



## **2026 K-6<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Adventure Summer Camp**

### **Parent Information and Details**

#### **GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION**

##### **Directions to Camp**

Camp for students in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> is held each day at The PNC Achievement Center for Education and Interpretation located in the Creekside Center in Beckley Creek Park. Our address is 1411 Beckley Creek Parkway, Louisville, KY 40245. **Be advised that some GPS units do not recognize our address. Written directions are as follows:**

Take I-64 East to I-265 (Gene Snyder Freeway) North; take the Middletown exit and turn right onto Shelbyville Road. It is approximately 0.8 miles to Beckley Station Road – turn right at the stop light onto South Beckley Station Road. Follow 1.7 miles to the Beckley Creek Park entrance on left (before intersection of Beckley Station and Wibble Hill Road). Once inside the park you will see our building to your right.

For a link to Google Maps directions please [click here](#).

Camp for students in grades 7-9<sup>th</sup> is held each day at The Parklands Administration Building in Pope Lick Park.

##### **How do I register?**

Registering is quick and easy with our online registration process. Simply go to <https://theparklands.org/find-an-activity/learning/outdoor-adventure-camps/> to sign up! If you wish to sign up in person or by phone, you can register by calling 502-866-1008 and speaking with our Camp Coordinator, Ryan Hynes.

##### **When is my payment due?**

Full payment for camp programs is due at the time of registration or on the first day of camp. You may pay via check or with credit card only. No cash payments will be accepted for camp programs.

##### **Do you offer any discounts?**

YES! Parklands members will receive a \$25 discount per week of camp. The Parklands of Floyds Fork is a donor-supported public park, and membership is a great way to support the parks you love!

### **Will I receive confirmation of enrollment when I sign up for camp?**

Yes! If you are registering online, confirmations are automatically generated and sent to the e-mail address you provided at the time of registration. If you call to make a reservation, please be sure to provide us with your e-mail address so that they may send you confirmation.

### **What if my child would like to be placed with his/her friend?**

Each camp group (K-1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>) will be its own group. Campers in different age groups cannot be placed together for safety reasons. Campers between grade levels may opt for either the younger or older group depending on preference. For example, a rising 4<sup>th</sup> grade student can join either the K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade group or the 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade group. Due to insurance purposes, kayaking is exclusively done with our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> camp groups.

### **What can my child expect at camp?**

Parklands Summer Campers can expect to spend a good deal of time outdoors hiking trails, wading in the stream, and participating in many more activities including but not limited to kayaking, archery, arts and crafts, science experiments, and animal presentations. Floyds Fork is our park's namesake and a big part of our camp activities. Campers can expect to get wet and muddy each day during camp from wading and/or kayaking in Floyds Fork. *A change of clothes and shoes is highly recommended for comfort.*

### **Can my camper attend a camp in an older or younger age group, even if he/she is not entering those grades?**

For the safety of our campers and in the interest of age level appropriateness, age categories must be observed to ensure the best possible experience for all campers. We have found that children enjoy themselves more and have a better experience if they are with kids their own age. If campers must enter a camp outside of their grade level, we encourage Parents/Guardians to choose a camp below their grade level. Campers will not be admitted into a camp above their grade level unless they are entering the minimum grade of that camp in the coming school year.

## **WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP**

- Appropriate attire for outdoor activity that can get wet and muddy
- Proper footwear for creek exploration such as old tennis shoes, water shoes, crocs, or strap on sandals. Footwear is **required** for creek exploration.
- A change of clothes and shoes is strongly recommended for comfort
- A lunch that does not require refrigeration
  - Optional: a snack that does not require refrigeration
- Bottle of water that can be refilled throughout the day

- A backpack is suggested, but not necessary
- Sunscreen that your camper can apply to themselves
  - Staff will remind campers about reapplication but will not apply it to them unless they are not able to do so.

Parklands summer camp is based mostly outdoors, and your child should expect to get muddy and/or wet. During camp, we spend time at Floyds Fork wading in the stream but only with **SHOES ON**. Please come prepared to camp each day with a change of clothes and shoes for comfort.

### **What if my child is sick?**

If your child feels sick, please keep them at home and inform Parklands Camp Coordinator Ryan Hynes by emailing [rhynes@theparklands.org](mailto:rhynes@theparklands.org) or by calling/texting 502-866-1008.

