

Dear Parents and Campers:

Welcome to the School's Out - Winter Fun Camp - February 10 from 10-3pm at Flag Ponds Park. I am looking forward to a fun-filled and adventurous day off from school! Below is a checklist of items that campers will need for the day. Please go over this information with your camper so that s/he will be fully prepared for camp. We will be holding camp rain or shine, hot or cold - please be sure that your camper is dressed appropriately for the weather. With the wacky weather we've been having this winter, layers are going to be the best way to go.

It's hard to say what campers will need for next week's adventures - clothing-wise. We will be doing both indoor and outdoor activities - so please dress warm. Lots of layers will be best so some layers can come off when we are inside or if it isn't all that cold out. Gloves, mittens, scarves, long johns - if it is going to be cold and if you've got them. Snow pants would be OK too - if its going to be cold. Sneakers should be ok, as are snow boots, if campers can hike in them without getting blisters.

We will potentially be getting wet and muddy, so please be sure to send your camper in clothes and shoes that can get dirty, and include a complete change of clothes and shoes.

One more thing about weather, in case of inclement weather, we follow the Calvert Count Schools. If Calvert Schools are closed or delayed, camp will be cancelled.

Flag Ponds will be closed to the public the day we have camp, so when you arrive, please let yourselves in thru the outgoing gate (on the left with the "bus driver" sign), close the gate behind you, and meet park staff at the Education Building.

If the camper has any health concerns (severe allergies, diabetes, asthma, etc.), please let me know before camp begins by phone (410-535-5327) or by email (galete@co.cal.md.us). If your camper will need to take any medication during camp, please fill out a medication form, available on the Calvert Nature Society website, and bring that with you to camp.

Seems weird to say in February, but as I am writing this email the outside temperature is rising to nearly 60 degrees. Who knows what the weather will be like next week. Please be sure that your camper does a "tick check" when they get home. If it's relatively warm, those little creatures may be out and about.

Questions or concerns before camp? Please contact me at Battle Creek Nature Center (410-535-5327) or by email (galete@co.cal.md.us). If something comes up that day, call Kings Landing Park (410-535-2661).

I look forward to our winter adventures!

Sincerely,
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What to wear and pack -

- ___ bag lunch (non-perishable food, no glass)
- ___ a snack (GORP, granola bar, etc...)
- ___ long pants
- ___ long sleeve shirt
- ___ sweater or fleece
- ___ warm hat
- ___ shoes that can get muddy but are comfortable enough to hike in
- ___ warm socks - ideally not cotton
- ___ water bottle (1 liter size)
- ___ sunscreen (wear this)
- ___ rain jacket/poncho
- ___ sweatshirt or fleece jacket
- ___ backpack for everything to go in
- ___ complete change of dry clothes
- ___ extra pair of shoes
- ___ plastic bag for wet/dirty clothes