

Welcome to Wye Marsh Summer Camp!

At Wye Marsh Camp, campers will have endless opportunities to *escape, explore, and experience* nature through experiential play and investigation. Campers will learn about reptiles and raptors through interactive live animal demonstrations; explore over 25km of wilderness trails; voyage our marsh channels by canoe; investigate wetland habitats through dip netting; test their archery skills; create nature-themed works of art and much, much more! Each week has a different nature theme with associated special activities, giving campers a chance to more closely examine some of what the Marsh has to offer.

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 camper(s) are to be dropped off no earlier than 8:00am and to be picked up no later than 5:00pm.

2. What is the arrival/departure procedure?

For your camper's safety, s/he must be signed in and out of camp each day with a signature from a pre-approved guardian. Our sign in/out table is at the Pavilion, which is located at the far end of the parking lot as you drive into the Wye Marsh. 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 camper?

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. What is the cancellation policy?

We require 7 days' notice for all cancellations. Please note that all cancellations are subject to a \$15 administration fee. For any last minute absences or late arrivals kindly call the centre at your earliest convenience - 705-526-7809 x200.

5. My camper has special needs. How will you ensure that your programming remains inclusive?

Please contact the Camp Director at 705-526-7809 to discuss the best way to care for your child. Wye Marsh Day Camps strive to be as inclusive as possible and abides to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), but will need to assess each case on an individual basis to ensure quality care and quality programming. Typically, if your child requires one-on-one assistance in their classroom environment, we will also require the same arrangement.

6. What time is lunch and snack?

We have one 30 minute lunch break from 12-12:30 and two 15 minute snack breaks at 10:30am and 2:30pm. Please note that the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre and Wye Marsh Camp have gone litter-less! Please help us with this initiative and send your camper with litter-less lunch & snacks as all garbage/recycling and compostables will be sent home.

7. 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) 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 camper 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 camper's condition.
- Wye Marsh Day Camp is an **outdoor** camp.
Please ensure that your camper 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 counsellors **will not apply sunscreen** to your camper.
Please ensure that you apply sunscreen to your camper before their arrival at camp. Our counsellors will make every effort to remind your camper to apply sunscreen throughout the day, but teaching your camper about sun safety is the best protection.

What to Bring

Please include LABELS on all of the following recommended items:

- √ Wye Marsh Camp hat (provided on the first day of camp)
- √ Sunscreen
- √ Insect repellent
- √ Close-toed shoes
- √ Change of clothes
- √ Raingear
- √ **Peanut-free** and **litter-less** lunch with snacks
- √ Refillable water bottle
- √ Medications with instructions

Please Do NOT Bring:

- Money
- Valuables
- Toys
- Electronic devices (iPods, cell phones, tablets, video games etc.)

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

Possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs are strictly prohibited.

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.

Any form of bullying or harassment will not be tolerated.

Consequence Sequence

1. Staff directs the camper to more appropriate behaviour. The camper 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.

Meet & Greet Cookout



You're Invited!

Wye Marsh Day Camp
Family Campfire Cookout

Each week throughout the summer the Wye Marsh Day Camp staff will host a family campfire cookout dinner! Join us to roast some hotdogs on the fire and to meet your camper's friends and families.

- **When:** 5:00-6:00pm on the THURSDAY of each week that your child is registered. Please sign-out your camper as usual (4:00pm, unless late care is arranged at an additional cost). This is a wonderful opportunity for your Camper to be your guide around the Marsh, interpreting all of the points of interest along the way!
- **What to bring:** Family, friends, pets...the more the merrier! **Please provide enough hotdogs and buns for your own party to enjoy.** Wye Marsh will provide the condiments, marshmallows and roasting sticks.
- **RSVP:** No later than Thursday morning (with morning sign-in staff).

Parent Feedback Survey

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

Camp Wetlands & Wildthings Kinder Camp Survival Camp Art Critters Camp

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?

<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:

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:

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?

<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing <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"/> Water 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), by email (camp@wyemarsh.com) or mail PO Box 100, Hwy 12 Midland, ON L4R 4K6