

JR. NATURE EXPLORERS CAMP 2016

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Welcome to Junior Nature Explorers Camp, a hands-on nature experience for children ages 4 and 5! Monday-Wednesday camps will be held on 6/6-8, 6/13-15, 6/22-24, 7/18-20, 7/20-22, 8/1-3, and 8/22-24. There will also be Monday-Friday camps on 6/20-24 and 8/31-9/4, a Tuesday-Thursday camp on 8/16-18, and a Tuesday-Friday camp on 7/5-7/8. All camps will be from 9:30am - 12:30pm. This letter contains important information to help you and your child prepare for a fun, exciting, and enriching camp experience. Please review it carefully, and contact Magnuson Community Center staff with any questions at 206-684-7026.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Camp activities are designed to be fun and safe, age-appropriate nature experiences. We'll grow an organic food garden, explore the park in search of the songbirds, beneficial insects, and other wildlife, learn about plants, play nature games, create unique crafts, and more. Parents will receive an itinerary on the first day of camp to make it easy for you to encourage your child to share their excitement and success at the end of each day. For more info on our camps and other nature programs, visit www.magnusonnatureprograms.com!

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- We encourage you to provide your child with a hearty breakfast, as we'll be active throughout the morning
- Campers should arrive dressed for exploring the outdoors in comfortable clothing and sturdy walking shoes. Closed-toed shoes are important for comfortable hiking on the park's crushed rock and wood chip trails.
- They should also bring a lightweight backpack that contains the following:
 - A mid-morning snack and nutritious lunch.
 - A refillable water bottle (we will help campers remember to drink plenty of water during the camp day)
 - A small bottle of sunscreen (IMPORTANT NOTE: Please apply your child's sunscreen before coming to camp. We'll help them to reapply if needed, but the primary responsibility rests with parents.)
 - A sun hat with a brim (and sunglasses if needed), and a jacket for cool or rainy days

Please make sure that clothes, backpack, water bottles, etc. are clearly labeled with your child's name, for the best chance of retrieving any items left behind. Please don't let your children bring money, stuffed animals, special collections, or electronic games, which are a distraction to them and to the other campers. Thanks! We cannot be held responsible for the damage or loss of any possessions brought to the park.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Drop-off and pick-up will be in the Ravenna Room inside the Brig Building, which is located inside Magnuson Park at 6344 NE 74th St. For a link to the park map and directions, visit www.magnusonnatureprograms.com and click on the "About" menu tab. During the 5-day camps, we typically plan to visit another area inside Magnuson Park on 1-2 of the camp days. If we do that this year, you will be notified on the first camp day, and given a Magnuson Park map that is marked with the alternate dropoff/pickup location.

Camp begins at 9:30 am and ends at 12:30 pm. Arrangements for any late drop-offs or special pick-ups must be made in advance and are the responsibility of the parent. Please also be aware that we are unable to sign campers in before 9:30 am, and that all children must be picked up promptly at 12:30 pm. Please contact Magnuson Community Center at 684-7026 to notify staff of any late arrivals or absences.

We are looking forward to a great camp with your child! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Magnuson Community Center at 684-7026.

See you at the park!

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