

# Lacawac Summer Day Camp Parent Handbook



## Welcome to Lacawac!

We're excited to have your child join us for hands-on outdoor adventures! Our camps immerse campers in nature, science, and art, encouraging curiosity, teamwork, and emotional growth. All staff are trained in **Restorative Justice**, First Aid & CPR, and are background-checked to ensure a safe and supportive environment.

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## Camp Programs & Ages

- **Creature Feature** (ages 5–6): Nature games, animals, and exploration
- **Exploring Nature** (ages 7–8): Ecosystem and environmental investigations
- **Eco Investigators** (ages 9–10): Hands-on science and experiments
- **Wilderness Adventure** (ages 11–12): Team building, survival skills, water activities
- **Art Camp: Art in Nature** (Ages 8-12): Heavy emphasis on the connection between art and nature

**Typical Day:** 8:45 AM – 4:00 PM, including hikes, science/art projects, free play, and rest.

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## Required Forms

Please complete all forms **before the first day of camp**:

- **Medical Form** – allergies, medications, and up to date physical
- **Pick-Up & Drop-Off Form** – authorized contacts and emergency numbers
- **Release/Waiver Form** – consent for participation

These forms ensure your child's safety and care while at Lacawac.

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## What to Bring

Camp is hands-on, messy, and outdoor-focused. Please send:

- Healthy snack
- Refillable water bottle
- Lunch (zero-waste encouraged; recycling/compost available)
- Backpack
- Play clothes that can get dirty
- Closed-toe shoes (no flip-flops or Crocs)
- Change of clothes & shoes
- Sunscreen & bug spray applied before arrival

**Extra for ages 5–6:** Towel or blanket for mid-day rest (can get dirty)

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## Behavior & Restorative Practices

- Campers are expected to **respect peers, staff, and nature** and participate safely.
  - Minor conflicts are handled through **reflection and guidance**, not punishment.
  - Parents are partners in addressing repeated or serious behavior issues.
  - **Safety First:** In rare cases, a camper may be sent home if their behavior endangers themselves or others.
  - Restorative Justice will be used in conflicts involving 2 or more campers
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## Safety & Emergencies

- Staff trained in First Aid & CPR are always present.
  - Minor injuries are treated on-site; parents notified promptly.
  - Serious incidents trigger **immediate contact with parents and emergency services**.
  - Camp is rain or shine; activities adapt to weather conditions.
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## Registration, Fees & Scholarships

- Tuition: **\$175/week**, includes a Lacawac Camp T-shirt
- **Refunds:** 50% before May 1; No refund after May 1 without medical exceptions with doctor's note
- **Scholarships:** Available for ages 5–12; applications Feb 9 – May 29

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## Parent Communication

- Pre-camp: schedules, gear, and instructions
- During camp: daily or weekly highlights and updates
- Post-camp: art showcases and feedback welcome
- Please note all complaints and concerns should be brought to the Camp Managers attention before our Education Director or President's attention

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## Contact

### Lacawac Sanctuary

Phone: [570.689.9494] | Email: [camp@lacawac.org]

Website: [www.lacawac.org](http://www.lacawac.org)

By signing this document, you confirm you have read and acknowledged Lacawac Sanctuary Summer Day Camp's Parent Handbook and all information included.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

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