

Children's Farm Camp- Policies and Procedures

Absences and Early Releases

If your child is going to be absent from camp, please notify Erica Hill Pfeiffer, Farm Educator/Coordinator at 847-812-9103 as early as possible. If you need to pick your child up from camp early, please arrange this with Erica in advance.

Arrival and Departure

Please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your child from camp each day. Drop-off and pick-up will occur on the grassy area, across from the yellow farmhouse. We do not have staff available to supervise children before or after camp hours.

If you arrive more than 10 minutes early, you will have to wait with your camper until staff is prepared. Camp will begin at the time scheduled. If you arrive after that time, you will need to find us with your child. You may find us in the Children's Garden, in the fields, or near the greenhouses.

Cancellation Policy

You may change or cancel your child's camp registration up to three weeks before the first day of camp and receive a full refund. We are not able to give refunds for cancellations with less than three weeks notice. If your child is unable to attend the entire camp because of medical reasons, you may receive a full refund by providing a doctor's note. We cannot give refunds for missed days of camp. The Prairie Crossing Learning Farm reserves the right to cancel camps due to low enrollment. Camps cancelled by the Learning Farm will be fully refunded.

Facilities

Children's Farm Camp is held at the Prairie Crossing Learning Farm, a working organic farm. All camps will begin and end at the Children's Garden- an enclosed child-scaled, outdoor classroom. Children will also explore the fields and greenhouses and will help care for our flock of free-range chickens. The primary public bathroom facility at the farm is a port-o-potty.

Parent Information

A syllabus that lists the activities planned for each day of camp will be provided. Please note that the order of events may change due to weather or other events beyond our control.

In the event that you need to contact your child during camp hours, please call Erica's mobile phone at 847-812-9103.

An adult caregiver is required to attend camp with three-year-olds during "My First Camp". Caregivers are expected to ensure that their child is following directions and staying with the camp group.

Registration Confirmation

A confirmation email will be mailed upon processing your registration.

Snacks

Please pack a snack for your child to eat at camp each day. Campers will be preparing their own snacks with farm fresh food on several days. You will be notified in advance when packing a snack is not necessary.

Staffing

In order to provide the best possible camp experience for your child(ren), camps are limited to 15 children. My First Camp is limited to 12 child/adult pairs. Please register early to ensure space for your child. Camps are led by qualified educators, with assistance from volunteers.

Weather

Camp will be held rain or shine. Children will be outside in all weather, except for thunder and lightning. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Here are some suggestions of things to think about as you prepare your child for camp:

- Clothing: This is an outdoor camp so all children must wear clothing that is comfortable, protective and allows them to explore in nature (mud, dirt, water, bugs, etc.)
- Shoes: Shoes should also be comfortable and functional, with closed toes.
- Sunscreen: Children should wear sunscreen every day.
- Insect repellent: Recommended if mosquitoes have been especially bad.
- Water: Every child must come to camp with a water bottle. This is very important on hot summer days. We will have water available to refill water bottles at camp.
- Hat: Hats are recommended for sunny days.

Thank you for enrolling your child in Farm Camp!