



Summer Camp
at
Beaver Meadow Audubon Center

2021

PARENT/GUARDIAN & CAMPER HANDBOOK

Welcome to Summer Camp at Beaver Meadow!

We are excited to provide your child with a high-quality, fun experience exploring the fields, forests and wetlands of Beaver Meadow. To ensure a safe and fun camp experience for everyone, please read the following information carefully. If you have any questions, please contact the Camp Director.

CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Director:

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Directions to Beaver Meadow Audubon Center

1610 Welch Road, North Java, NY 14113

From Buffalo: From I-90, take exit 54 NY Route 400 Expressway to exit 4 Route 20A. Turn left (east) at Route 20A. Turn right (south) at Route 78 and continue to where Route 78 meets Welch Road. Turn left at Welch Road and continue approximately 2.8 miles on Welch Road and Beaver Meadow Audubon Center is on the right.

From the North and East: From I-90 take exit 48A Route 77. Turn right (south) at Route 77. Turn left 6.8 miles south of Route 20A at Welch Road. Beaver Meadow Audubon Center is on the right.

From Arcade & Points South: Take Route 98 North to Route 77 North. Turn Right onto Welch Road. Beaver Meadow Audubon Center is on the right.

DROP-OFF/PICK UP

Drop off is between 8:45-9:00am at Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Pick up your child at 3pm for Explorers and at 4pm for Adventurers, Expeditioners, and Avian Expeditioners. You must sign your child in and out of camp. Your child will only be released to the custody and supervision of parents/guardians and those authorized on your child's information form.

If you are more than 15 minutes early for drop-off or 15 minutes late for pick-up, you will be charged for extended care that day.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Buffalo Audubon Society will provide a full refund if camp is cancelled by us. If an individual cancels at least 14 days before camp begins, Buffalo Audubon will issue a full refund minus a \$20 processing fee. A 75% refund will be given if a parent/guardian cancels less than 2 weeks but more than one week before camp, minus a \$20 processing fee. A 50% refund will be given if a parent/guardian cancels one week or less before camp, minus a \$20 processing fee. There are no refunds for early dismissal from camp due to homesickness, behavioral misconduct, or medical reasons.

EXTENDED CARE POLICY

Extended care is a \$10 per half-hour. You must register and pay for extended care in advance. Please note that extended care is not extra camp time, but a courtesy to our patrons' schedules. We offer care as follows: Explorers: 3-5pm, Adventurers, Expeditioners and Avian Expeditioners: 4-5pm. If your schedule changes and you suddenly need extended care, you must give the camp at least 24-hour notice. We will do our best to accommodate but cannot guarantee that extended care will be available in that situation.

WHAT TO WEAR

Camp activities will take place outside this year, so we recommend light-colored pants and light-weight, light-colored shirts. Each camper will be provided with his/her own summer camp t-shirt. Campers are encouraged to wear their shirts whenever they are able to! Socks and sturdy sneakers or hiking shoes are a must! We do not encourage the use of flip-flops or sandals. Campers can bring water shoes or rubber boots for pond related activities. Hats are allowed. Rain gear is also a good idea if it is in the forecast for that day. Please apply sunscreen and bug spray to your child before bringing them to camp each day.

WHAT TO BRING

Please provide your camper with a filled water bottle and a peanut/allergen-free packed lunch - preferably in a reusable bag. Please do not pack food that needs to be prepared with a stove or microwave. Lunches will be stored in a refrigerator until lunchtime. We will allow time for a snack in the morning and afternoon. If your camper likes snacks, please make sure to pack 2 each day.

Other items that may be brought to camp are: a small daypack/fanny pack, insect repellent, and sunscreen. Our camp staff takes many photos throughout the week to share with families. Please have camper leave any devices (cell phone or electronics) at home. If you need to contact your child at camp, please call 585-457-3228. Buffalo Audubon is not responsible for any lost or broken items.

ILLNESS POLICY

If your child is sick or displaying any signs of COVID-19, they must be kept home from camp, please call 585-457-3228 to inform camp staff prior to the start of camp that day. Please leave a message if no one answers the phone.

MEDICAL PLAN

All Beaver Meadow Audubon Center camp staff will be responsible for overseeing the health and well-being of participants in our summer camp program. Our Camp Director and instructors are all American Red Cross trained in First Aid and CPR. We have a pediatrician on call that reviews all medical records prior to the start of camp as well.

In the event of a serious medical emergency, camp staff will act accordingly by contacting our on call Pediatrician or 911 for assistance.

We will adhere to Mandatory and Recommended Best Practices in the [Reopening NY Child Care and Day Camp Guidelines](#)