

CAMP KINGFISHER

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Travel Program Parent Packet and Guidelines



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Dear Camp Kingfisher Family,

Welcome to the 2026 Camp K Family! We know that you might have a lot of questions about your camper's experience with us here this summer and the Admin team created this packet to help! We are so honored that you have chosen to send your camper(s) to Camp K this summer. We are all looking forward to meeting you. And if you're returning, welcome back! We cannot wait to see how your campers have grown this past year.

Travel Program is an adventure camp for rising 8th and 9th graders. Groups of 10 campers and 2 counselors spend two weeks exploring ours and other nearby states through unique outdoor activities. Drop-off and pick-up times vary depending on the scheduled activity for each day, a schedule with drop-off and pick-up times will be sent prior to your session start date. Many of our trips include additional waivers, so please be on the lookout for both the schedule and waivers prior to camp.

There is a lot to know about summer camp, and we are here to introduce you to Camp Kingfisher and everything you will need to know before your camper's session gets here. Be sure to check out the table of contents below, where you can jump to any section of the packet you would like. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to our staff with any questions you might have.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!!

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CAMP KINGFISHER POLICIES

Changes and Cancellations Policy:

1. **Customer-initiated cancellation:** All cancellation requests must be emailed to s.wood@chattnaturecenter.org at least 10 business days before the session start date. Cancellation requests that are not made via email will not be honored. Please read below for more information and be sure to carefully check your camper's session dates and group before submitting any requests.
 - i. Any cancellation emailed on or before April 15th will be refunded less a 15% cancellation fee.
 - ii. Any cancellation emailed after April 15th will be refunded less a 30% cancellation fee.
 - iii. Any cancellation emailed **less** than 10 business days before the session start date will not be refunded.
2. **Camp Kingfisher-initiated cancellation:** Camp Kingfisher may cancel a session/camp day due to the following:
 - i. Minimum registration requirements are not met.
 - ii. Acts of Nature that interfere with camper safety.

Should Camp Kingfisher deem it necessary to cancel a camp session/day: families will get the option to receive a full refund*, a credit to your account for future camp use, or the option to donate your refund to the Camp Kingfisher Scholarship Fund.

*A full refund will only be offered for full session cancellations.

Refunds are issued to the original form of payment.

Illnesses and Medication Policy:

1. If a camper's illness causes them to miss 3 or more days of camp in one week, they may make up the dates in a later week based on availability. A doctor's note is required to receive a Sick Day Credit. The remainder of the session must be purchased at a prorated rate. Sick Day Credits are valid until the end of the following camp season (2026 credits are valid through August 2027).
2. Camp Kingfisher does not employ a registered nurse. All camp staff are First Aid, CPR, and Epipen certified.
 - i. Campers with emergency medications, such as an Epipen or inhaler, must carry their medication on their person while attending camp. Action plans and medication instructions are required to be on file with camp administration. We recommend sending medication in a small bag or fanny pack that can be easily carried. —all action plans can be emailed to s.wood@chattnaturecenter.org, and a copy will be shared with your camper's counselors.
 - ii. If a camper needs medication that is administered regularly, it should be given to camp administration with the child's name, medication name, and clear instructions. It will be stored in a secure location in the camp office.
 - iii. If your camper requires a daily injectable medication, please contact Debby Head to discuss.

BEFORE CAMP BEGINS

Forms: The following items are required to be on file before you attend camp. If we are missing either your Summer Camper Form 2026, immunization records, you will be required to complete them before entering the carpool line. Please note, we **must** have current immunization records or exemption documentation before your child can participate in Camp Kingfisher.

- Summer Camper Form 2026
- Current Immunization Records or Exemption
 - Email records to s.wood@chattnaturecenter.org

Before Camp Email: Travel Program Families will receive a schedule from our Camp Director, Debby Head, the Friday before the camp session begins. Pick Up Passes are **not** required for this age group.

Camper Updates: If you need to make any updates or changes to your camper's information after you've registered and completed the Summer Camper Form 2026, please email s.wood@chattnaturecenter.org and we will make any changes necessary.

Friend Requests/Do Not Pair Requests: We only have one group for this age group per camp session offered. "Friend Requests," will be honored if both campers are both Travel Program campers and attend the same camp week. If you have a "Do Not Pair Request," that cannot be met, then our Administration office will contact you directly before the session begins.

CONSTRUCTION AT THE CHATTAHOCHEE NATURE CENTER!

The Chattahoochee Nature Center will be under construction for Summer 2026.

