

Warner Park Nature Center Naturalist Camp

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register for summer naturalist camp?

Please review the [Summer Naturalist Camps](#) webpage and review dates, rates, and details before registering for camp. Campers must meet the age requirements listed, prior to the first day of camp, to be enrolled in camp.

If a camp is full, you can add your child to our waitlist by emailing wpnc@nashville.gov

How many sessions may campers attend?

Campers may attend a maximum of 2 sessions of camp.

Do you offer financial assistance or discounts for camps?

Scholarships are available. To learn more about this opportunity, email wpnc@nashville.gov and include “Naturalist Camp Scholarship Opportunities” in the subject line.

Can I make a donation to support camp scholarships?

Yes! To sponsor a camper, contact Jane Avinger at Friends of Warner Parks by emailing javinger@warnerparks.org or calling 615-370-8053.

What is the cancellation policy?

Cancellations made more than 30 days prior to the first day of your selected week of camp are eligible for a full refund (minus a \$25 administrative fee) or the opportunity to transfer registration to a different session (subject to availability and a \$25 administrative fee).

Cancellations made between 15-30 days prior to the camp start date will be eligible for a refund equal to 50% of the full camp tuition for that week.

Participants absent at the time of camp or cancelling 14 or fewer days prior to camp will not receive a refund of fees paid, and fees are not transferable to another week of camp.

Is Before or After Care offered?

Yes, we offer early drop-off from 8:00–9:00 AM each day. The cost for this service is \$50 for the week (you can add it to your cart during camp registration). Campers who are not registered for early drop-off may arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to camp start time.

We do not offer after care— All campers must be picked up no later than 10 minutes after camp ends.

What should my camper bring to camp each day?

Prior to the start of camp, you will receive notification with details about what your camper should bring and wear to camp. In general, be prepared to send your camper with the following:

What to bring:

- A morning snack, lunch (full-day camp only) and afternoon snack (full-day camp only)
- Water bottle with a secure, non-leaking cap
- Backpack
- Change of clothes (just in case)
- Towel
- Shoes/sandals for the creek

What to wear:

- Closed-toed shoes
- A hat
- Sunscreen already applied
- Insect repellent applied to outside of clothing
- Clothes for the weather (camp takes place rain or shine, so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing)

Are lunch or snacks provided for campers?

No. All campers must bring their own snacks (half-day camp) and lunch and two snacks (full-day camp) each day camp is in session. Please ensure your camper has enough food and at least one appropriately-sized water bottle for full, physically active days in the outdoors.

My camper has food allergies. Can they participate in camp?

Yes! Be advised that Warner Park Nature Center is not a nut-free facility and does not prevent campers from bringing lunches or snacks containing common food allergens. Campers will eat lunch and snacks outdoors and can be spaced out appropriately if allergies are a concern. Campers will wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after every meal. If your camper has an Epi-Pen for any food or environmental allergies, they must carry it on their person at all times.

Who will be responsible for my camper during a camp program?

All Warner Park Nature Center summer camps are led by trained educators and naturalists. All education staff undergo background checks during the interview process. Campers will always be under the supervision of a member of Warner Park Nature Center's environmental education team, with enough freedom for free play and exploration while ensuring all campers' safety and well-being. All camp staff are trained in outdoor safety and group management strategies.

Have more questions? Contact the Warner Park Nature Center at wpnc@nashville.gov or (615) 862-8555.