

NATURE RANGERS CAMP 2015

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Welcome to Nature Rangers Camp, a hands-on nature experience for children ages 8-12! Camps will be held Monday-Friday on 8/8-12. 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.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Camp activities are designed to be fun and safe, age-appropriate nature experiences. We'll explore the park from "coast to coast" in search of the songbirds, beneficial insects, and other wildlife, learn about plants, play nature games, create unique crafts, and more. Parents will receive a camp 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 since we'll be active throughout the day.
- 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 a hearty, nutritious lunch, and an afternoon snack.
 - 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 on the first day of camp 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 our website www.magnusonnatureprograms.com and click on the About menu tab for. At sign-in on the start of the first camp day, you'll be given a Magnuson Park map that is clearly marked with the dropoff and pickup locations for all the rest of the camp days (which will be at various natural areas in the park)

Camp begins at 9:30 am and ends at 3:30 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 3:30 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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