



Thank you for registering for **Eco Explorer Camp** sponsored by Asheville Parks & Recreation Outdoor Programs. Please read the information included in this packet carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

You must complete the following forms for each participant:

- [Participant Form](#)
- [Asheville Parks and Recreation Waiver](#)

Please complete all marked forms by **April 22, 2024** or sooner. This is a total of 2 completed forms. All forms can be completed online, simply click the link above for each form. If you have trouble accessing the forms, please let us know.

****If your child is attending more than one AVL Parks summer program, you only need to complete the participant form & parks waiver once. You MUST complete the activity specific waiver/s for each program**

Following this page, you will see:

- Eco Explorer Camp Information Sheet
- Camper Packing List

This year we again have a great staff and great activities planned for camp. We will be traveling each day to our activity by 15-passenger vans. Each program group will be led by at least two qualified staff; a 6:1 camper to counselor ratio or better.

Please read the packing list carefully so that your camper is prepared for camp each day. Plan on sending your camper ready for the day's activity – if we are swimming: wear a swimsuit. Be mindful of changes in mountain weather and be sure your camper is dressed appropriately each day.

If you have any questions please feel free to email or call me anytime!

Looking forward to a great summer,

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Eco Explorers Camp Information 2024

Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick Up

- Tuesday-Thursday, June 11th-13th: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Pick up and drop off for summer camp will be at our Outdoor Program facility. The address is **70 Gashes Creek Rd. Asheville, NC 28805**. As you are heading to the John B Lewis Soccer Complex, the building is located on your left, immediately BEFORE you go over the bridge toward the soccer complex.

- Please **DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR CAMPERS before 8:45 am**. We are busy in the morning getting ready for the day & staff is limited before drop off.
- Youth should check in & out each day with a staff member.

Prior arrangements must be made if someone other than the parent/guardian is picking up a camper. A written request must be given to staff during morning drop off. Picture ID may be checked on all unfamiliar persons.

Absences

Please notify the camp if your child will be absent. You can email outdoorprograms@ashevillenc.gov or during camp hours I am available on the Outdoor Programs cell phone at (828)-767-1576.

If your camper is involved with lessons, sports teams, or other activities which causes them to miss a day of camp; please note that there are no make-up days or refunds for missed days.

Illness Prevention

Please do not send your child to camp if they are sick or experiencing any symptoms to maintain a healthy camp environment for all. If a child becomes ill during camp, a parent or person authorized to pick-up will be contacted to pick-up the child. We will follow all public health guidelines that are applicable when camp is in session. This may include: mask wearing unless eating or drinking; washing and sanitizing hands regularly; social distancing; and sanitizing of equipment and surfaces. Camp activities will be outdoors as much as possible.

Cell Phone/Electronics Policy

Camp is a cell-phone free zone. We run most of our programs outdoors and can't be held responsible for lost, damaged or missing phones.

Inclement Weather

All outdoor activities are weather dependent; activity locations and the type of activity offered may vary based on weather or environmental conditions. During severe conditions, including but not limited to lightning and thunder, extreme heat or high water levels, we may alter the day's schedule and plan indoor/alternate activities. We will do our best to offer comparable activities, as we do not offer refunds due to changes in activities.

Be sure to dress campers appropriately for the weather!

Questions?

If you have any program related questions, please call or email us.

- Email: outdoorprograms@ashevillenc.gov
- During work hours call the Outdoor Programs cell phone at (828) 767-1576
 - Please note during camp hours, we may not be available to answer. We will return messages as soon as possible!

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Eco Explorer Camp Packing List

Eco Explorer campers will spend most of the camp day away from the center participating in activities. Please pack all items in a small bag for easy transport. All campers should arrive each morning dressed and ready for the day's activities. Please help your camper apply sunscreen before they arrive at camp.

Items to Pack Daily:

We advise packing the following items in your camper's backpack each day. Please be sure to clearly label everything with your camper's first and last name.

- Lunch, Snacks, and a Water bottle (at least 20 oz.)
- A Rain Jacket (Pack a rain jacket even if the forecast is sunny).
- Sunscreen lotion
- A Sun hats or baseball cap- sun protection
- If your camper wears glasses – please supply a glasses-retainer for them to wear each day.
- Booster or car seat if needed

Lunch Notes: Please pack a healthy lunch in an insulated lunch bag that can help keep it cool. We'll be eating lunch in parks, on hikes, etc. so they should be items that are easy to eat straight from the lunch bag and minimize trash. Please do not pack soda.

Daily Clothing Needs

Please dress your child in comfortable clothes; a t-shirt and shorts are recommended. Long sleeve layers are suggested for cooler days. Tennis shoes are recommended footwear for all camp activities. Open-toed sandals (they must have a blackstrap) are only suggested for stream investigation. Please do not allow your camper to wear flip flops.

Additional Packing Notes and What to Wear for Specific Camp Days

Day 1: Forest Exploration

- Campers should wear a bathing suit to camp under clothes so they are ready for stream investigation and wear shoes that can get wet.
 - Open-toed sandals (that have a blackstrap) can be worn to stream exploration (No flip flops)
- A change of clothes (top and bottom), dry tennis shoes, socks & underwear.
- Plastic bag for wet clothes

Day 2: Water Exploration

- Campers should wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes.
- Bring water shoes again (not flip-flops) but a change of clothes is not needed.

Day 3: Mountain Exploration

- Campers should wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes or hiking boots.
- **Warm Layers** for hiking at elevation (it can be very chilly and windy even in the summer at times)

Optional Items to Pack Each Day

- books, games, journal, cards for the van rides

The camp staff, and the Asheville Parks and Recreation Dept. are not responsible for any personal items.