

Dear Parents and Campers:

Welcome to the **Wet, Wild, and Wonderful** summer camp--June 29 – July 3! I am looking forward to a fun-filled experience this summer. Please go over the attached checklist with your camper so that s/he will be fully prepared for camp. *We will be holding camp rain or shine – please be sure that your camper is dressed appropriately for the weather.*

Below is a drop off/pick up schedule for the week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Drop off</u>	<u>Pick up</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday (6/29)	9am	3pm	Flag Ponds
Tuesday (6/30)	9am	3pm	Flag Ponds
Wednesday (7/1)	9am	3pm	Flag Ponds
**Thursday (7/2)	6:00pm	overnight	Flag Ponds
Friday (7/3)		9am	Flag Ponds



***Please note that camp begins at 6:00pm on Thursday.* We will have a family potluck cookout, which will be followed by an overnight for the campers. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided, but please bring a side dish or drinks (or dessert) to pass. We will have a sign-up sheet on the first morning of camp; let me know what food you can bring, as well as the number of people you will be bringing. We could also use a volunteer or 2 to help with the grills that night.

Help our camp staff to protect our campers' feet! Campers will be expected to wear shoes at all times while at camp, so appropriate shoes are a must. Although flip flops and crocs are great for the pool – please do not send your camper to camp with these types of shoes. We will be hiking, running, and wading in the mud – neither flip flops nor crocs stay on the feet during these activities. Your child will not be allowed to participate if they only have flip-flops or crocs. Texas, Keens, or other sport-type sandals/water shoes are acceptable as long as they will not pull off in the mud. If you have comfortable “amphibious” shoes that can go from land to water and back – they make a great option vs. bringing a change of shoes – that’s what I’ll be wearing.

We will be outside and on the trail for the majority of this camp. We will be avoiding prime tick habitat, but be sure that your camper does a thorough “tick check” when they get home each day.

When you arrive at Flag Ponds, stop at the entrance station to tell Flag Ponds staff you are here for the summer camp. Camp staff will often be preparing for the day right up until 9:00 AM. If you get in early, please keep your child in the parking lot with you until that time. Please sign your camper in/out each day with camp staff.

Please put bug spray and sunscreen on before coming to camp each morning, and pack more so it can be reapplied during the day.

We will not tolerate bullying of any kind while at camp; campers found to be bullying other campers will be permanently expelled from all CCNRD summer camps.

Questions or concerns? Please contact me at Battle Creek Nature Center at 410-535-5327 or by email @ “galete@co.cal.md.us.” I look forward to our adventures this summer!

Sincerely,

Tania Gale

Naturalist

“Wet, Wild, and Wonderful” camp checklist

Monday –

(Activities: beach ponds and Bay discovery)

- ___ bag lunch** (see note above)
- ___ *sunscreen* (be sure to bring extra)
- ___ *insect repellent*
- ___ *hat*
- ___ *swimsuit*
- ___ *old clothes to wear over bathing suit while seining to block the sun and bugs*
- ___ *well-fitting water shoes/sport sandals*
 no flip flops or crocs
- ___ water bottle
- ___ backpack (none w/wheels)
- ___ comfortable walking shoes/sneakers (to change into, if desired)
- ___ towel
- ___ plastic bag for wet clothes
- ___ clothes for the way home

Tuesday –

(Activities: swamp exploration)

- ___ bag lunch *(non-perishable food, no glass)
- ___ *sunscreen* (be sure to bring extra)
- ___ *insect repellent*
- ___ *hat*
- ___ *swimsuit*
- ___ *comfortable walking shoes*
- ___ *old clothes that can get dirty*
- ___ water shoes/sport sandals for the beach
 no flip flops or crocs
- ___ water bottle
- ___ backpack (none w/wheels)
- ___ towel
- ___ plastic bag for wet clothes
- ___ clothes for the way home

**Wear these things

*Take the “Unplug Challenge” --
Please leave all electronics at home*

Wednesday-

(Activities: creek wade-in adventure)

- ___ bag lunch* (see note above)
- ___ *sunscreen* (be sure to bring extra)
- ___ *insect repellent*
- ___ *hat*
- ___ *swimsuit*
- ___ *old sneakers to wear in the creek – other types of water shoes may be lost in the mud*
 no flip flops or crocs
- ___ *long pants and T-shirt (old ones) to wear over swimsuit in the creek to block bugs and scratches.*
- ___ water bottle
- ___ backpack (none w/wheels)
- ___ towel
- ___ comfortable walking shoes/sneakers (to change into, if desired)
- ___ plastic bag for wet clothes
- ___ clothes for the way home

Thursday/Friday –

(Activities: family cookout, sunset beach exploration, night walk, campout)

- ___ *insect repellent*
- ___ *water shoes/sport sandals*
 (no flipflops or crocs)
- ___ *clothes to wear over bathing suit*
- ___ *bathing suit*
- ___ water bottle
- ___ backpack
- ___ extra shorts and t-shirt
- ___ plastic bag for wet clothes
- ___ towel
- ___ hiking shoes/sneakers
- ___ ***long pants and long-sleeved shirt*** – (campers will be more comfortable if they have warm clothes to put on after being in the water)
- ___ jacket or sweatshirt
- ___ ***rain jacket or poncho***
- ___ sleeping bag and pillow
- ___ sleeping pad (optional)
- ___ pajamas
- ___ flashlight
- ___ personal toiletries (in a ziplock labeled with camper’s name)

