
FAQs

What should my child wear to camp every day?

It's inevitable that kids may get dirty at camp. We suggest your child not wear anything you wouldn't want stained. We recommend sending campers with a change of clothing and socks in case they get wet. Bathing suits are welcomed and can be worn underneath. Campers should also wear shoes that they can run in and get wet every day. Campers are allowed to wade in the pond during nature walks while at camp, and will wear shoes into any water they enter.



What kind of food and drink should I pack?

Please pack a SNACK and LUNCH in an INSULATED lunch bag. Your child will also need plenty of water. Please pack a large LABELED and INSULATED water bottle. Plastic water bottles can get warm, get misplaced and become unidentifiable. We can refill water bottles throughout the day. Speak to your child about the importance of drinking plenty of water on hot days. *Please try not to pack any food items containing nuts as we often get campers with severe nut allergies.*

Can my child bring a cell phone?

We strongly suggest that campers leave cell phones at home. Cell phones, like many other modern technologies, are expensive possessions that can easily be lost or damaged during camp. Additionally, camp is an exciting opportunity for children to build a sense of independence and we encourage them to focus on their camp experience.



Do all sessions have field trips?

All sessions offer either a field trip via bus or a special guest/activity. More specifics can be found in the session's description when registering your camper.

If my camper's session offers a field trip, what should they bring?

Please pack a lunch, water, and a snack. A hat and sunscreen is always advised. Please have your campers wear sneakers. There is no need for a towel or extra clothes. *Any more specific information for the field trip will be provided during the week of your camper's session.*

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Can I come on the Yankee III with my child?

Tickets for adults who wish to attend the fishing trip are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost is \$50/adult. Payment via UltraCamp will secure your spot. If you are coming on the trip with us, you will need to pay the vehicle use fee of \$8 to park and make sure to arrive at Captree PROMPTLY at 9:45am with your child. Upon arriving please meet us at the Gazebo where you must sign-in your child. You will need to sign-out your child after the trip is completed. Directions for parents attending the fishing trip will be provided.



What if the Yankee III trip is canceled due to unsafe weather or marine conditions?

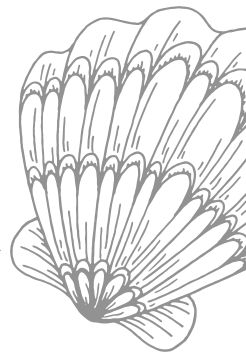
If conditions are deemed unsafe by Yankee III staff, campers will remain at Fuchs Pond Preserve for a day full of interesting programming, activities and crafts.

Do you accommodate special needs?

If your child requires any sort of special accommodation (i.e. medication dispensation, physical adaptation, verbal or otherwise), please contact the camp office as soon as possible. We do our best to make accommodations when given a reasonable amount of notice and if the accommodation is within our scope of practice.

What kind of child is this camp geared towards?

All types! We try to maintain a good balance of activities throughout the day between crafts, educational programs and more active components such as outdoor games, nature walks, etc. All of our activities are hands-on and interactive to keep children with varied interests and skills engaged as well as excited.



Is there a multi-child discount?

No. As a not-for-profit organization we cover camp operation costs by the funds we bring in through camp fees. With the amount of families that send more than one child to camp, we would not be able to continue offering camp at the current price.

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Are there scholarship spots for families in need?

In the past we have been given generous donations from local entities that are to be used for scholarships for families in need. You will have to contact the Camp Director to inquire. If we have scholarship spots available, you will need to complete an application with The Family Service League of Long Island who will be able to evaluate financial need.

What if my child does not turn 6 until the end of summer?

Age requirements are set by the New York State Department of Health who conduct a preseason inspection as well as impromptu random inspections of our camp. Age requirements are set to protect the children. Inspectors check all paperwork, including immunizations. If we have campers younger than 6, inspectors can shut our camp down.

I have concerns about water safety:

This camp does not offer swimming as an activity. On days involving water activities, campers will participate in seining activities, naturalist adventures, scavenger hunts and more. All campers, according to Health Department requirements, will be allowed to wade in water up to their belly buttons. This is to ensure optimal safety while near the water.



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Can a younger child be placed in an older group with a friend or family member and vice versa?

Due to registration restrictions based on grade, we typically do not allow campers to be placed in sessions other than those available for their grade. We strive to maintain these grade groupings due to camper safety, age appropriate lectures, and maturity.

Can I make sure that my child is placed in the same group as their friend/relative?

Such requests can be made during the online registration process. If you have any concerns or questions, you may call or email ahead of time. Also, please note that even though your campers may be in separate “groups”, there are still plenty of activities that allow both groups to interact throughout the day. We have found that the separation can be a good opportunity for siblings to develop independence from one another and allow them to better develop new friends!

What are some environmental considerations?

Ticks: On days that we spend at The Fuchs Pond Preserve, campers are led on guided walks through the preserve. We have not had a problem with ticks in the past, but it is always a possibility. Camp staff does a basic check with campers after our walks. However, we highly suggest doing a thorough scan at home, especially of your child’s scalp.

Poison Ivy: Our trails do contain poison ivy. We educate campers prior to our walks so that they are able to identify poison ivy. Our staff does a great job making campers aware of its locations, keeping them at a safe distance. There is a possibility that campers may come into contact with the oils accidentally. We recommend that hands are washed with dish soap and cold water after removing and putting on shoes and clothing worn during the nature walk.

Bug Bites: Please pack bug spray with your child every day. For information on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents and tips, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dvbd/about/prevent-bites.html>

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Can we visit/early dismiss our child?

We believe camp provides an opportunity for youth to acquire self-reliance, and confidence through achievement in a new environment. We ask that parents/guardians refrain from visiting campers during the camp day, unless there is an emergency. Any person visiting the camp, for any reason, must contact the Camp Director prior. If family plans require you to pick up your child early, contact the Camp Director in advance to make the necessary pick-up arrangements.



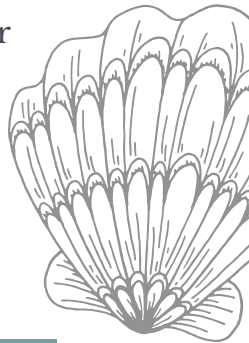
Can I contact you if I am worried about how my child is doing?

It is important for the safety of all campers that our phone line remain available for incoming and outgoing calls. For this reason, we ask that you refrain from calling camp unless you need to change his/her pick-up time or there is an emergency.

What payment methods can we use?

Payment is made in full during the Online registration process.

All Credit Cards are ACCEPTED.



What is the refund policy?

Camp tuition is non-refundable. There will be no pro-rating or reduction of fees based on missed days due to illness or any other absence. Consideration for medical refund requests and extenuating circumstances will be reviewed at the discretion of the CCE Marine Program Director. Medical refund requests must be made by email to: ams838@cornell.edu and must include a doctor's note dated within 5 days of the illness that prevented your child from attending camp. Any refunds will not include credit card processing fees incurred. *We reserve the right to suspend or remove a child from camp due to dangerous or extremely disruptive behavior. Refunds will not be given wherein this decision is necessary.*

What is the cancellation policy?

Requests for a non-transferable refund of 50% may be given **60 days prior** to your registered camp session. This request must be made by email containing the date and time to: ams838@cornell.edu *(Strictly enforced!)*.