## **DAILY DROP OFF & PICK UP**

### **What do I need to do on my child's first day of camp?**

For campers in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> please meet at the side door of the PNC Achievement Center located in Beckley Creek Park to check in and turn in **all required paperwork** for camp (Health History Form, Permission Form, & Emergency Action Form – if necessary).

For campers in grades 7-9<sup>th</sup> please meet at The Parklands Administration Building in Pope Lick Park.

Please make every effort to fill out paperwork online **prior** to camp. If that is not an option, we will have copies available during drop-off. If paperwork is completed online, we will not require a printed copy.

Once checked in on Monday, Parklands staff will provide a camp T-shirt and nametag.

### **How do I drop off/pick up the rest of the week?**

Each day, Parents/Guardians will pull up to the side door of the PNC Achievement Center to drop their camper off. Parklands staff will meet your camper at the side door to check them in.

During pick up, parents/guardians should pull up to the side door of the PNC Achievement Center. You can meet Parklands staff at the side door to check for identification. Parklands staff will only release campers to those whose **names appear on the camper's Health History Form**, and all those picking them up **MUST show ID each day**.

### **How soon can I drop my child off? Is it OK to pick up early or drop off late?**

Drop off begins no earlier than 8:30 a.m. and will continue until 9:00 a.m. when camp begins. There is no early drop-off as Parklands staff need this time to prepare for the camp day. **Official pick-up hours are from 4:00-4:30pm**. There is no late care service; all campers must be picked

up no later than 4:30pm. Parents/Guardians will be subject to an automatic credit card charge of \$1 per minute each minute after 4:30pm.

Parents/Guardians may opt to drop off late or pick up early, but please be advised that campers may be participating in camp activities in the park and time should be allotted for travel back to the PNC Achievement Center. Please inform the Camp Coordinator via call/email or the Parklands staff member at check-in if your camper needs to be picked up early. If a late drop-off is necessary, please inform Parklands staff the day beforehand.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT AT CAMP**

### **What can my child expect when arriving at camp?**

Drop-off for Parklands Outdoor Adventure Camp begins at 8:30am with camp activities beginning at 9:00am. Please make every effort to arrive at camp by 9:00am so that your child can meet up with their group. If arriving late, please alert Camp Coordinator Ryan Hynes by texting/calling 502-866-1008.

Upon arrival each morning, Parklands staff will check in your child outside of the side door to the PNC Center and direct them to their classroom.

### **What can my child expect during camp?**

At camp, we make every effort to be outdoors as much as is safely possible. This will include hiking, wading, fishing, games, crafts, and experiments, among many other things. However, during very hot or hazardous weather days we will remain inside our education center. Our camps are student-led, and campers will get the chance each morning to vote for the activities they would like to do. This often means splitting into groups based on activity.

A typical camp day schedule is below:

8:30am-9:00am: Arrival at Camp

9:00am-11:30am: Morning hike and/or outdoor activity

11:30am-12:00pm: Games and prepare for lunch by washing hands and changing clothes if necessary

12:00pm-12:45pm: Bag lunch and field games at the PWC Pavilion

12:45pm-1:15pm: Indoor cool down time (movie, craft, game)

1:15pm-2:00pm: Playground time

2:00pm-3:45pm: Afternoon hike and/or outdoor activity

3:45pm-4:00pm: Prepare to go home by washing hands and collecting backpack

4:00pm-4:30pm: Parent pick-up (same location as drop-off)

Indoor and outdoor time will vary daily based on student interest and weather. All campers will have at least ½ hour each for both lunch and recess. Outdoor activities include creek walks,

hiking, wading in the stream, science experiments, and games. Older students (Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) can expect kayak and participate in archery target shooting. Indoor activities include crafts, science experiments, and games

### **What does my child need to wear?**

Every camper will receive a camp T-shirt on his or her first day that should be worn each day of camp if possible. All campers should wear appropriate footwear for summer outdoor exploration. All camps participate in creek activities. Please have your child prepared with shoes that can get wet. Good examples of creek shoes are KEEN water shoes, old tennis shoes, crocs, or closed toe water shoes. A change of clothes and shoes/socks is strongly recommended for comfort.

### **What should I do for lunch/snack each day?**

Campers will eat lunch outside in the park each day, so please pack lunch and snacks that do not require refrigeration. Remember, some campers may be suffering from food allergies so please be considerate when packing your child's lunch.

### **What can my child expect when departing for the day?**

Camp activities end each day between 3:30pm-4:00pm and parents will be expected to pick their camper up no later than 4:30pm. Pick up will be at the side door to the PNC Center (same as drop-off). Upon arrival, Parklands staff **will check parent/guardian identification** and then inform room monitors to send your child to the check-out table outside of the PNC Center.

