2015
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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2015 DAY CAMP
SESSION THEMES

Adventures Sports- Do you seek out adventure, love the thrill of new and exciting experiences? Then, we have a camp just for you. Fast paced, high energy sports and activities are the order of the day for this camp. Rock climbing on our indoor wall and our forty foot outdoor tower, canoe racing, and ultimate Frisbee, are just a few of the many activities we have in store for our campers. Come have an adventure!

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, 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 age-appropriate activities and challenges, including a full day in our ExCEL program. For more details see http://www.arkansas4hc.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, and working at summer camps! Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity for your teens.
**Arts in Action** - 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 Motion** - 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.

**Wilderness Skills** - Living in 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 wild? If so, then you should sign-up for Wilderness Skills. 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!

**Creativity Camp** - If you like putting things together, using your hands and being creative, then there is only one place to be this summer: Creativity Camp. We will make rafts, crafts, toys and great memories. Everything will be provided, so no need to run down to the hardware store. Fun and creativity go hand-in-hand in this camp.

**Fun N’ Fitness** - Staying active and having fun is what this camp is all about. Campers will have a chance to experience a wide range of activities designed to get them moving and keep them going. Activities like yoga, hiking, and climbing will be fun experiences that teach lifelong healthy interests. On the last day, campers will take on the challenge of running a 5K. What a way to finish off this awesome week.

**Huntin’ & Fishin’** - New for 2015! This camp if for young folks ages 12-15. If you like to get out into nature, hunt & fish, and learn about different skills involved in finding, identifying, and harvesting game and fish, then this is your camp. Campers will have the opportunity to earn their Hunter Education certification, go through ATV safety training, and learn tracking and back country skills. In addition, campers will take part in our regular camp activities and go down our zip line. All this will make for a great camping experience.

**Duct Tape Camp** - In this camp we will use the amazing, all purpose invention of duct tape to make some fun, and unusual items. From crafts and clothing to games and gadgets, duct tape will be the foundation for all our building projects. Come be inspired and express your creativity at Duct Tape camp.
**Greatest Hits Camp**- We have a summer's worth of great activities planned for our campers and in our last camp of the season, we are bringing out the very best. Throughout the summer we will ask every camp to vote on their favorite activities to determine the camper favorites. These favorite activities will be the focus of our Greatest Hits camp. It promises to be an awesome time! Come see which activities made the cut.

**Techie Camp**- Robotics, engineering and computer programming are on the list of things you will learn about during this camp week. See how this technology is a part of your everyday life and how you can use your new found knowledge to have fun and be creative.

**CSI Camp**- Get an inside look at what is involved in using crime scene investigation techniques. Collect clues, analyze samples, and develop your powers of deduction and observation to solve the mystery by the end of the camp week.

**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**
Represents 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 – $280 
Tier 2 – $313 
Tier 3 – $346 

Early Camp: 
7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. 
Tier 1 – $225 
Tier 2 – $258 
Tier 3 – $291 

Core Camp: 
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 
Tier 1 – $190 
Tier 2 – $223 
Tier 3 – $256 

Afternoon Camp: 
9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. 
Tier 1 – $230 
Tier 2 – $263 
Tier 3 – $296 

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.

**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 their 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.