



Nature Camp Information 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Nature Camp at Tauxemont! Your child, _____ is registered for:

Morning Camp 9am-11:45

_____AM Session 1 "On A Mountain" June 6 – 10

_____AM Session 2 "On The Farm" June 13 – 17

_____AM Session 3 "In The Sky" June 20 – 24

_____AM Session 4 "At The Beach" June 27 – July 1

_____AM Session 5 "In Our Backyard" July 4 – 8.

Afternoon Camp 1:15 pm-4:00 pm

_____PM Session 2 "On the Farm" June 13 – 17

_____PM Session 3 "in the Sky" June 20 – 24

Morning camp hours are 9:00 am to 11:45 am Monday thru Friday

Afternoon camp hours are 1:15 pm to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

Children attending both morning and afternoon camp must leave at 11:45 am and return to camp at 1:15 pm each day.

Basic Camp Information

Each child will be assigned to a group for the week. The groups are based on age. Morning Camp groups are given color names. Afternoon Camp groups are given names based on the theme for the week. A team of volunteer youth counselors works with each group all week. Groups move from activity to activity: crafts, games, hikes, snack etc., with their youth counselors. Adult counselors lead each of the activities.

Camp Attire and Snack Information

Camp will be held rain or shine. Camp, except for toilets and hand washing is outdoors. Campers must be dressed appropriately for the weather. Clothing will get dirty; materials camp uses may stain. Clothing may get torn. The campus is fairly shady, and mosquitoes are not a big problem. Use of insect repellent and sunscreen is wise. They must be applied before your camper arrives on campus, at home, and will not be reapplied during camp.

Anything brought onto campus must be clearly marked with the camper's first and last names.

Campers are to bring their own water bottles, clearly labeled as theirs, that they are comfortable using independently. They will carry their own water during camp and should be able to do this with little assistance. They may leave a bag or backpack at their groups assigned space.

Notes on attire:

- Rain gear should be waterproof, not water resistant.
- Clothing should be comfortable and practical.
- Clothes will probably get dirty, wet, and stained.
- Closed toed footwear must be worn. We strongly encourage socks to be worn.
- Campers do not wear Croc type shoes or sandals
- No umbrellas
- Everything clearly labeled

A light snack will be served to campers. This is usually a fresh fruit or vegetable, and a carbohydrate. On Fridays we include popsicles as a part of the snack. If your camper has special dietary concerns, please let us know on the health form. Water for bottle refills will always be available.

Kittens and Bunnies for an Overnight Visit

During Nature Camp animals, usually kittens and young rabbits, may be available to go home with your camper overnight or for a weekend.

This is optional and you must request a visit. All equipment, including food and litter, is provided when the animal goes home with your camper at pick up. Requests may take several days to process. Request forms are available from the counselors when you pick up or drop off your child, or online at www.tauxemont.org/camps.

Our camp kittens and bunnies are rescues and will need homes after camp is over. If you are interested in adopting or have any questions, contact Dawn Matthews at dawn.matthews@outlook.com or (703) 622-7635.

COVID-19 Information

We strive to meet the CDC's current COVID guidelines for day camps and young children. These guidelines can and do change frequently. We very much appreciate your family's cooperation and flexibility.

We ask that you read this information closely. If your family is unable to participate in these procedures, please let Nature Camp at Tauxemont know as soon as possible so that your place can be made available to another family. If you let us know within four days of receipt of this email that your family cannot support us in these procedures, we will fully refund all fees.

- Our camp is outdoors except for bathrooms; campers will not be required to wear masks outdoors. Masks will be used and will be available to campers when using the toilets and washing hands indoors
- Campers may not attend camp if they have a temperature over 100.5 or have symptoms of contagious illness.
- If a camper or household member is exposed to a known case of COVID while attending camp, camp must be informed.
- If a camper or the member of a camper's household tests positive for COVID camp must be informed before your camper attends camp. We will follow guidance from the Fairfax County Department of Health.
- If a camper develops symptoms of a contagious illness while attending camp the camper will immediately be isolated. The family of the camper will be contacted and must pick up the camper immediately.

Refund Policy

If your child is unable to attend camp, you must notify us by June 1st for a full refund less \$40.00 administrative fee. If you cancel after June 1st, there are NO refunds. Please direct questions and concerns to Lisa Finn at (703) 994-1468 or naturecamptauxemont@gmail.com.

Contact Us

If you need to contact the camp during the day, there will always be an adult near the phone. The Tauxemont phone number is (703) 765-9266. Please do not leave a message on the voice mail.

To reach us after camp hours, call Lisa Finn at (703) 994-1468.

Please follow us on social media:

Facebook: Nature Camp at Tauxemont * **Instagram:** @naturecamptauxemont * **Twitter:** @camptauxemont

The camp staff is looking forward to seeing your campers this summer!

Sincerely,
Barbara, Lisa, and Dawn