

Northland Nature Camp



Registration

- Registration includes camp activities within the designated dates
- Guardians will complete registration and release forms for the camper including health information and photo releases. **This permission form must be completed before camp begins.**
- All information provided by and about the camper and guardian(s) will remain strictly confidential.

General Information

- All camp activities will take place at the Northland Arboretum, located at **14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd, Minnesota**. Camp will be coordinated each day by a University of Minnesota Master Naturalist and a Minnesota GreenCorps member that are associated with the Northland Arboretum. Both leaders have had background checks conducted by the Northland Arboretum.
- Camp runs **every Thursday** from June 16 to August 18 from 8 – 3pm
- Children who attend camp should be entering **grades 3 through 5**
- There are no other childcare options available at the Northland Arboretum during the summer
- Guardians are **not permitted** to accompany their child during camp. Anyone with questions or concerns about camp should speak with the Executive Director.

What to Bring

Campers may not be accepted into camp upon drop-off if these items are not present. Campers should be prepared to spend a lot of time outdoors, They are required to have the following items in order to participate in camp.

Lunch

- Campers should bring a packed lunch that **does not require refrigeration** or other preparation. We do not provide lunch or snacks. You will be notified ahead of time if camp activities involve food.
- We ask that campers **do not** share food with others due to medical and dietary concerns.
- We encourage campers to bring a refillable water bottle.

- Closed-toe shoes
- Dressed in layers that are appropriate for the weather
- Raincoat if rain is in the forecast
- Water bottle
- Rain boots/spare pair of shoes to be worn inside in the case of wet weather
- Socks
- Sunscreen and bug spray applied before arriving
- Campers should bring a pair of dry shoes to be worn indoors.
- Dress in layers! The temperature of the building varies depending on the time of day.



Policies

Health policy

- Campers are not allowed to attend camp if they have symptoms including cough, fever, nausea, diarrhea or vomiting. Refunds will not be provided for illness.

Safety, Medication, and Allergies

- The Northland Arboretum is equipped with First Aid kits for staff and volunteers to treat minor injuries. In the event of a medical emergency, the staff will call 911 and notify the camper's guardians via phone and email immediately. If guardians cannot be reached, notification will go out to the emergency contact.
- Staff and volunteers will not administer any medications. Please plan accordingly.

Personal Property

- Campers will not be allowed to bring tablets or smartphones to camp.
- Campers are allowed to bring one personal item (blanket, stuffed animal, toy, etc.) but if it becomes a distraction, it will be confiscated and returned to the camper's guardian at the end of the day.
- The Northland Arboretum is not responsible for any lost or broken items. The Northland Arboretum does keep a lost and found box which can be searched at the end of the week.

Camper Behavior Expectations

- Our behavior expectations for camp are simple: everyone is to **respect one another** and respect the Arb's natural resources.
- We encourage children to have fun while remaining mindful of our resources, our building, historic and reproduction artifacts, classrooms and exhibit spaces, and our natural environments like gardens and trails.
- We also expect camp participants to respect those who want to teach and learn, including fellow campers, staff, volunteers, interns, and presenters.

Drop off and Pick Up Procedures

- Parents and Guardians should park in the lower DNR lot during drop-off and pick-up and walk their camper up the path to the back of the Visitor Center.
- Drop off should happen between **7:45am – 8:15am** and pick up should happen between **2:30pm – 3:00pm**. If you are early or late you will be charged \$5 for each additional 5 minutes of care. Please be respectful of our instructor's time.
- Upon drop-off and pick-up check in with the Camp Coordinator and sign your child in or out for the day and gather any personal items.
- Guardians are required to present ID when picking up a camper.

Cancellations

- There will be **no refunds** for cancellations after registration is complete.
- The Northland Arboretum will provide refunds if camp is cancelled due to inclement weather, illness of instructors, or lack of enrollment.
- The Northland Arboretum reserves the right to cancel camp if registration is under 15 participants or in the event of unforeseen circumstances. You will be notified via phone or email if this occurs.

Photo & Video Policy

- Guardians have the option to approve a photo release for their camper. This photo release form gives the Northland Arboretum staff, volunteers, and interns the opportunity to take photographs and video of children engaged in camp activities. These images may be used in our publications, marketing, social media, presentations, and for grant applications. I agree to abide by the Northland Arboretum's Rules and Guidelines for Nature Camp.

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