

Nature Camps, Inc.

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*A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful
full of wonder and excitement, it is our misfortune that for most of us
that clear-eyed vision, that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring
is dimmed and even lost before we reach adulthood.*

If I had influence with the good fairy who is supposed to preside over the christening of all children I should ask her gift to each child in the world be a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout life, as an unailing antidote against the boredom and disenchantments of later years, the sterile preoccupation with things that are artificial, the alienation from the sources of our strength.

— Rachel Carson

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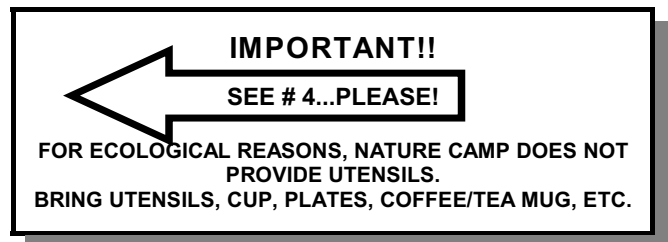
Dear Parents,

Next Wednesday is our last Family Overnight at Nature Camps, Inc. of the 2010 season. It is a festive time for the whole family to come share. *The Staff looks forward to guiding you through a truly wonderful and remarkable evening!!*

Children stay at camp all day on Wednesday, with parents and extended family arriving after work. Supper is six-ish up at the campsite over the bridge, behind the cabins. Children are involved in supper preparations and other activities until you all come. Feel free to come earlier for a swim, or to swing, be mellow, or get involved in an activity.

Things to bring on the Family Overnight:

1. sleeping bag and any necessary rain gear/drop cloth.
2. swim suit and towel
3. personal items
4. your own eating ware and utensils: mug, cups, plates, etc.
(Nature Camps does not provide these).
5. Optional: T-shirt for tie dying.



Parking is limited to a line of cars in the parking lot. The rest park up in the field as you just pass the gate. Please adhere to just these places. Do NOT park along road. Thanks!

We all sleep under the stars or up at the campsite . . . with the philosophy of – Why go inside when it is so nice outside? As you arrive before supper you are welcome to pick out that soft leafy place up behind the campfire circle or in the field behind the lodge. Tents are certainly allowed if it makes your stay possible. Camp has cabins, etc. in the event of inclement weather. Please do NOT bring alcoholic beverages, or sodas of any kind. All fires are limited to the campsite fire.

After supper, the activities are: all camp initiatives (games), followed by a mellow evening in front of the Lodge, watching, and participating in our Family/Staff/Guest Concert. Bring your blankets or chairs to sit upon. Tie-dying (bring a pre-washed cotton shirt) and outside crafts, and magic boats in the pool will follow. Bring your own songs to add to ours! Bring your coffee/tea mug for your after dinner pleasure.

There is a bathhouse for evening showers/washing and for early morning showers for parents who need to leave early. Specially prepared Nature Camps coffee and hot cocoa is available over the breakfast fire by 6:30a.m., with breakfast beginning around 7:00.

In planning for the three nutritious meals (supper, blueberry pancake and egg breakfast, and Thursday's lunch), each person is asked to bring an item(s) of food. Therefore, we ask that _____ please bring

_____ to camp on Tuesday or Wednesday morning. **Please, even if you are unable to join us for the Family Overnight meals (supper, breakfast, and lunch), we hope you will still share by bringing the necessary item(s) of food.** *Our menus are based upon the whole Nature Camps family joyously contributing to these three celebratory meals.* As always, you are most welcome to stay for all or part of the day on Thursday.

Please refer to <http://www.naturecamps.com/programs/cfamily.html>. If you have any other questions, please feel free to ask any of the Counselors, or call camp at 410-343-0223.

We look forward to a wonderful evening together!
Nature Camps, Inc. Staff