

# WELCOME TO TRAILBLAZERS HIKING CAMP!

Monday July 5th, Battle Creek Cypress Swamp: 9am-3pm  
Tuesday July 6th, Kings Landing Park: 9am-3pm  
Wednesday July 7th, Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm: 9am-3pm  
Thursday July 8th, Flag Ponds Nature Park: 9am-3pm  
Friday July 9th, Flag Ponds Nature Park: 9am-3pm



Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Welcome to Trailblazers Hiking Camp! This is a beginner level hiking camp that will focus on exploring nature in ways that are safe and fun! To help ensure that your child has a safe and fun time, I have a few suggestions:

- **Drop off and pick up:** Please look for signs or directions when you arrive that will guide you through our new check-in procedure. You will check in at the following locations each day:
  - Battle Creek: Picnic pavilions, beyond the right side parking lot
  - Kings Landing: Pavilion 1 ( behind the barn, on your right side upon entry)
  - Biscoe Gray: Equestrian entrance
  - Flag Ponds: Drive-thru check-in on the access road after entry to the park
- **Sign In:** You must sign your child in and out of camp each day. Campers will be signed in one at a time. There will be a health screening including a temperature check each morning.
  - **Campers should arrive wearing sunscreen and bug repellent. We will reapply in the afternoon.**
- **Lunch & Snacks:** Pack a lunch and 2 additional snacks. Make sure campers have a separate refillable water bottle or hydration pack, even if you pack them a water or juice for their lunch.
- **Backpacks:** Campers will store all personal belongings in their backpack and will carry them throughout the park. Backpacks should have comfortable straps, please no drawstring-style bags.
- **Clothing:** Dress in OLD CLOTHES that can get dirty and/or wet. Please provide a change of clothes daily.
- **Shoes:** Comfortable shoes are a must, since we will be walking quite a bit throughout the day. For safety reasons, we ask that campers do not wear flip flops or cros.
- **Bullying:** We want our campers to feel safe; therefore, campers who are bullying others will be permanently expelled from all CCNRD camps.
- **Health/Safety:** While we are having fun exploring nature, I will make every effort to minimize your child's exposure to things like poison ivy, ticks, jellyfish, etc. Please check your child for ticks after camp every day. Masks will not be required outside, however campers will be encouraged to maintain a 6 foot distance from each other when possible. If your child develops any medically significant symptoms, please contact your physician and alert the camp immediately.
- **Inclement Weather:** On Wednesday our location has no safe indoor shelter. Therefore, if there is bad weather in the forecast, our camp location may be switched for the day or canceled if another site is not available. You will be notified of any changes prior to the start of the camp day.

I love hiking and sharing my love of exploring nature with campers, so I can hardly wait for camp to begin! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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# **TRAILBLAZERS HIKING CAMP CHECKLIST**

## **What to Bring:**

- Face mask (optional, no longer required indoors)
- Lunch- Pack in reusable containers if possible to minimize trash
- 2 snacks
- Refillable water bottle or hydration pack
- Comfortable Backpack (no drawstring-style straps please)
- Extra Set of Clothes in a labeled plastic bag
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent (one that works for both ticks and mosquitoes)
- 1 or 2 plastic bags for wet clothes, etc.
- Towel
- Hand Sanitizer
- Raincoat or Poncho (no umbrellas) if rain is forecasted



## **What NOT to Bring:**

- Electronic Devices
- Hiking poles
- Money
- Candy (unless in your lunch)
- Toys
- Flip Flops or Crocs
- Anything you won't need! Keep your backpack as light as you can, you will be carrying it with you for most of the day.
  - Finding the balance between having everything you need and “packing light” can sometimes be a challenge; don't get discouraged, if you have questions or would like additional guidance please reach out!

## **Special Notes:**

**Friday at Flag Ponds: Campers should arrive wearing swimsuits to go swimming at the beach for the day.**

- All other days will not require a bathing suit, however we will be in and around water most days, especially if it is very hot. Campers should be prepared to get wet and muddy! Water shoes or old tennis shoes will be required while we are in the water.

**If you are running late or have an emergency please contact me via cell phone: 301-908-7387**