- Construction will only impact drop off/ pick up procedures for all registered Travel Program campers.
- If Construction extends into the parking lot, our Camp Director will communicate pick up/drop off procedures to all Travel Program Camp Families when she sends out your camper's Travel program itinerary.
- If you have campers that are participating in our Owlet (4 year old) all the way to our Great Horned Owl (rising 6th/7th) program, then please click [here](#) (pg. 5 of Parent Packet 2026) to learn more construction details and how it will be affecting campers that will be at our facilities this summer.

If you have any additional questions about construction , please contact our Camp Director, Debby Head, for further assistance. Her email address is d.head@chattnaturecenter.org and number is (770) 992-2055 ext. 222.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS WITH TIE-DYE!

We're gonna party like it's 1976! Camp Kingfisher is celebrating 50 years of the Chattahoochee Nature Center by tie-dying camp shirts!

- The first week of every new session, each camper will receive a Camp Kingfisher t-shirt that they will be able to tie dye before the end of their session with us.
- All 1T, 2T, 3T and 4T campers will ONLY be tie dying during their first week of their two week session with us.

What if my camper is coming for multiple sessions?

- If your camper is participating in multiple camp sessions with us, than they will receive the option of either buying an additional camp shirt for the cost of \$8.00 to tie dye or they may bring a white shirt from home for no additional cost to participate.

TRAVEL PROGRAM

Travel Program will meet on the Pool Deck each day, including on the first day of the session. Their drop-off is located across from the on-site camp drop-off area.

DAILY ROUTINE

Each day in the Travel Program is different. Before the session starts families will receive a detailed schedule of when drop off and pick up is each day. Campers will arrive between 8-9AM & pickup is between 4:30 – 6:30PM. Each day the group will go to a different location for their activity. The distance to that day's trip will determine the drop-off and pick-up time. Trips may include hikes, kayaking, caving, white water rafting, exploring urban forests, and more. Parents will get an email with the schedule the Friday before the session starts.

Travel Program campers must be confident swimmers.

FIRST DAY OF CAMP NEED TO KNOWS

- Drop-off and pick-up will be carpool style
- When dropping off, please verify your contact information, and sign any additional trip waivers.
- Please do not send TP campers with money.
- Please make sure to send a swimsuit, towel, change of clothes, and plenty of food and water daily.
- Your camper's counselors will add you to the Group Me chat with other camper's parents, as well as Camp Kingfisher Admin. Please ensure that you have notifications turned on for this as this will be the main form of communication between families and counselors. Counselors will communicate any changes there.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

- Drop-off and pick-up are carpool-style.
- Departure times vary, please make sure to check your schedule and be on time. We cannot wait for late campers. If your child will be late or absent, please contact the Travel Program counselors via the Group Me.
- Pick-up will be at the same location as drop-off—pick up times vary based on the day trips. Please refer to your camper's schedule for all exact drop off/ pick up information.
- Due to the nature of the program, late drop-offs and early pick-ups are not possible.

If construction extends into the parking lot, our Camp Director will communicate pick up/drop off procedures to all Travel Program Camp Families when she sends out your camper's Travel program itinerary.

OVERNIGHTS

Campers will have one overnight during their session. The group will travel to a GA State Park campground to set up tents at a primitive campsite. Counselors will lead the campers in setting up tents, cooking dinner, and practicing Leave No Trace principles.

OFF-SITE OVERNIGHT TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Session 1T: Thursday, June 4th, 2026

Session 2T: Thursday, June 18th, 2026

Session 3T: Thursday, July 2th, 2026

**Return at 10:30am as we will have no camp on July 3rd*

Session 4T: Thursday, July 16rd, 2026

CAMPER GUIDELINES

Due to the nature of the Travel Program, we have set rules and guidelines that all campers must agree to follow to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all involved.

- All cell phones will be placed in a safety box for the duration of the day. Phones may also be left at home, there is no point in the camp day that campers will be able to use their phones.
- Campers must always wear their seat belts while in the van.
- The volume of conversations in the van should be at a reasonable level to ensure that the driver can focus.
- Camp is a safe space for all.
- Campers are expected to keep their hands to themselves.
- Campers are expected to respect nature, themselves, equipment and others.
- Use language that is appropriate for camp.
- When visiting a scheduled location, campers are expected to be mindful of how they are representing themselves and Camp Kingfisher.
- It is okay for campers to make mistakes! We ask campers to learn, grow, repair and try again.
- Listen to your counselors and any other adult leader.
- Most camper issues will be discussed privately between the camper and one of the co-counselors.
- Issues that pertain to the entire group will be discussed as a group so campers can express their opinions. Respect for others' opinions is required.
- If behavior becomes a larger issue Admin will become involved and it could result in the camper's dismissal from the program.
- If a camper is dismissed from the program, it will become the responsibility of the parent or guardian to pick the camper up from their activity.

Travel Program counselors and Camp K Admin will reinforce these rules throughout the session to make sure that we provide the best possible experience for the campers.