Camp Kingfisher

Seasonal 2026

Parent Packet & Camper Guidelines

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Location:

Chattahoochee Nature Center

9135 Willeo Road

Roswell, GA 30075

What to Know Before You Go:

Campers are divided into groups based on their current grade level.

Programs are customized to fit these grade levels. Group Ratios vary by age group.



Seasonal Owl Groups:

***Broad Winged Hawks (BWH)**

Current Kindergarten/1st grade

- **Camper must be at least 5 years old by the first day of the session in order to attend.**

***Cooper's Hawks (CPH)**

Current 2nd/3rd grade

***Red Tailed Hawks (RTH)**

Current 4th/5th grade

Construction at CNC:

How will construction impact camp?

- "The gym," also known as Kingfisher Hall, will be under renovation during both Thanksgiving and Winter Break Camp.

Homebases instead of the gym: Campers will utilize indoor classrooms for programs and gatherings.

- All construction areas will be clearly marked and safely separated to have minimal impact on camper's routines.

Who is the best point of contact for questions about construction?

- If you have any additional questions then please contact our Camp Director, Debby Head, for further assistance. Her direct number is (770) 992-2055 ext. 232 and her email address is d.head@chattnaturecenter.org .

What Happens in a Camp Day?

There are 6 periods in a full camp day, which include 2 snack periods and a 30 minute lunch.

**Thanksgiving Break Camp: Wednesday, November 25th will end at 12:30pm. The last period of the day will be lunch.*

Camp Schedule will consist of: animal demonstrations, thematic hikes, field games, science exploration activities, arts and crafts, and more! We'll end each camp session with s'mores and a bonfire!

Friend Requests:

Friend Requests: We accommodate friend requests to the best of our ability. Campers MUST be registered for the same age group and session type for the requests to be met.

Drop Off & Pick Up:

Drop Off:

Morning Carpool: 8:00am-9:00am daily.

- Admin will greet and check in campers outside of our Administration and Education building before helping them to their groups.
- Admin will let you know of any outstanding forms: missing immunization/exemption form, camper form(s), or incomplete policies that we require.

Late Drop Off:

If you arrive after 9am, please walk your camper up to the camp office. A Camp Staff member will help with checking in and getting your camper to their group .

We will have signs outside and inside our Administration and Education building to show you where to our camp office is located for check in.

If a camp staff member is not in office to help, please call the emergency cell number for assistance.

Pick Up:

Afternoon Carpool: 3:30pm-4:30pm daily.

- Admin are **required** to see your camper's pick up pass before they're called to your vehicle to leave for the day.
- If you don't have your pass, we will ask to see your driver's license.

**** Thanksgiving Break Camp ends at 12:30pm on Wednesday, November 25th. Pick Up will run from 12:30pm-1:00pm.***

****No After Care will be offered during seasonal break camps.***

Early Pick Up:

- Please notify a member of camp administration either via phone or email of your camper's early dismissal.
- Please call our emergency cell for any day of notices.
- Early pick up will occur in the camp office. Please follow signage inside and outside of the building to show you where to go.

Pick Up Pass



- **Pick Up Pass** will be sent to each primary account holder on the Friday before a new camp session begins.
  - Camp staff requires to see this pass prior to your camper leaving our facility.
  - Please forward your pass to all those that will be picking your camper.
  - Please use the group number listed on pass to find your camper's schedule in the powerpoint linked in the pick up pass email.

What to Bring to Camp Versus What to Leave at Home

Necessities:

- **Reusable Water Bottle:** full of water.
- **Lunch and Two Snacks:** Please pack and label all snacks and lunches. Lunches will be stored in a classroom but will not be refrigerated and they will not have access to a microwave. Please pack all utensils.
- **Comfortable Clothing & Layers:** Campers will be outside and may get dirty.
- **Closed Toed Shoes:** tennis shoes, sneakers or hiking boots. *NO slides, crocs or flip flops.*

Optional to Bring:

- **Change of Clothes/Shoes:** Campers will be outside and may get dirty.
- **Sunscreen/Chapstick:** Sunburns can still occur even in cooler months! Campers are responsible for replying, staff will help remind them!
- **Rain Jacket**
- **Earmuffs/Warm Hats/Gloves**



What to Leave at Home:

- **Electronics:** no cell phones, smart watches, gaming devices or tablets.
- **Toys:** trading cards, stuffed animals.
- **Valuables:** we will be exploring all the Chattahoochee Nature Center's 127 acres of land during this session. Camper's valuables should remain at home as they may get lost on property.

Camp Kingfisher is not responsible for any lost or damaged items.



Lost and Found:

Please label everything with your camper's name as this will help us match the item to the camper.

All unclaimed Lost and Found items will be held in the camp office for two weeks after the session is over before they're donated.

Camp Kingfisher cannot not be held responsible for any lost items, such as valuables, that are brought to our facility.

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Camper Behavior Guidelines

At Camp Kingfisher we believe all our guidelines come down to one BIG expectation: RESPECT! This expectation has four big components. Please make sure that your child is familiar with these four respect components prior to attending camp with us. This also extends to the internet and social media.

Respect Yourself:

- Carry water bottles all day to stay hydrated
- Walk while inside
- Eat your own food (please no sharing food at Camp)
- Tell your counselors when you're hurt, tired, or need help

Respect Others:

- Keep hands and other body parts to yourself
- Use kind words
- Share Camp Kingfisher property (i.e.: toys, games and supplies)
- Treat others how you want to be treated
- Say sorry and working to make things right if you make a mistake

Respect Camp:

- Listen to your counselors and LITs
- Following directions the first time they're given
- Using kind words
- Asking for permission

Respect Nature:

- Use quiet voices around animals
- Stay on the trails, unless given permission by a counselor
- Look with your eyes, not your hands
- Leave nature in nature, unless given permission by a counselor

How to Show Respect:

- Spread kindness
- Show empathy - We all mess up sometimes! Understanding and forgiving others is a big part of making a right out of a mistake and growing up
- Appreciate differences - Camp Kingfisher is a safe space for all!
- Ask friends or groupmates how you can help

In order to succeed at camp, every camper is expected to make their best effort and follow the camper guidelines set by their counselors and by Camp Kingfisher. Each group will also create their own group expectations for the session. Counselors are trained to make rules positive and to offer reminders and support throughout the day.

We all mess up sometimes — what matters is learning, repairing, and trying again!

Just like nature, no two situations are the same, so we approach each with patience, kindness, and understanding. Our goal is to help your camper thrive!

Please contact our Camp Director, Debby Head, or our Assistant Camp Director, Morgan Gage-Cole, with any questions or concerns regarding our behavior guidelines.