



## CNC CURIOSITY CAMPS 2023 INFORMATION AND POLICIES

RMSC Cumming Nature Center

Welcome to summer camp at Cumming Nature Center! We're so glad you're here. We've got an awesome summer lined up for you, filled with messy, mucky exploring, climbing and splashing, and learning led by fun! Check out this document for everything you need to know about CNC Curiosity Camps this summer, and please reach out to [Winona Brown](#), CNC Camp and School Programs Coordinator, if you have any questions.

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### WHAT TO BRING AND WEAR

- Please send your camper with a backpack, sunscreen, insect repellent, snack, lunch, and drink/water bottle. Note that refrigeration is not available.
  - Campers should wear closed-toed shoes and comfortable clothing that can get dirty.
  - We ask that you do not send your camper with a cell phone or other personal electronic devices. We do not receive cell reception on the trails and we try to keep our camp experience screen-free!
  - The RMSC and CNC are not responsible for the loss, destruction, or theft of any personal items that your child may bring to camp. We highly encourage your camper to keep valuables and other personal items at home.
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### BUSING

Busing will be offered for camps during Weeks 2-7, with limited spaces available to campers participating in the Walden Summer Experience. The bus will depart from the RMSC's downtown Rochester campus for the Cumming Nature Center at the beginning of the day and return to the same location at the end of the day. There will be a CNC staff member on the bus riding to and from camp. **To register for busing, click "Register" on the camp you're interested in and you will be directed to a page with an additional link to register for bussing.**

- Buses will depart from the RMSC downtown Rochester campus at 7:45am and arrive at CNC by 9am.
- Buses will depart from CNC at 3:45pm and arrive at the RMSC downtown Rochester campus by 5pm.

## **DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP**

For those transporting their children to and from camp, drop-off and pick-up take place at the Cumming Nature Center, located at 6472 Gulick Road, Naples, NY 14512. If your child is participating in **Digging Through Time** or **Archaeology Adventure**, drop-off and pick-up will take place at the RMSC at 657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 on **Wednesday only**.

- Please be prompt so that all camps can start at their scheduled times! All campers must be accompanied by an adult each morning and signed in.
- Your camper will only be released to the authorized contacts listed during registration and on the camp sign-in sheet. Authorized pick-ups must present a photo ID every time they come to pick up a camper.
- Drop-off is between 9 AM - 9:15 AM. Campers arriving before 9:00 AM will need to register for Before Care.
- Pick up is between 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM. Campers who are not picked up by 4:00 PM will be placed in After Care, and families will be charged accordingly.

### **Early Pick-Ups**

- In the event your camper needs to be picked up early, please notify your camp counselors.
- In the event of an emergency, call Cumming Nature Center at (585) 374-6160.

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## **EXTENDED CARE**

Need extra time before and after the camp day? Join us for unstructured, supervised exploration. Save when you sign up for the whole week!

**Before Care** (available for Almost and Full Day Campers): \$7/day or \$30/week

**After Care** (available for Full Day Campers): \$7/day or \$30/week

**Extended Care Combo** (Before and After Care): \$50/week

Campers that have not been picked up by 4:00 PM will be enrolled in After Care and charged accordingly. Campers that have not been picked up by 5:30 PM will be charged a \$10 late fee. Campers that have not been picked up by 5:45 will be charged a \$25 late fee.

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## **EMERGENCY AND WEATHER POLICY**

In the event that the CNC closes due to inclement weather or any other emergency, Curiosity Camps will be canceled for the day. Closings will be listed on 13 WHAM TV and 1180 WHAM radio, and you will be notified. If CNC closes, refunds for that day will be given.

## REFUNDS

To plan appropriately for staff and supplies and to maintain a safe, healthy environment, it is critical for us to accurately anticipate enrollment and attendance. **Please note that all camp registration fees include a \$75 non-refundable deposit.** The following details our policies regarding cancellations, withdrawals, and absences:

### Cancellation Policy

- Camps that do not meet minimum enrollment requirements are subject to cancellation. If your registered camp is canceled due to enrollment requirements, you will be issued a full refund or credit towards a future registration or transferred to another camp that week.
- If the CNC and/or camps is closed due to COVID-19, we will issue you a refund or credit towards a future registration.

### Refund Policy

All camp registration fees include a \$75 non-refundable deposit.

- Withdrawals that occur more than 10 days before the start of camp will receive a full refund (minus the \$75 non-refundable deposit).
- Withdrawals that occur less than 10 days before the start of camp will not receive a refund.
- Please note that all withdrawals are subject to a processing fee of \$50.
- See below for an example!
  - February Break Camp (Winter Secrets) is Monday, February 21 - Friday, February 25. In order to receive a full refund (minus a processing fee), withdrawals must be made on or before February 15. Withdrawals made on or after February 16th will not receive a refund.

### Absence Policy

- Fees will not be pro-rated or refunded for any missed days of a camp session due to absence. Absences cannot be made up by having your child attend another camp on a different day.
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## HEALTH INFORMATION: ALLERGIES, MEDICATION, AND EXTRA SUPPORT

Curiosity Camps strives to provide an accessible and safe environment for all campers. If your camper has a medical condition, severe allergies, dietary restrictions, or a disability, please note this information during registration. Camp Administration may contact you if there are questions or concerns regarding the successful accommodation of your camper.

## **Disabilities and Extra Support**

Curiosity Camps strives to provide an accessible and safe environment for all campers. If your camper has a disability or needs extra support, please let us know during registration and provide details/suggestions on how we can assist your child in having the best possible experience with us.

Please note that RMSC Curiosity Camps cannot provide 1:1 aides. Campers will be in groups of approximately 15 campers, with a staff to camper ratio of approximately 1:8. If your camper has a 1:1 aide or receives extra support 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, let us know during registration (make sure to tell us what they're allergic to). Medications needed in an emergency (e.g. inhalers, EpiPens, Benadryl, etc.) are kept with the camper's instructor at all times during the day. See below for instructions on how to send your camper with medicine.

## **Medication at Camp**

If your camper will need to take any medication (including EpiPens and inhalers) at camp, it must be brought to camp in the original container and be accompanied by [this form](#) from the camper's parent/guardian that includes the following.

The above form must accompany the medication to camp and be reviewed with a Camp Administrator; please do not send in advance.

## **Vaccinations**

As of 2019, all campers must be vaccinated. Please note that New York State Law does not allow for religious exemptions. Contact [Camp Administration](#) if your camper has a medical exemption.

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## **BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES**

In order to provide all campers and staff with a positive and safe experience, it is important that all campers exhibit proper behavior and self-control and act respectfully at all times. Behaviors that are not tolerated at camp include but are not limited to the following: 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.

As necessary, 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 caregivers 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 caregivers to inform them of inappropriate behaviors and discuss possible solutions.
3. If inappropriate behavior continues, caregivers will be contacted to pick up the camper immediately, and the camper will be suspended from the remainder of the day (and possibly week). 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 policy for physical violence and behaviors involving the endangering of self, staff, and other campers. These behaviors will result in disciplinary action, including immediate dismissal from the camp program for the rest of the camp day and/or week.

Regardless of previous concerns or action steps taken, Camp Administration reserves the right to immediately dismiss a camper from current and future camp sessions at any point for conduct that is deemed detrimental to the well-being of other campers and staff or to the overall operation of the camp. Refunds will not be given (for current or future camp sessions) if campers are dismissed from Curiosity Camps programs due to behavioral reasons.