

Camp Discovery 2024 Safety Policies and Procedures

Camp Hours: Camp runs from June 17-August 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There is no camp the week of 4th of July.

- What will a typical day look like?
 - Check-in and announcements at drop off
 - Science lessons, games, activities, and more!
- Will you be visiting another location for any field trips?
 - No, the group will not be visiting any off-site locations for field trips.

Drop Off/ Pick Up Location: Stay in your vehicle and drive up to our South Entrance – Phillips Gate where you will meet a camp staff member to check your camper in and out. Please have the [Brightwheel application](#) ready for contactless check-in. Any exceptions of who is dropping off or picking up a child must be submitted by the parents or guardian in writing at least 1 hour in advance via app or email to jpeterson@fairchildgarden.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Do you provide an orientation before the start of camp?
 - Yes, please refer to your confirmation email for Zoom orientation details.
- What are your counselors' credentials?
 - Each group will have a maximum of 25 campers supervised by 2 camp counselors. All counselors are given background checks in compliance to Florida Statutes and training before camp begins.
 - Camp staff always carry cellular phones and radios and can always be reached for emergency purposes. Please call Jemma, Field Studies and Outreach Specialist 305.667.1651 ext. 3324 if your child will not be attending camp for the day or in case of an emergency.
- Can I drop my camper off before 8:30 a.m.?
 - No, camp staff will not accept any campers until 8:30 a.m.
- Can I pick my camper up early?
 - Yes, early pick-up is available until 3:00pm from the South Entrance. Please inform camp staff at morning drop-off if you need to pick-up your child early.

- What happens if I am late to drop off?
 - If you are late to drop off your camper, please bring them to the Visitor Center. They will notify a camp staff member who will pick up your camper and reunite them with the group.
- What happens if I am late to pick up?
 - After care is an additional \$50 per week from 3:00-5:30 p.m. **A charge of \$5 per five minutes that you arrive late to pick up after 5:30 p.m. will be added to the cost of the program.**
- What is your cancellation and refund policy?
 - No credits or refunds will be issued for missed days. Camp will take place rain or shine, and schedules will be adjusted accordingly.
- What should my camper bring?
 - All campers should wear long pants, closed toe shoes, sunscreen, and a hat. Please check the weather in anticipation for the day to prepare your camper.
 - Optional: Campers can wear a mask that is comfortable to wear all day. Please provide a second mask in a labeled sealed plastic bag in case the first becomes wet or otherwise soiled.
 - Change of clothes and a personal bottle of hand sanitizer
 - Nutritious lunch, snacks, and a large refillable water bottle each day. We will provide refills of water. No refrigeration or vending facilities are available, so please plan accordingly.
- What can my camper **NOT** bring to camp?
 - We do not allow campers to bring toys of any kind or any electronic equipment (i.e., laptops, video game systems, and tablets). Cameras and cell phones are permitted but campers are responsible for any items brought to camp.
- What happens if my child loses one of their belongings?
 - Campers will always be responsible for their items. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Items left in the classrooms will be brought to the Visitor Center lost and found at the end of each week.



- How are you keeping areas clean?
 - Multi-touch surfaces are cleaned multiple times throughout the day.
 - Classroom spaces will ONLY be used by the same class during the week.
 - Supplies will be cleaned after use by staff daily.

Parental Communication: There will be communications to parents to keep them up to date on any camp updates such as closures, health risks, or emergencies. Avenues of communication include the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden camp website, Brightwheel application, and via email.

Allergies & Medical Concerns: We ask that you document all allergies and medical concerns on our registration form and follow instructions under the Medical Information section.

Zero Tolerance: To keep all our campers safe and maintain a positive environment we will not tolerate lack of following safety protocols or violent behavior. Parents or guardians will be informed of inappropriate behavior and contacted to discuss corrective solutions. Garden staff reserve the right to dismiss a child from camp for inappropriate behavior.