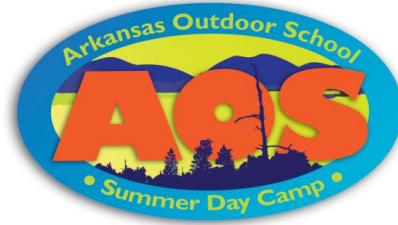


**2018**  
**ARKANSAS**  
**OUTDOOR SCHOOL**  
**DAY CAMP**  
**PARENT HANDBOOK**





Thank you for choosing the AOS Summer Day Camp program. We have a great camp season lined up for 2018. Whichever session you have selected, your camper 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 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 most weeks having 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 camper will have a chance to enjoy these activities: canoeing, archery, swimming, rock climbing, hiking and arts and crafts.

### CAMP SESSIONS

Camp 1: June 11-15	Outdoor Adventures, Creativity Camp
Camp 2: June 18-22	Teen Camp, Science in Action
Camp 3: June 25- 29	Wilderness Skills, Makers Camp*
Camp 4: July 2-6	Pioneer Camp
Camp 5: July 9-13	Sports of All Sorts, Outdoor Adventures
Camp 6: July 16-20	Teen Camp, Natural State of Science
Camp 7: July 23-27	Wilderness Skills, Makers Camp*
Camp 8: July 30-August 3	Greatest Hits Camps

### SESSION THEMES

**Outdoor Adventure** - Do you seek out adventure, love the thrill of new and exciting experiences? Well, we have a camp just for you. Fast paced, high energy activities are the order of the day for this camp. Rock climbing on our 40 foot outdoor tower, riding on a zip line through the trees, orienteering, and canoe racing are just a few of the fun things we have in store for our campers. Come have an adventure!

**The "Natural State" of Science** - Discovering the wonders of nature is what this camp is all about. 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 [www.uaex.edu/excel](http://www.uaex.edu/excel) Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity for your teens.

**Science in Motion** – Science is fun! Come discover why. We will investigate, discover, explore and experiment all session long. We'll show you how to use everyday items to answer questions such as 'can you cook food using the sun's power' 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, sign up for Wilderness Skills Camp. We will learn about tools and techniques for navigating, surviving and thriving in the woods. Include archery, animal identification, fishing, rock climbing, canoeing and hiking for a wildly good time!

**Creativity Camp** - If you like to express yourself in a variety of fun and creative ways, then there is only one place to be this summer: Creativity Camp. Tap into your imagination with arts & crafts, dance, drama and music. We will also have a chance to do all the classic camp activities we offer here at Day Camp. Fun and creativity go hand-in-hand in this camp.

**Sports of All Sorts** - Come play all day! Whether it's Ultimate Frisbee, disc golf, kickball, water balloon volleyball, tennis, basketball or other games from around the world, this camp emphasizes cooperation, sportsmanship, communication, and fitness. If you like to play sports and games of all kinds, then this is your kind of camp.

**Makers Camp** – Do you like to build and be creative? Then plan on coming to Makers Camp this summer. Using ideas from engineering to the arts, we will take on and build a wide variety of projects from simple to complex. Makers Camp embraces the idea of igniting the spark in our campers to create, collaborate, and develop their sense of wonder and explore how science and imagination are intertwined. *\*Please be aware, there is an additional fee of \$30 to cover building supplies.*

**Pioneer Camp** - What was life like for the early Arkansans? How did they cook their food, make their furniture and what did they do for fun? If you have ever wanted to see what life was like for the folks living in our state before we had electricity or cars, come have some fun and learn how to live like a pioneer. We will be based out of our pioneer cabin for this camp but don't worry, we will still have running water and air conditioning for those hot days.

**Greatest Hits Camp** - In our last camp of the season we are bringing out the Greatest Hits. Throughout the summer we will ask every camper to vote for their favorite activities. These will be included in our Greatest Hits camp. It promises to be an awesome time full of fun and adventure. Come see which activities make the cut.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

Every camp will have this same basic core format. All camps run Monday-Friday.

- **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 up**

**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.

Tier 1 – \$290

Tier 2 – \$323

Tier 3 – \$356

7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tier 1 – \$235

Tier 2 – \$268

Tier 3 – \$300

#### **Core Camp:**

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tier 1 – \$200

Tier 2 – \$233

Tier 3 – \$276

#### **Afternoon Camp:**

9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Tier 1 – \$240

Tier 2 – \$273

Tier 3 – \$305

#### **Early Camp:**

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** **No refunds will be given for cancellations made within 2 weeks of a camp's starting date.** If cancellations are made before that two week period a \$50.00 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. 1<sup>st</sup> offense - The staff member and camper will speak with parents, and suitable consequences will be decided.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense - Camper will stay home one day.
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, a swimsuit and towel, a bag to carry their things in, and bug spray. **Please also insure your camper has sunscreen with an SPF 30, or higher.**

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 their 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 AND PICK UP PROCEDURE**

The drop-off and Pick-up location is Feland Hall (See attached map). Please drive slowly on 4-H Center property as there will be children present at all times. Drop-off times will be either 7:30am or 9am, depending on the option you have chosen at registration. Please refrain from early drop-offs (before 7:30am) as camp staff is busy setting up the day's activities and will not be available for camper supervision until 7:30am.

