

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 that will guide you through our new check-in procedure when you arrive. Unless otherwise stated, drop off and pick up will be at the following locations:
 - 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 up the access road to the right of the parking lot, check in will be drive-thru
- **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 checks each morning.
- **Lunch & Snacks:** Pack a lunch, plus 2 additional snacks (such as crackers, granola bar, grapes) which can easily be eaten while we're hiking, and make sure campers have a large refillable water bottle.
- **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 crocs.
- **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. If your child develops any medically significant symptoms, please contact your physician and alert the camp immediately.
- **Inclement Weather:** On Wednesday we will be in a location that has no safe indoor shelter. Therefore, if there is bad weather in the forecast, the 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,

Kimberly Curren
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TRAILBLAZERS HIKING CAMP CHECKLIST

What to Bring:

- Face mask (*optional, no longer required but recommended for unvaccinated individuals)
- Lunch- Please pack in reusable containers if possible, to minimize trash
- 2 additional snacks (finger food) for the trail
- Large (at least 20 oz.) refillable water bottle
- Comfortable backpack (no drawstring-style straps)
- Extra set of clothes including socks in a labeled plastic bag
- Insect repellent (one that works for both ticks and mosquitoes)
- 1 or 2 plastic bags for wet clothes, etc.
- Raincoat or Poncho (no umbrellas) if rain is forecasted
- Water shoes if you do not want to get your hiking shoes to get wet
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Towel
- Hand Sanitizer



What NOT to Bring:

- Electronic Devices
- Hiking poles
- Money
- Candy (unless part of 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 and sunscreen, ready 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, so campers should be prepared to get wet and muddy! Shoes will be required while we are in the water, so bring an extra pair if you do not want to get your shoes wet.

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