

Curiosity Camps 2020 Information & Policies

Cancellation & Refund Policy

Cancellation Policy

- Camps that do not meet minimum enrollment requirements are subject to cancellation. If we must cancel your camp, you will be notified two weeks prior to its start date and alternate camps may be suggested. If we are unable to accommodate a suitable transfer, a full refund will be issued.

Refund Policy

- **If withdrawal from camp(s) occurs prior to June 1:** A non-refundable processing fee of \$50 for Full Day camps and \$20 for Mini and Almost Camps will be retained.
- **If withdrawal from camp(s) happen after June 1st and up to 10 business days before the camp(s) starts:** A deposit equal to half (50%) of the camp cost will be retained.
- **No refunds are given during the 10 business days before the camp starts.**
- **Once your camp(s) sessions starts NO refunds will be given.**
- *Fees will not be prorated due to absences or vacation schedules.*
- Refunds will not be given (for current or future camp sessions) if campers are dismissed from Curiosity Camp programs due to behavioral reasons.

Absences

- Fees will *NOT* be pro-rated or refunded for any missed days of a camp session. Absences cannot be made up by having your child attend another camp on a different day.

Behavior Guidelines & Discipline Policy

In order to provide all campers and staff with a positive and safe experience, it is important that all campers exhibit proper behavior, self-control and act respectful at all times. Behaviors that are not tolerated at camp include, but are not limited to; name-calling, bullying, fighting, foul language, reckless endangerment, unsafe use of equipment, leaving the group without permission, physical violence or fighting of any kind, stealing or damaging property, and other disrespectful actions.

When a camper does not exhibit proper behavior, Curiosity Camps will take the following action steps to manage behavior incidents and/or chronic behaviors as problems arise and progress.

1. Camp Staff will address inappropriate behaviors and will redirect the camper to more appropriate behavior. Concerns will be shared with the parents/guardians of the camper(s) involved during Pick-Up at the end of the day.
2. If inappropriate behavior continues and is affecting the experience of other campers, the camper will be referred to Camp Administration. Camp Administration will contact parents/guardians to inform them of inappropriate behaviors and discuss corrective solutions.
3. If inappropriate behavior continues, parent/guardians will be contacted to pick up the camper immediately and the camper will be suspended from the remainder of the day and/or days of camp. Depending on the severity of the behavior, the camper may be dismissed from all future programs at the RMSC.
4. **Curiosity Camps has a zero- tolerance for** physical violence, leaving the group without permission, and behaviors involving endangering of self, staff, and other campers. These behaviors will result in disciplinary action, which may include immediate dismissal from the camp program.

Regardless of previous concerns or action steps taken, Camp Administration reserves the right to immediately dismiss a camper from the current and/or future camp sessions at any point for conduct that is deemed detrimental to the well-being of other campers, staff, or to the overall operation of the camp.

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Health Information | Special Needs, Allergy Awareness & Medications at Camp

Curiosity Camp strives to provide an accessible and safe environment for all campers. If your camper has a medical condition, severe allergies, dietary restrictions, or special physical or behavioral needs, please note this information during registration on the **Annual Camper Information & Medical Form**. This form MUST be completed in order to process registrations. Camp Administration may contact you if there are concerns regarding the successful accommodation of your camper.

Special Needs

Curiosity Camp strives to provide an accessible and safe environment for all campers. If your camper has special needs, please use the **Annual Camper Information & Medical Form** to provide details on how we can assist your child in having the best possible experience with us. If applicable, please include tips for managing behaviors.

Please note: RMSC Curiosity Camps cannot provide 1:1 aides. Campers will be in groups of approximately 20 campers, with a staff to camper ratio of approximately 1:5. If your camper has a 1:1 aide or receives special services during the school year, please contact camp administration before registering for more information about the structure of our camp program.*

Allergies

If your camper has an allergy please complete that section of the **Annual Camper Information & Medical Form** in detail. Medications needed in an emergency (i.e. inhalers, EpiPens, Benadryl, etc.) are kept with the camper's Instructor at all times during the day.

Medication at Camp

If your camper will need to take any medication (including Epi-Pens or inhalers) at camp, it must be brought to camp in the original container and be accompanied by a signed note* from the parent/guardian:

1. Giving Camp Administration permission to supervise the self-administration of the medication
2. Explaining usage, dosage, and timing for the medication.