If you are dropping off at 9am, please arrive at or as close to 9am as possible.

We must have the name of all authorized persons who will be picking up your camper in writing. Campers must be signed out every day before leaving the camp property. Pick up will be either 3:00pm or 5:30pm, depending on the option you have chosen at registration.

## **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-until pick-up=\$30.00

### **For 5:30pm Pick-up**

5:40-5:49=\$10.00

5:50-5:59=\$20.00

6:00-until pick-up=\$30.

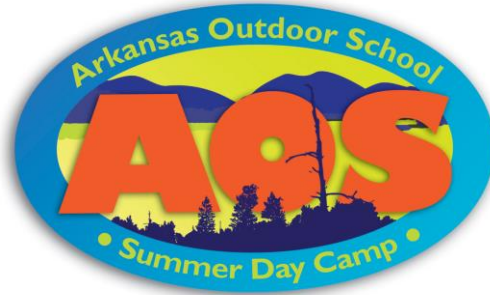


# CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please feel free to contact Mike Simmons with any questions or concerns you may have.



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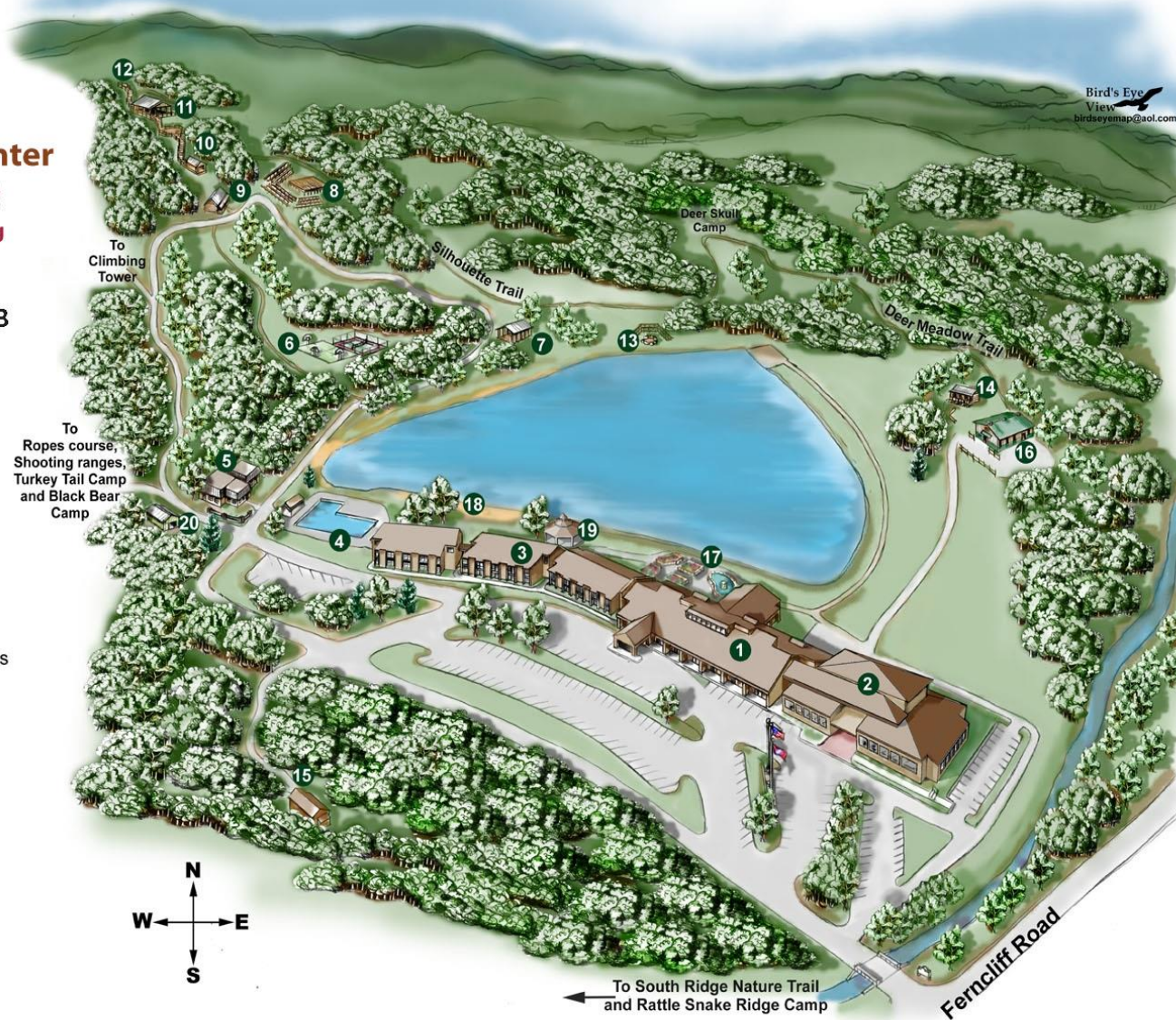
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7. Pavilion
8. Amphitheater
9. Environmental Education Cabin
10. Living Stream
11. Boardwalk Pavilion
12. Boardwalk Fire Circle
13. Campfire Ring
14. Deer Study Cabin
15. Director's Residence
16. Cabe Hall
17. Rose Garden & Patio
18. Canoe Landing
19. Gazebo
20. Maintenance Shop



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