2014
Arkansas Outdoor School
Day Camp
Parent Handbook
Thank you for choosing the AOS Summer Day Camp program. We have a great season lined up for your campers. Whichever session you have selected, your campers will have the opportunity to investigate topics designed to engage, inform, and challenge them while having fun, making new friends and creating memories that can last a lifetime. Using an experiential learning model, we will explore the world around us in a dynamic, hands-on way that brings ideas to life.

In addition to the different session themes, each camp offers your children the opportunity to develop skills they can use throughout their lives such as communication, decision making and team work.

Our goal is to provide your children with a quality camping experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please bring them to our attention. Again, thank you for choosing the AOS Summer Day Camp program.

Sincerely,

Mike Simmons
AOS Summer Day Camp Coordinator
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our Summer Day Camp program is divided into 8 different sessions, with 2 camps per session. Some camps are repeated, others are a one time offering. Each camp will have activities specific to the theme. No matter which session you choose, your campers will have a chance to enjoy these activities: canoeing, archery, swimming, rock climbing, hiking and arts and crafts.

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SESSION THEMES

**Sports of All Sorts**- Come play all day! Whether its activities like Ultimate Frisbee, kickball, water balloon volleyball, basketball or Wiffle ball, this camp will emphasize cooperation, sportsmanship, communication, self-esteem, and fitness. If your children like to play sports and games, then "Sports of All Sorts" is their kind of camp.

**The "Natural State" of Science**- If you like discovering the wonders of nature, then this is the camp for you! Hiking through the woods, exploring streams, and digging in the dirt are just a few ways we will experience the amazing world of science here in the Natural State. Topics will include reptiles and amphibians, plants, insects, mammals, birds, geology, chemistry, and astronomy. It's a natural for a good time.

**Teen Camp**- This camp is for 13-15 year olds who have "aged out" of the regular day camp program but still want to have an engaging, fun and active summer experience. This camp will feature more age-appropriate activities and challenges, including a full day in our ExCEL program. For more details see [http://www.arkansas4hcenter.org/excel/](http://www.arkansas4hcenter.org/excel/) Our teen campers will also have the opportunity to earn their American Red Cross First Aid & CPR certifications. These certifications can help a teen be more marketable for summer jobs, babysitting work, and working at summer camps! Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity for your teens.
Creativity Camp - Do you like to express yourself? Do you like to paint, draw, act, or just be creative? Then look no further because at Creativity Camp we are going to do all of those and more. We will learn about art and its many forms. Outdoor photography, Arts & Crafts, drama, creative writing, music, and dance are some of the activities we will do at this fun filled, active and artistic camp.

Science in Action - If you like to investigate, discover, explore and experiment, then this camp is for you. We will use everyday items to answer questions such as 'can you create a battery out of lemons' or 'can you make a rocket out of a 2 liter bottle'. Add our regular "core" activities of canoeing, rock climbing, and daily swim time, and you have a great opportunity to combine fun, friendship, and learning.

Outdoor Adventures - Living in the Arkansas provides us with many chances to go out and explore nature. Have you ever wanted to learn how to backpack, camp, cook a meal over an open fire, or even how to survive in the wilds? If so, then you should sign-up for Outdoor Adventures. We will learn about tools and techniques for navigating, surviving and thriving in the woods. We will also learn about archery, animal identification, and fishing along with rock climbing, canoeing and hiking. It's going to be Wild!

Busy Builders - This camp is designed for our younger campers, 7-9 year-olds. If you like putting things together, using your hands and being creative, then there is only one place to be this summer: Busy Builders. We will make rafts, crafts toys along with great memories. Everything will be provided, so no need to run down to the hardware store.

Construct Camp - This camp is for our older campers, 10-12 year-olds. If you want to take your building and creativity to the next level, then this is your camp. We will be designing and building more involved projects using more advanced tools and techniques. Fun and creativity go hand-in-hand in this camp.

Duct Tape Camp - In this camp will use the amazing, all purpose invention of duct tape to make some fun, and unusual items. From wallets and hats to boats and bridges, duct tape will be the foundation for all our building projects. Come be inspired and express your creativity at Duct Tape camp.

Mystery Camp - Do you like solving mysteries, riddles, puzzles or brain-teasers? Who-dun-it fans can test their wits in a camp full of secret codes, fingerprints, and tools of the problem-solving trade. Camp participants will be able to indulge their inner forensics expert and exercise their brains.

Greatest Hits Camp - We have a summer's worth of great activities planned for our campers and in our last camp of the summer, we are bringing out the very best. Throughout the summer we will ask every camp to vote on their favorite activities and these will be what we do in our Greatest Hits camp. It promises to be a great time full of a wide range of topics. Come see which activities made the cut.
**Daily Schedule**

Every camp will have this same basic core format.

- **9:00 am** Camper drop off
- **9:30-11:30** Morning activities
- **11:30-12:00** Lunch
- **12:00-1:30** Afternoon activities
- **1:30-3:00** Swimming and snack
- **3:00 pm** Camper pick

*Changes in the daily schedule may occur due to weather or other considerations.*

In addition to our core schedule, campers have the opportunity to arrive at camp as early as 7:30am, and stay until 5:30pm. Please understand we do not have a sliding pick-up and drop-off schedule. Drop-off is either 7:30am or 9am. Pick-up is either 3:00pm or 5:30 pm.

**Tiered Pricing & Schedule:** Recognizing families have differing financial abilities, we are now offering a three-tier fee program. This is a voluntary system; pick the tier that is comfortable/affordable for your family. All campers receive the same attention, care and opportunities regardless of the tier chosen.

