



Dear Parents and Campers:



Welcome to the “Wild Things” summer camp (Monday, July 27 – Thursday, July 30)!

I am looking forward to a fun-filled experience this summer. With this letter is a checklist of items that campers will need each day. Please go over this information with your camper so that s/he will be fully prepared for camp. Below is a drop off/pick up schedule for the week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Drop off</u>	<u>Pick up</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday	9am	2pm	Battle Creek (picnic pavilion)
Tuesday	9am	2pm	Battle Creek (picnic pavilion)
Wednesday	9am	2pm	Flag Ponds (education center)
Thursday	9am	2pm	Flag Ponds (education center)

If the camper has any mental or physical health concerns (severe allergies, diabetes, asthma, ect.), staff must be informed before the camper’s arrival on Monday.

Please be aware that we will be outside for the majority of this camp. While at Battle Creek, the picnic pavilion will serve as “home base,” but while at Flag Ponds we will be hiking to/thru a different habitat each day and will be carrying our gear with us. Please try to keep your camper’s backpack as small and as light as possible. No hard-sided coolers please.

On our travels, we will be avoiding prime tick habitat, but be sure that your camper does a “tick check” when they get home each day. Using insect repellent that contains the chemical “DEET” will help repel ticks, as well as mosquitoes. *Please be sure that your camper comes to camp each day already wearing both sunscreen and bug spray and has extra packed to re-apply during the day.*

Although flip flops and crocs are great for the pool – please do not send your camper to camp with these types of shoes. We will be hiking, running, and wading in the mud – flip flops or crocs tend not to stay on the feet during these activities. Campers will not be allowed to participate in camp activities if they do not have proper footwear.

We will be holding camp rain or shine – please be sure that your camper is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Questions or concerns? You can reach me by phone at Battle Creek Nature Center (410-535-5327) or by email @ “galete@co.cal.md.us.” See you this summer!

Sincerely,

Tania Gale

Naturalist



"Wild Things" Camp Checklist

Monday (wade into and investigate the creek)

- bag lunch*
*(non-perishable food, no glass)
- sunscreen (have this on and pack extra)
- insect repellent (have this on)
- hat
- water bottle
- backpack
- hiking shoes/sneakers (wear these)
- swimsuit (wear this)
- towel
- old sneakers to wear in the creek (*these must be well-fitting or the mud will suck them off*)
- old clothes to wear over swimsuit in the creek
- change of clothes
- plastic bag for wet clothes

NOTE – Campers will be expected to carry their own gear while at Flag Ponds, please try to keep their packs as light as possible

Wednesday (swamp exploration)

- bag lunch *(*see note above + no coolers please*)
- sunscreen (have this on and pack extra)
- insect repellent (have this on)
- hat
- water bottle
- backpack (*we will be hiking at Flag Ponds*)
- swimsuit (wear this)
- towel
- old sneakers/water shoes or Sandals (no flipflops or crocs)
- hiking shoes/sneakers (wear these)
- change of clothes
- plastic bag for wet clothes

Tuesday (pond dip net)

- bag lunch *(*see note above*)
- sunscreen (have this on and pack extra)
- insect repellent (have this on)
- hat
- water bottle
- backpack
- hiking shoes/sneakers (wear these)
- swimsuit (wear this)
- towel
- old sneakers/water shoes or Sandals (no flipflops or crocs)
- change of clothes
- plastic bag for wet clothes

Thursday (beach and Bay survey)

- bag lunch *(*see note above + no coolers please*)
- sunscreen (have this on and pack extra)
- insect repellent (have this on)
- hat
- water bottle
- backpack (*we will be hiking at Flag Ponds*)
- swimsuit (wear this)
- towel
- old sneakers/water shoes or Sandals (no flipflops or crocs)
- hiking shoes/sneakers (wear these)
- change of clothes
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