

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
NATURE DISCOVERY CAMPS 2008
GREAT VALLEY NATURE CENTER
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Registration Information:

1. Please fill out both sides of the registration form. On one side is the health form; on the other is the registration form. Please use the enclosed confirmation sheet when filling out your registration form, and check the dates for accuracy. **Keep the confirmation sheet and Camp Information form for your records.** Send the other forms along with your payment.
2. Telephone registration holds your child's place for two weeks. After two weeks, payment must be received by Great Valley Nature Center, or your child may lose his/her place.
3. Please make checks payable to: **Great Valley Nature Center (GVNC).**
4. If you wish to make any changes, you **must** confirm first with the Great Valley Nature Center. Ten dollars of each camp tuition is considered an administration fee. If you change any camp dates, you will be charged an additional \$10 per child per change. For example, if you have 2 children and you change the camp week for both of them, you will owe an additional \$20 in administration fees.
5. There is a \$25 cancellation fee. To be eligible for a refund, cancellations must be made **at least two weeks prior to the start of camp.** Due to limited enrollment, **we will not make refunds** if you cancel within two weeks prior to the start of the camp. We will take a \$25 cancellation fee out of any refunds for which you are eligible.
6. We reserve the right to cancel a camp due to low enrollment. There would be a full refund in this case.
7. Members only—**10% multiple camp discount** when you sign up for 3 camp sessions; **15% discount** when you sign up for 4 or more camp sessions.

Please keep in mind that your reservation holds your child's spot and prohibits other children from filling that spot. Also, Great Valley Nature Center relies on income from camps to continue to provide educational programs for the community. For this reason, we cannot give refunds once your camp is in session.

ILLNESS: Children who have been sick (a fever of 101 degrees or more, vomited or have had diarrhea) within the last 24 hours should not attend camp. There is no refund for illness.

BEHAVIOR: We expect camp participants to be well behaved. If there are behavior issues, we will discuss them with you, and try to resolve the issue. However, we reserve the right to expel participants from camp due to disciplinary problems. There is no refund in this case.

AUTHORIZED SIGN OUT: Please pick up your child at his/ her site. **This is for security purposes.** Children **must be signed out** with the Instructor before they leave. We require a list of people authorized to pick up your child. There is a place for this on the health form. Everyone (including parents) who picks up campers must be prepared to **show photo ID every day.** There will be a late fee assessed for late pickups.

Great Valley Nature Center
Nature Discovery Camp
Camp Information
Commonly Asked Questions about Camp
(Please keep for future reference)

How do I get to the Great Valley Nature Center? Please see the enclosed directions and map.

How should my child dress? Children should wear clothes that can get messy, muddy, or wet, and dress according to the weather since campers spend a large amount of each day outdoors. Shoes that can get muddy or wet are also advisable. *Note for Trailrompers: Campers must be fully potty trained.* Campers can bring a change of clothes in a labeled bag if they wish.

Do you hold camp if the weather is bad? We run camp rain or shine. Each group has either an indoor area or a tent canopy to provide shade and protection from rain. In the event of a thunderstorm, all groups go into a building. If the day is very hot, we limit most of the physical activity to early in the day when it is cooler, take frequent water breaks to stay hydrated, and spend some time in the stream or in the sprinkler to cool off.

Should I send sunscreen and insect repellent with my child? Although camp groups try to stay in shaded areas as much as possible, sunscreen is still recommended. Also, there are ticks, mosquitoes, and other insects in the area, so you may want to consider insect repellent as well. However, counselors cannot apply these products to your child, so you should apply them prior to camp.

Should I send a lunch for my child? Please send a bag lunch, **including a drink**, that does not require refrigeration. This applies to all the sessions that extend beyond 12:00 pm. All Trailrompers should bring a **drink and a small snack** for a snack break. A bottle of water is also recommended.

Can I send cupcakes for my child's birthday? Before you send in any food, please check with your child's counselor. We need to make sure no one in the group has food allergies that might interfere, and sometimes we need to contact a camper's parent to verify that there will be no problem with a particular food.

Where do I drop off my child in the morning? Drop-off for Trailromper and Elementary Camp is at the bottom of the hill by the bridge between 9:15 & 9:30 am. Please check in with your Instructor when you arrive. (***) If you register for Pre-Camp, drop-off starts at 8:30 am. Follow the signs.)

Where do I pick up my child? Please pick up your child at his/ her site. **This is for security purposes.** If it is a physical hardship to get to your child's site, you may make alternate arrangements with your child's counselor. Children **must be signed out** with the Instructor before they leave. We require a list of people authorized to pick up your child. There is a place for this on the health form.

Do I need to bring my photo ID every day? Yes. Everyone (including parents) who picks up campers must be prepared to **show photo ID every day**. Your child's counselor may not request it after a couple of days once they know you by sight, but if your child's counselor happens to be sick, a substitute would need to ask for it, so please have it handy every day.

What if I am late for pickup? If you are late, your child will join the After-Camp group. There is an additional fee for this session. If you are late for After-Camp pickup there will be a late fee.