**Tier 1**
Represent our historically subsidized rate; does not reflect the full operating costs.

**Tier 2**
Represents a partially subsidized fee.

**Tier 3**
Actual operating cost of a camp session, including maintenance, salaries and supplies.

**Full Camp:**
- **7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.** (all camps run M-F)
- Tier 1 $270
- Tier 2 $303
- Tier 3 $336

**Early Camp:**
- **7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
- Tier 1 $215
- Tier 2 $248
- Tier 3 $281

**Core Camp:**
- **9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
- Tier 1 $180
- Tier 2 $213
- Tier 3 $246

**Afternoon Camp:**
- **9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**
- Tier 1 $220
- Tier 2 $253
- Tier 3 $286
CANCELLATION POLICY: No refunds will be given for cancellations made within two weeks of a camp’s starting date. If cancellations are made before that two week period a $45.00 processing fee will be taken out of the refund amount. Camper enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Every camp has a maximum enrollment of 25 campers. Any camper registration received after the maximum enrollment is reached will be placed on a waiting list or given the option of enrolling in a camp that has not yet filled.

CODE OF CONDUCT
Each camper will be asked to abide by the following rules while at camp.

RULES

1. I will respect my fellow campers.
2. I will take care of my own things and respect the property of others, including the AOS Camp.
3. I will listen to the AOS instructors and follow their instructions.
4. I will follow safety rules and make sure my fellow campers are safe.
5. I will do my best to be an example for my fellow campers to follow.

CONSEQUENCES

1. 1st offense - The staff member and camper will speak with parents, and suitable consequences will be decided.
2. 2nd offense - Camper will stay home one day.
3. 3rd offense- Camper will be taken out of that session with no refund.

It is our goal to provide a safe, respectful camp environment. We will go over the Code of Conduct with our campers at the beginning of each session. We encourage you to review these rules with your camper to ensure they fully understand what is expected of them while at camp. Thank you for your assistance.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP
Please have your campers bring the following items each day to camp: a lunch, a drink for lunch, a water bottle, sunscreen, a swimsuit and towel, a bag to carry their things in, and bug spray.

Some things they may want at camp: A hat, sunglasses, a camera,

We ask that your camper dress in comfortable play clothes; clothes that can get dirty and, at times, wet. We also ask that your camper wear closed toe shoes, like tennis shoes. They may bring sandals or other shoes to change into for swimming or other water activities. Also, please make sure your camper’s name is on all the personal possessions.
**WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP**

We ask that your child **not** bring any of the following items to camp: a knife, firearms, matches or lighter, live animals, money, cell phones, video games, medications (unless needed), or anything valuable or irreplaceable.

**MEDICATION POLICY**

We do not administer medication to campers. This includes over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, or Advil. We also do not provide campers with sun screen or bug repellent due to potential allergy issues.

**SAFETY PROCEDURES**

In the event of an accident involving a camper, we will provide necessary medical attention, contact the people listed as emergency contacts on the camper's application, and if necessary call 911.

**DROP OFF**

The drop-off location is the kitchen in Feland Hall. Please park in the lot in front of the last lodging unit at the end of the paved parking areas, and walk to Feland Hall. *(See attached map)*. If someone else will be giving your camper a ride that afternoon, please provide us with their name in writing that morning. Please drive slowly through the parking areas as there will be children present. Drop-off times will depend on the option you have chosen for your camper's session. Please drop campers off at the appropriate starting time, either 7:30 or 9am. **Please refrain from early drop-offs.**

**PICK-UP PROCEDURE**

The pick-up location is the kitchen in Feland Hall. Please park in the lot in front of the last lodging unit at the end of the paved parking areas, and walk to Feland Hall. *(See attached map)*. One of our summer staff members will have a sign-out sheet. Campers **MUST** be signed-out before leaving camp. If someone else will be giving your camper a ride, we will need their name in writing. Please drive slowly through the parking areas as there will be children present. Pick-up times will depend on the option you have chosen for your camper's session. Please pick-up campers at the appropriate times, either 3pm or 5:30pm.

**EARLY PICK-UP**

We ask parents / guardians to please wait until the end of the camp day to pick-up campers. If you need to pick-up your camper early, please give us advanced notice. Please let us know at the beginning of the session which day(s) and at what time you will need to pick-up your camper early. The day of the early pick-up, please provide a written note, with the camper's name and time of pick-up to the staff. Thank you for your assistance.
LATE PICK-UP

PLEASE BE AWARE: There will be a late charge of $10.00 assessed for every 10 minutes a camper’s ride is late.

For 3:00pm Pick-up
3:10-3:19=$10.00
3:20-3:29=$20.00
3:30-3:39=$30.00
AND SO ON.

For 5:30pm Pick-up
5:40-5:49=$10.00
5:50-5:59=$20.00
6:00-6:09=$30.00
AND SO ON.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please feel free to contact Mike Simmons with any questions or concerns you may have.
1. Main Conference Center
2. Reynolds Wing
3. Lodging Units
4. Swimming Pool
5. Feland Hall
6. Tennis & Basketball Courts
7. Pavilion
8. Amphitheater
9. Environmental Education Cabin
10. Living Stream
11. Boardwalk Pavilion
12. Boardwalk Fire Circle
13. Campfire Ring
14. Deer Study Cabin
15. Director’s Residence
16. Cabe Hall
17. Rose Garden & Patio
18. Canoe Landing
19. Gazebo
20. Maintenance Shop