



True North Expedition Summer Camp Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What ages can register for the True North Expedition Summer Camp?

A: The camp is designed for children that have finished Kindergarten through 5th grade by June 2024. Depending on the ages of the children participating each week, the activities will be modified accordingly to fit the age range. If needed, activities can be increased in challenge level for older children while the younger children can work on the simpler version.

Q: My elementary school child wants to participate, but I have a younger/older child that is outside the K-5th grade range that would also need to come. Would you be able to accommodate us?

A: We will approve children outside the K-5th grade age range on a case-by-case basis. Please inquire for approval by contacting via email at TrueNorth4Kids@gmail.com.

Q: What type of activities will my child be participating in while at the Expedition Summer Camp?

A: There will be structured activities to do while here at the event. Some of the activities include and are not limited to: engineering activities, outdoor nature scavenger hunts, outdoor camping and backpacking skills, using their imagination outside, science experiments, walks and hikes outdoors, arts/crafts, games and sports, creative nature projects, etc.

Q: Where is the location of the True North Expedition Summer Camp?

A: The main location will be at the Ledges Area Trails and Kendall Lake Area Trails in Peninsula, OH. Most camp activities will take place outside at the park. If a field trip is added for your week of camp, parents/guardians will be notified ahead of time since drop off and pick up will be at the field trip location. Field trips may be added based on the number of children that sign up and availability for parents to drop children off and pick up at the field trip location. Field trips will be limited.

Q: What will you do during extreme weather conditions?

A: If it is raining or the weather is expected to get bad, we will take shelter under a safe space such as the pavilion at the park. In extreme weather conditions, parents will be notified the evening prior of the move indoors to the Macedonia residence. Similar to snow days with school, parents will be contacted ahead of time if we move to the indoor location since drop off and pick up would be in Macedonia.

Q: What is expected for lunch/snacks and what should I do if my child has allergies/dietary restrictions?

A: Each child will need to bring a packed lunch and snack in a lunch box with an ice pack to keep it cool. We will have some activities that may include making and eating foods, such as homemade ice cream, themed snacks, and chocolates. Therefore, if your child has certain allergies/dietary restrictions, you can contact us for possible accommodations. You are also welcome to pack an alternative snack for the activity for them to enjoy on that day.

Q: Is it possible for my child to be dropped off earlier or have them stay later than the timeframe of 9am-3pm?

A: Yes, you will need to contact us via email or phone to arrange this prior to completing registration. There will be an additional cost for extended hours. Earlier drop off or late pick up would be at the park location for that day. If you arrive after 3:05pm for pick-up without aftercare already arranged, you will be charged \$1 for every minute thereafter.

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Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

Q: What should my child bring each day to the Expedition Summer Camp? Is there anything we should leave at home?

A: Each child will need to have a back pack with the following items: TWO labeled and filled water bottles, packed lunch and snack with ice pack, a change of clothes in a gallon zip locked bag, a change of shoes (closed toed preferred – can be crocks or strap on sandals if needed that can be hiked in), sunscreen, bug spray, an umbrella or poncho, jacket if cooler weather, any other items that would be beneficial for your child to feel comfortable). They should wear a good closed-toed walking shoe and dress for the weather since we will plan to be outside rain or shine. They may get wet and dirty!! Please refrain from bringing personal belongings/toys and please label items they do bring. We ask that you do not send them with electronic devices since our goal is to get them outside exploring and discovering in a safe and enriching environment to stretch their imaginations and enhance engagement with others and nature. We are not responsible for lost and/or damaged items brought including electronic devices. We will not hold or store devices.

Q: Are the teachers, staff, and volunteers trained and/or certified in anyway?

A: Yes, the main camp director, Becky Hartman, is a Mechanical Engineer, Certified Life Coach, Certified Substitute Teacher, College Professor, and Career Coach. She also has completed a background check and is CPR and First Aid certified. In addition, all staff and volunteers of Expedition Summer Camp will also have a background check completed as well as CPR and First Aid training.

Q: What is the adult to child ratio and the max number of kids that will attend each weekly camp?

A: Our targeted adult to child ratio is 1:8 and the max number of children that will attend each weekly camp will be a maximum of 16 children.

Q: What is the cost of the camp and can I receive any discounts? Do I have to register for all 8 weeks?

A: The cost of the camp is \$200 per child per week if registered by April 1st, which includes all supplies and materials. The price increases to \$225 per week on April 2nd. We offer a sibling's discount for those sending multiple children with the first child at full price and additional siblings being 10% off. You don't need to register for all 8 weeks and you can choose which weeks you'd like to participate in since there is no minimum.

Q: After I complete the registration form, what happens next?

A: After the registration form is complete, a True North staff member will review it. Once approved, you will receive an email notification with further information for next steps, which will include completing the camp participation forms and making payments for the camp.

Q: What methods of payment do you accept and when do I pay? What is the cancellation policy?

A: You can pay by check, credit card/debit card, and PayPal. A payment plan can be arranged, but the full cost will be due by June 1st, 2024. There is a 2.0% transaction fee for payments made through PayPal and/or credit/debit cards. Please make checks payable to "True North". Camp fees are non-refundable and non-transferable after June 1st, 2024. If you cancel prior to May 1st, you will receive a full refund minus a 5% fee of the total refund amount. If you cancel between May 1st and June 1st, you will be refunded 50% of the total cost of the camp that you registered for. There is a \$30 charge for any non-sufficient checks.

Q: If I have additional questions about the camp, who can I contact?

A: If you have further questions regarding the camp, please contact us at TrueNorth4Kids@gmail.com.