

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & CAMP INFORMATION

Please read this sheet in its entirety as we've attempted to answer most of your questions. You will be signing and initialing that you've read, understood and agree to our FAQs on your application contract.

What are the ages and grades of campers?

This wildlife science camp is open to children entering TK - 5th grade. Now offering Eco Intern Club for older children, grades 6th-12th. Campers are grouped by age/grade.

What happens during a typical camp day?

The camp day is broken down into several modules, including, but not limited to, the areas below:

- A focus on animal husbandry (care, cleaning and feeding of various animals)
- "Topic of the Day" classes with cool, age-appropriate curriculum
- Professionally taught Art projects and directed experiments related to the day's theme .
- A walk to the park 2 to 3 times a week for physical activities, lunch and fun!
- Funky Fun Fridays: Every week we will offer campers an opportunity to make up some of the celebrations we missed due to Covid. Halloween, Valentine's Day and more.
- Birthdays are back! We're party animals! Please let us know if your child has a birthday during their time at camp, (weekends included) We want make the day special for your camper.

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What does my child need to bring to camp?

- A good face mask that fits properly, plus 3 extra masks for emergencies. No Gators please.
- A reusable water bottle (please label it with your child's name).
- Appropriate attire including closed-toed shoes.
- Depending on the weather—a sweater or sweatshirt with the child's name in the neckline. Don't forget your sunscreen!
- A well-marked lunch in a reusable sack or backpack (There is no opportunity to buy lunch or heat luncheon items).
- Due to Covid please supply 2 to 3 snacks for your child everyday, as we are unable to provide.
- Occasionally, with adequate lead time, we will request special objects for special projects. This may include household recyclable items like empty water bottles.

Note: please leave all toys, electronics and games at home (this includes cell phones and stuffed animals). exceptions on Fridays will be allowed for our photo safari. on Fridays they may bring a device for taking photos of their new animal friends.

What are the camp hours? 9am-3pm

What is Extended Enrichment?

Extended Enrichment is a service offered to parents who would prefer to drop-off their camper earlier or pick-up later than the standard camp hours of 9am-3pm. Extended Enrichment also gives campers the opportunity to learn even more about our rescued exotic wildlife. Extended Enrichment is offered 8am-9am and 3pm-6pm. Parents are welcome to choose any or all hours for the same weekly rate.

There is no grace period for picking your child up late or dropping him/her off early, as we staff according to camper ratios. parents will be expected to pay \$1.00 a minute for each late pick-up minute, paid upon pick-up.

What are the policies regarding camp fees?

The STAR Eco Station camp program is not subsidized, and fees are due and payable prior to the first day of camp. We do not offer make-up days for absences, nor do we offer refunds.

What if my child has allergies to animals, nuts, or other medical conditions?

We do NOT recommend this camp for children with animal allergies or nut allergies. There are various exotic animals on-site, including but not limited to birds, reptiles, wild cats, chinchillas, and sugar gliders. Due to animal diets, nuts, nut oils, and nut residue are also found throughout the building. If your child has sensitivities to animals or nut products, we encourage you to check out other STAR camps. If your child has allergies to animal fur, animal dander or animal saliva we also encourage you to check out other STAR camps. Other food allergies may be able to be accommodated, on a case-by-case basis. Please disclose any and all other conditions that may impair your child's ability to enjoy camp to the fullest extent.

Parents with children known to have particular medical considerations must ask for and complete the **STAR student medication** policy and Consent Form prior to the first day of camp. If you need to fill out this form please contact 310-842-8040. Parents of children with asthma will need to discuss their particular medical situation with their own doctors and ensure that new inhalers are brought to camp. We also require a current tetanus shot. Please be aware that all reptiles and amphibians carry salmonella. Children are given hand sanitizer after handling all of our animals. We also have all campers wash their hands every 40 minutes or whenever needed. Trips to the bathroom are also frequently made for children to wash their hands.

Please do not hesitate to ask if anything is unclear or if you have any other questions.