

Enrollments – Staff to child ratio is kept low to ensure individual attention and to enhance each child’s experience. Creative hands-on activities, games and art are age appropriate to encourage learning about nature while having fun. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing experience.

Campers’ Behavior - Given the outdoor focus of our camp programs, participants are expected to be able to meet their own personal and safety needs, be self-sufficient, and function and interact appropriately within a group setting to the extent that is appropriate for the ages specified in the program descriptions. If this is not the case, please contact us for available accommodation. All children need to be toilet trained.

Illness Policy - Face masks and social distancing are encouraged at RBNC events. If traveling to offsite locations, we will abide by the site’s Covid rules if they are stricter than RBNC’s rules. Please stay home if you are sick and/or experiencing any symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, chills, new loss of smell or taste, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, vomiting, nausea, or diarrhea.

Sign-In/Sign-Out Policy – Any adult picking up a child from summer camp will need to show photo ID each day of camp. Only adults listed on the camper’s completed medical form will be allowed to pick-up campers from camp, with the showing of a photo ID. Adults dropping off campers in the morning will have the ability to change pick-up authorizations throughout the week. There is an option on the health form for children 10 and older to sign themselves out when they see their ride or if they can walk/bike home. **This camp policy is for the safety of all campers that attend River Bend camps.**

Photo Policy - River Bend Nature Center is a public property and therefore reserves the rights to photograph anyone participating in our programs. River Bend Nature Center will assume that all participants are able to have their pictures taken for RBNC promotional purposes unless River Bend has been notified via the health form.

Lunch/Snacks– In partnership with Faribault Public Schools and Sodexo Food Service, we are excited to announce this year **we’re providing FREE breakfast and lunch for all summer camps!** There are no income requirements, forms or paperwork. You are still welcome to pack your own food and snacks, but rest assured, food will be available should you forget.

Clothing – All our programs include outdoor exploration, often off-trail. Please have campers dressed in clothes that can get dirty, muddy, or wet.

Shoes – Closed-toe shoes are necessary to ensure safety and comfort for exploring in a variety of terrains. No sandals, flip-flops or clogs. We will let you know in advance if water shoes or boots are needed.

Rain Gear – Please send rain gear with each camper if there is any chance of rain. We will often go outside if it is raining lightly. **NO umbrellas** – it is difficult for children to explore and manage an umbrella.

Cancellation Policy – There will be no refunds for summer camp sessions. If the participant is unable to attend, a full credit will be given to use on another RBNC camp or program in the same calendar year. Ability to transfer funds expires 5 days after notifying staff you are unable to attend camp. If River Bend must cancel a camp session, you will receive a full refund.

Arrival/Departure -- All camps begin and end each day at the Interpretive Center, located just off our main parking lot at the end of Rustad Road.

Weather – Camps will run regardless of the weather. In case of severe weather we will take campers to secure areas.

Sunscreen & Insect Repellent – Please apply these before arriving at camp. We will re-apply as needed so send extra along.

Things to Bring – We suggest each camper bring the following things. If you wish to leave some things for the duration of the camp please put them in a bag labeled with the child’s name.

- ☐ Backpack to hold things
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Change of clothes, extra socks
- ☐ Lunch (for full day camps only)
- ☐ Snacks needed to get through the day
- ☐ Sunscreen and insect repellent

Pre-camp communications – Immediately after registration, you will receive a confirmation email. A month prior to camp, you will receive a reminder email with any additional necessary information regarding the specific camp.

Forms – Please be sure to fill out all appropriate forms sent with your informational email and return to River Bend **2 weeks before** camp begins. All campers need a River Bend health form and liability form. Adventure is Out There campers may require additional waivers for offsite field trips.

Membership – If you registered for camp as a River Bend member (i.e. taking the member discount), your membership **must be current** on the day camp starts for your camper to participate.

Questions – Contact us!

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