**This note must accompany the medication to camp and be reviewed with a Camp Administrator; please do not send in advance.*

Vaccinations—NEW FOR 2020

All campers must be vaccinated. Please provide the approximate date of vaccination to verify that your camper has had each of the vaccines listed on the **Annual Camper Information & Medical Form**. New York State Law does not allow for religious exemptions.

What to Bring & Wear

- All campers in Almost Camps and Full Day Camps will have a supervised 30-minute lunch. Lunch is **NOT** provided; please send a bagged lunch and a drink with your child. No refrigeration is available. Snack will be provided for all campers each day. *Campers with specific dietary needs or food allergies are encouraged to bring their own snack.*
- Your camper will be outside most of the day in many types of weather. It is important that children come prepared for the day's weather and with the understanding that it is okay to get dirty! Wear comfortable clothing that can get messy. Things to bring: backpack; water bottle; lunch; snack; raincoat (if needed); waterproof boots (if needed); a brimmed hat for sun and bug protection; and sunscreen or bug spray (ask our staff for nature-friendly suggestions!). Long sleeves and/or pants are another good way to stay protected from sun and bugs.
- Please leave valuables like collectable cards and personal electronics at home.
- The RMSC is not responsible for the loss, destruction or theft of any personal items (including clothing, book bags, purses, toys, games, electronic devices, cell phones or money) that your child may bring to camp. It is highly encouraged that these and other personal items stay at home.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Information

Please be on time so camp sessions can start on time! All campers must be accompanied into the lobby each morning and signed in for their camp.

For safety reasons, your camper will only be released to the individual(s) listed as the "Authorized Pick-Up Person" on the sign-in sheet. All individuals must present a photo ID every time they come to pick up a camper.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up at Cumming Nature Center:

For campers being driven to the Cumming Nature Center, Drop-Off & Pick-Up takes place in the **Main Lobby** of the nature center, located at: 6472 Gulick Road, Naples, NY 14512.

- Regular Drop-Off Period: 8:45am -9:00am Campers arriving before 8:45am will need to register for AM Extended Care (Before Care).
- Regular Pick-Up Time Period: 3:30pm-3:45pm. Campers who are not picked up by 3:45pm will be placed in PM Extended Care and you will be charged accordingly.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up for campers bussing from RMSC:

For campers being bussed to the Cumming Nature Center from the RMSC, Drop-Off & Pick-Up takes place in **Eisenhart Auditorium lobby** (not the main museum building) on the RMSC campus located at: 657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607. The bus leaves from RMSC at 8:00AM and returns to the RMSC at approximately 4:45PM.

Early Pick-Ups

In the event that your camper needs to be picked up early, please write the appropriate time on the sign-in sheet or notify Camp Administration at (585) 374-6160

Extended Care

Extended Care is available at the Cumming Nature Center Monday—Friday for Full Day Campers and registration is required.

BEFORE Care

8:00-9:00am \$20/week

Supervised, unstructured playtime monitored by camp staff.

AFTER Care

3:30-5:00pm \$25/week

Structured, exploration time in smaller group settings--choose the elective that's right for your camper!

Choose between:

- **Movie Buffs:** Enjoy your favorite feature films up on our big screen. All movies shown are age appropriate and rated either G or PG.
- **Board Gamers:** Challenge your friends to a classic board game—chess, Battleship, Clue, Candy Land, Monopoly, Sorry!, Life, Connect Four and more!

BEFORE & AFTER Care Combo:

Need extra time before and after the camp day? Save \$5 when you sign up for both Before Care and After Care.

8:00-9:00am AND 3:30-5:00pm

\$40/week

A late fee of \$10/camper will be charged for campers that have not been picked up by 5:00pm. A late fee of \$40/camper will be charged for campers that have not been picked up by 5:30pm.

Camper Experience & Safety

Camp Activities

Our mission is to provide an emotionally and physically safe environment to cultivate a lifelong appreciation for the natural world. Campers spend the day outside engaging in unstructured play and exploratory learning. See Camp Descriptions for a deeper description of the focus and activities of each camp.

Age Groups & Group Size

Age groups are established to ensure that campers have the best possible experience in regards to both appropriate educational content and socialization with their peers. Almost Campers and Full Day Campers will be in groups of approximately 20 campers, with a staff to camper ratio of approximately 1:5. Mini Campers will be in groups of about 15 campers with a staff to camper ratio of approximately 1:4.

Photographs

Your registration implies permission to use photos/videos of your camper(s) for RMSC promotional purposes. If you do not want your child photographed, please contact camp administration.