity of children at play. Needless to say, we are thrilled to bring an exciting summer filled with fun activities for your child!

With our summer camp session approaching, I wanted to provide important information and a look ahead at camp. Please read through this handbook as it provides relevant information for the summer camp program.

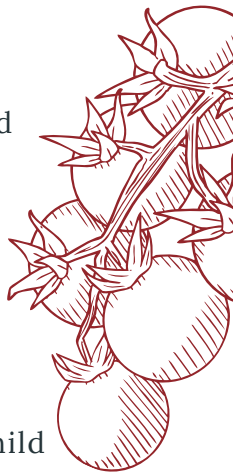
Prior to the start of the program, we will need forms and information for each child attending camp. You can find the downloadable forms on our website at www.elawafarm.org/youth-programs. Please send the completed forms, along with any questions or concerns not addressed in this handbook, to me at jcuezzi@elawafarm.org.

Thank you for enrolling your child in our youth camp and supporting our mission at Elawa Farm Foundation. We look forward to seeing you and your camper(s) soon!

With gratitude,

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Camp Vision

Our goal is to offer a camp program that will provide each camper with the opportunity to explore, discover, and learn something unique about themselves to build confidence, independence, social skills, environment appreciation, and promote collective responsibility while fostering a sense of community.

Camp Mission

Our youth camps are intentionally planned to enrich the quality of the camper's lives by providing a fun experience while implementing opportunities for them to learn, play and grow.

Forms to Submit

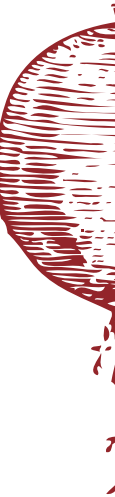
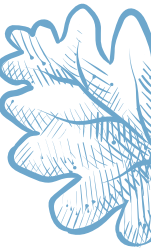
- Liability Waiver (see attachment)
- Photo Release Form (see attachment)
- Child Pick-up Authorization Form (see attachment)
- Bee and/or insect allergy – does the child require an EpiPen or any other allergy medication?
- Any additional accommodations for child attending camp, please email at jcuezzi@elawafarm.org

Camp Communication

You will also be given a Camp Phone Number for the camp your child is attending during orientation on the first day of camp. Leadership staff will have the phone with them each day and will check frequently. Please understand they are participating in the activities with the campers and may not answer immediately. In the event that Leadership Staff cannot respond immediately, please call the Foundation Office at 847-234-1966 Ext. 801.

Snacks

We will provide healthy snacks and bottled water each day. Examples of snacks will be displayed during parent orientation on first day of camp.



CAMP GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

First Day

On the first camp day, please park in the lot at Elawa Farm and plan to come in with your child for a brief 10-minute meeting to cover background information and address any questions. The meeting will be held in the Hay Barn which is located through the large white doors on the East side of the brick courtyard.

Regular drop off and pick up will take place in front of the Hay Barn. We will have a Camp Counselor there to greet you and your child. Please do not arrive before 8:50 am.

What Campers Should Wear

Have your child wear sunscreen, hat, closed toe shoes, and bug spray. Counselors are **ONLY** allowed to apply sunscreen lotion by spraying.

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Health and Safety

Children should be kept home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms (including, but not limited to), and sick children should be kept home 24 hours after the symptoms disappear. Such symptoms include fever, rash, diarrhea, vomiting, discharge of the nose, ears or eyes, and presence of lice or any contagious situation.

If a child becomes ill at camp, the parent or emergency contact person will be notified to pick up the sick child immediately. Please ensure that emergency contacts are in the area and are willing to perform as contacts for your child, prior to placing them on the **Child Pick-up Authorization Form**.

Ticks are prolific between May and August. While multiple staff do visibly check each camper after being exposed to grassy and woody areas, we encourage that you check your child(dren) thoroughly upon arriving home.

In case of a serious injury – All leadership staff are CPR, First Aid and AED certified, however if your child requires more than just basic first aid, the following steps will be taken:

- Call 911
- Make attempts to contact parent/guardian immediately
- If parent/guardian cannot be reached, will call other contact persons on emergency form

