

# WELCOME TO HERPETOLOGY SUMMER CAMP!

WHERE: Flag Ponds Nature Park

WHEN: Mon, July 6 - Thurs, July 9 ♦ 9:00 am-2:00 pm



June 15, 2015

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Welcome to Herpetology Summer Camp! To help insure that your child has a safe and fun time, I have a few suggestions:

- **Drop off and pick up** your child at the education building promptly at the scheduled times above. Classroom doors will not be unlocked until 8:55/ 9AM to allow for staff prep time. As a courtesy to park rangers at the front gate booth, please stop and inform them that you are here for camp.
- **Sign In:** Please sign your child in and out every day. On the first morning, please allow extra time to double-check paperwork. Turning in forms prior to the first day of camp will also help save time.
- **Lunch & Snacks:** Pack a lunch, plus 2 additional snacks (such as crackers, granola bar, grapes) which can easily be eaten while we're hiking. If you pack a juice box for lunch, make sure they also have a refillable water bottle.
- **Backpacks:** Please place all personal belongings in a backpack. Occasionally, campers will carry their backpacks with them to the beach, leaving unnecessary items in the building to lighten their load.
- **Clothing:** dress in OLD CLOTHES that can get dirty or painted. Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes every day.
- **Shoes:** Comfortable shoes are a must, since we will be walking quite a bit throughout the day. For safety reasons, we ask that campers do not wear flip flops or crocs.
- **Bullying:** We want our campers to feel safe; therefore, campers who are bullying others will be permanently expelled from all CCNRD camps.
- **Health/Safety:** While we are having fun exploring nature, I will make every effort to minimize your child's exposure to things like poison ivy, ticks, jellyfish, etc; however, if your child develops a rash or other symptoms, don't hesitate to contact your physician. In addition, please check your child for ticks after camp every day.



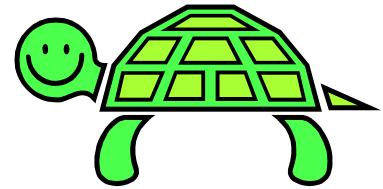
I have enjoyed preparing for this camp, and I can't wait to try everything with my young herpetologists. I look forward to meeting everyone this summer, and please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Shannon Steele  
Naturalist

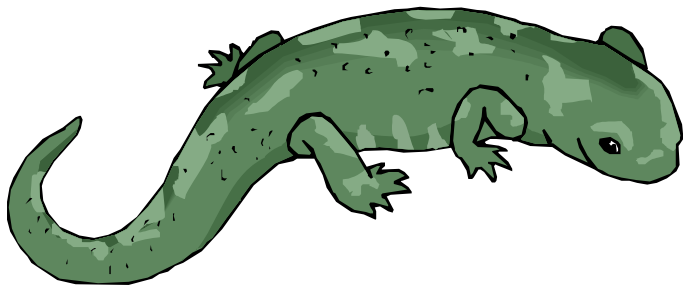
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# HERPETOLOGY CAMP CHECKLIST



## What to Bring:

- Lunch (pack in reusable containers ,if possible, to minimize trash)
- 2 additional snacks for the trail (finger food)
- Refillable water bottle
- Backpack
- Extra Set of Clothes (in a labeled plastic bag)
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent (one that works for both ticks and mosquitoes)
- 2 or 3 plastic bags for crafts, wet clothes, etc.
- Swimsuit
- T-shirt/swim shirt worn over swimsuit (reduces jellyfish stings & sunburn)
- Water Shoes or old tennis shoes must be worn in the water (no flip flops or crocs)
- Towel
- Raincoat or Poncho (no umbrellas) if rain is forecasted
- Small Antibacterial Gel (optional)



## What NOT to Bring:

- Electronic Devices
- Money
- Candy (except in your lunch)
- Toys
- Flip flops or Crocs

## Special Notes:

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: campers need to arrive wearing their bathing suits and sunscreen; please bring clothes for them to change into before lunch. Since the walk to the beach is approximately a half mile, campers need to wear comfortable shoes, and carry their water shoes with them.

Tuesday: Wear Camp T-Shirts