



Parent Information Guide

Escape...Explore...Experience

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What time does camp start?

Camp runs from 9:00am - 4:00pm. If you have registered for early and/or late care, your children are to be dropped off no earlier than 8:30am and to be picked up no later than 5:00pm.

2. What is the arrival/departure procedure?

For your child's safety, s/he must be signed in and out of camp each day with a signature from a pre-approved guardian. Your patience is appreciated during this process.

3. What if someone that is not on the registration form's authorized pick-up list needs to pick up my child?

Any last minute additions needed to be made to the authorized pick-up list must be made in person during the morning sign-in procedures (at the latest). We cannot accept authorization via the telephone/email.

4. Is there food available for purchase on site?

Although campers are not permitted to purchase anything from the visitor centre's gift shop during camp hours, there are light snacks and drinks available (pop/juice, chips, chocolate bars, candy, and cup-of-soup) should you wish to accompany your child before or after camp.

Note: see Health & Safety section regarding nut/peanut-sensitive regulation.

Health & Safety

- Wye Marsh Day Camps are **nut/peanut-sensitive**.
Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre is open to the public during day camp hours (9am-5pm). Due to the public nature of the facility, Wye Marsh Day Camps are not able to ensure a nut/peanut-free environment. We do however, remain peanut-sensitive and require that campers do not bring products containing nuts/peanuts to camp.
- Wye Marsh Day Camps and **Sabrina's Law**.
Anaphylaxis is a growing concern among schools and camps. If your child carries an Epi-pen for their allergy they must carry it with them at all times. Please ensure that the Camp Director is aware of your child's condition.
- Wye Marsh Day Camp is an **outdoor** camp.
Please ensure that your child comes prepared with clothing and footwear suitable for being active in the outdoors. *Please see "What to Bring" list for more details.*
- Our policy specifies that counselors **may not apply sunscreen** to your child.
Please ensure that you apply sunscreen to your child before their arrival at camp. Our counselors will make every effort to remind your child to apply sunscreen throughout the day, but teaching your child about sun safety is the best protection.

What to Bring

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| √ Wye Marsh Camp hat (provided on the first day of camp) | √ Peanut-free and litter-less lunch with snacks |
| √ Sunscreen | √ Refillable water bottle |
| √ Close-toed shoes | √ Medications with instructions |
| √ Change of clothes | X Money/Valuables |
| √ Raingear | X Electronic devices (iPods, video games etc.) |
| √ Insect repellent | |

Potluck Meet & Greet Dinner



You're Invited!

Wye Marsh Day Camp Family Potluck

Each week throughout the summer the Wye Marsh Day Camp staff will host a family potluck dinner where you can come and enjoy a home cooked meal by the campfire, and meet your child's friends and families.

- **When:** 6:00pm on the Thursday of the week your child is registered.
- **What to bring:** Please provide a dish for everyone to enjoy. Remember this is a **peanut-sensitive** camp, so be sure that your contributions do not contain products with traces of nuts/peanuts. Please provide your own cutlery, plates, drinks, and napkins.
- **RSVP:** No later than Thursday morning (with morning sign-in staff).

SUBWAY Sandwich Lunch (optional)

Please submit this completed form no later than **Thursday** morning.

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SUBWAY Lunch Order Form

Included are a 6-inch sub and a chocolate chip cookie for \$3.00. Please remember to send drinks and snacks with your camper as usual.

- X _____ Cold Cut Trio: Ham, bologna, salami, lettuce, tomato and cheese
- X _____ Ham: Ham, lettuce, tomato and cheese
- X _____ Veggie Delight: Lettuce, tomato, pickles, green peppers, onion and cheese

* No substitutions

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded
_____	_____
Initial	Date

Camper Commitment

It is the goal of the Wye Marsh Day Camps to provide a fun, safe, and secure environment for all participants. Each camper is expected to commit to the following guidelines in order to ensure that our programs run smoothly.

Please ensure that you have reviewed the following with your camper(s).

Camper Commitment

As a camper I commit to:

- Respecting myself
- Respecting others
- Respecting the environment
- Respecting the facilities

Disrespectful Behaviours

- Endangering the health and safety of peers and staff/volunteers.
- Stealing or damaging other's personal property.
- Damaging natural things and/or disturbing wildlife and their habitats.
- Leaving the program without permission.
- Continuing to disrupt the program.
- Refusing to follow the behaviour guidelines and rules.
- Using profanity, vulgarity, or obscenities.

Consequence Sequence

1. Staff directs the child to more appropriate behaviour. The child is reminded of the behaviour guidelines and rules, and a discussion will take place.
2. If the inappropriate behaviour continues staff documents the situation. This written documentation will outline what the inappropriate behaviour was, what provoked the situation, and the corrective action taken. Staff notifies the Camp Director of the situation, who then discusses the situation with the camper.
3. If the inappropriate behaviour continues the Camp Director discusses the situation with the parent/guardian to come up with a plan to manage the inappropriate behaviour. If the inappropriate behaviour continues to disrupt the program, suspension may result. Expulsion from the program will be considered in extreme situations.

Parent Feedback Survey

Please help us to ensure that we are providing quality programming by completing this survey.

- Camp Marshes & Moccasins Kinder Camp CSI Survival Camp Falconry Camp
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5 – Excellent 4- Very good 3 – Good 2 – Satisfactory 1 - Poor

- 1.** Is this your first experience with Wye Marsh Day Camp? Yes No
- 2.** How did you find out about Wye Marsh Day Camp?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Website
<input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth
<input type="checkbox"/> Previous visit | <input type="checkbox"/> Offsite/Tradeshow display
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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- 3.** Were you given adequate information with regards to:
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| a. Registration and payment procedures? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| b. Parent and Camper expectations (Parent Information Guide)? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
- 4.** Were the staff:
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| a. Approachable and helpful? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| b. Motivated and enthusiastic? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| c. Concerned with the health and safety of your child? | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
- 5.** Did the camp programming meet you and your child's expectations? 5 4 3 2 1
- 6.** What did your camper enjoy most (√) and least (X) about Wye Marsh Day Camp?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing/Kayaking
<input type="checkbox"/> Biking
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature crafts
<input type="checkbox"/> Live animal shows
<input type="checkbox"/> Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Dipnetting
<input type="checkbox"/> Learning through nature interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Camp staff
<input type="checkbox"/> Group games
<input type="checkbox"/> Challenges/scavenger hunts
<input type="checkbox"/> Being outdoors |
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- 7.** Do you feel that the Wye Marsh Day Camps offers good value? 5 4 3 2 1
- 8.** Would you recommend Wye Marsh Day Camps? Yes No
- 9.** Your comments on how we can improve our Day Camps are appreciated:

Submit completed survey at your convenience to any Wye Marsh staff, by fax (705-526-3294), or mail (PO Box 100, Hwy 12 Midland, ON L4R 4K6.