

Dear Parents and Campers:

Welcome to the “Wild Things” summer camp (Monday, July 8 – Thursday, July 11)!

I am looking forward to a fun-filled experience this summer. With this letter is a checklist of items that campers will need each day. Please go over this information with your camper so that s/he will be fully prepared for camp. Below is a drop off/pick up schedule for the week:

Day	Drop off	Pick up	Location
Monday (7/8)	9am	2pm	Battle Creek (picnic pavilion)
Tuesday (7/9)	9am	2pm	Battle Creek (picnic pavilion)
Wednesday (7/10)	9am	2pm	Flag Ponds (education center)
Thursday (7/11)	9am	2pm	Flag Ponds (education center)

If the camper has any mental or physical health concerns (severe allergies, diabetes, asthma, etc.) that may impact them while at camp, please let me know before the first day of camp. If your camper will need any medication during camp, please be sure you have the proper forms filled out for that.

Please be aware that we will be outside for almost all of this camp. While at Battle Creek, the picnic pavilion will serve as “home base,” but while at Flag Ponds we will be hiking to/thru a different habitat each day and will be carrying our gear with us. Please try to keep your camper’s backpack as small and as light as possible. No hard-sided coolers please.

Camp staff will be preparing for the day right up until 9:00 AM. If you get in early, please keep your camper in the parking lot with you until that time. At the beginning and end of each camp day, please sign your camper in/out with camp staff.

For Flag Ponds, when you come in the morning there may be a line at the front gate. Please be sure to stop at the entrance station - even if it means you get in later than 9am. We won't start camp without your camper – promise. **DO NOT enter the park through the outgoing gate.*

Be sure that your camper does a “tick check” when they get home each day. *Please be sure that your camper comes to camp each day already wearing both sunscreen and bug spray and has extra packed to re-apply during the day.*

Although flip flops and crocs are great for the pool, they are not appropriate for our camp activities. Do not send your camper to camp with these types of shoes. We will be hiking, running, and wading in the mud – flip flops or crocs do not stay on the feet during these activities. Campers will not be allowed to participate in camp activities if they do not have proper footwear.

We will be holding camp rain or shine – please be sure that your camper is dressed appropriately for the weather.

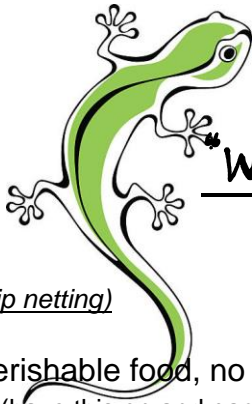
Questions or concerns? You can reach me by phone at Battle Creek Nature Center (410-535-5327) or by email @ “tania.gale@calvertcountymd.gov.” See you in July!

Sincerely,

Tania Gale

Naturalist





"Wild Things" Camp Checklist

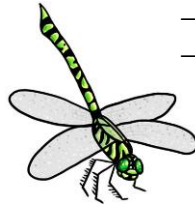
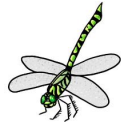
NOTE – Campers will be expected to carry their own gear while at Flag Ponds, please try to keep their packs as light as possible

Monday (pond dip netting)

- bag lunch*
*(non-perishable food, no glass)
- sunscreen (have this on and pack extra)
- insect repellent (have this on)
- hat
- water bottle
- backpack
- hiking shoes/sneakers (wear these)
- t-shirt and shorts that can get soaking wet and dirty
- towel
- change of clothes
- plastic bag for wet clothes
- watershoes or sandals (no flipflops or crocs)

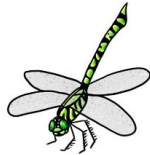
Wednesday (swamp exploration)

- bag lunch *(see note above + no coolers please)
- sunscreen (have this on and pack extra)
- insect repellent (have this on)
- hat
- water bottle
- backpack (we will be hiking at Flag Ponds)
- swimsuit (wear this)
- T-shirt and shorts (wear these)
- towel
- old sneakers/water shoes or Sandals (no flipflops or crocs)
- hiking shoes/sneakers (wear these)
- change of clothes
- plastic bag for wet clothes



Tuesday (wade into and investigate the creek)

- bag lunch *(see note above)
- sunscreen (have this on and pack extra)
- insect repellent (have this on)
- hat
- water bottle
- backpack
- hiking shoes/sneakers (wear these)
- swimsuit (wear this)
- towel
- old sneakers to wear in the creek (these must be well-fitting or the mud will suck them off)
- old clothes to wear in the creek (these will be soaking wet and muddy)
- change of clothes
- plastic bag for wet clothes



Thursday (beach and Bay survey)

- bag lunch *(see note above + no coolers please)
- sunscreen (have this on and pack extra)
- insect repellent (have this on)
- hat
- water bottle
- backpack (we will be hiking at Flag Ponds)
- swimsuit (wear this)
- T-shirt and shorts
- towel
- old sneakers/water shoes or Sandals (no flipflops or crocs)
- hiking shoes/sneakers (wear these)
- change of clothes
- plastic bag for wet clothes