Please have your camper wash hands for at least 20 seconds when arriving home. A tick check, showering/bathing, as well as washing clothes and other items is recommended after arriving home each day.

## **THE EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION TEAM & CLASS SIZES**

### **Who is The Education & Programming Team? Who will be my child's counselors?**

The Education & Programming team at The Parklands is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the camp. They are full-time staff with The Parklands and are on site and available each day. The Parklands camps are taught by The Parklands Camp Counselors, Camp Coordinator, Interpretive Rangers, Assistant Director, and Director of Education. All are college students or graduates with extensive educational backgrounds in ecology, are CPR & First Aid Certified, and have completed extensive criminal background checks. All staff love the outdoors and are looking forward to working with the campers this summer.

**How large are your classes, and what are your ratios?**

All camp groups are limited to 25-30 campers. When a class reaches capacity, we will start a waiting list. Our ratios are 1:10; each class always has at least three adults per group, depending on activity and daily schedule.

**Can I stay with my child during the camp?**

For the safety of Parklands staff and campers, parents will not be allowed to stay with their child at camp. We know campers may be uneasy if this is their first camp experience so to help with this, Parents/Guardians are welcome to stay with their campers during our drop off period (8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.) as long as they stay separate from the rest of the camp group-outside.

At the start of our day, we ask that Parents/Guardians leave their campers in the care of The Education & Programming Team. Please keep in mind that all Education & Programming Team members have experience and an interest in working with children and will strive to make camp the best experience possible for your child. The Education & Programming team will call you if a concern should arise with your child.

## **CAMP POLICIES**

**What are your COVID-19 safety policies?**

We do not have any current COVID-19 policies, but we reserve the right to implement new safety policies based on the recommendations of the CDC and the state as it relates to the spread of disease.

**No Violence Policy**

The Parklands of Floyds Fork has a No Violence policy in place to keep summer campers and other park visitors safe and having fun. Failure to comply with this policy may result in your child being asked to leave camp with no refund provided. Parents will be notified if this policy is violated.

**No Phone Policy**

During Parklands Outdoor Adventure Camp, students will not be permitted to use their phones/smart watches while participating in park activities. This rule is in place for the safety and enjoyment of all campers. Studies have confirmed that being in nature, unplugged from our devices, can have profoundly positive impacts on our physical and mental health. All Parklands Camp Counselors will have access to phones and radios and can get in touch with parents any time a camper asks.

Camp Counselors reserve the right to take a phone away if this rule cannot be followed. The phone will be returned to the camper at the end of the day.

## **Allergies**

Please be sure to alert Parklands staff verbally and on the Emergency Action Form of any serious allergies your camper has that may require emergency care such as EPI Pens. If your child has a serious tree nut allergy, please be advised that while exploring the forest, it is likely that students will encounter tree nuts. We make every effort to be mindful of allergies, so please be sure to share this information with camp staff.

## **What is your cancellation/refund policy?**

Refunds will be issued in full if requested at least **14 days** prior to the start of your camp week(s). If a refund is requested under 14 days prior to the start of your camp week(s), no refund will be provided, but a credit for future camps may be possible. “No Shows” will not be issued a refund.

21<sup>st</sup> Century Parks reserves the right to cancel camp sessions without prior notice based on safety concerns at which point a full refund will be issued.

## **What is your inherent risk clause? Why do you need it?**

Because we offer camps in an outdoor setting (and nature can be unpredictable), it is important that we communicate with our camper parents/guardians about any potential risk that may occur when we are participating in activities that are outside. Our number one priority at camp is safety, and all decisions and activities are conducted with this in mind. Inherent risk clauses are common in outdoor education programs; our inherent risk clause is below:

*I \_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian name) give permission for \_\_\_\_ (my child's name) to participate in the 21st Century Parks, Inc. Camp Program at The Parklands of Floyds Fork. I understand that the child named above must follow all rules and regulations stated by 21st Century Parks, Inc. Inherent risk is associated with all outdoor activities including but not limited to hiking, biking, archery, canoeing/kayaking, wading, and fishing. All of these activities can be adversely affected by trail conditions and weather. I further agree to release and hold harmless 21st Century Parks, Inc., from any and all claims of bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, (including loss or damage to tangible property) to my child that might occur during this program.*

*We constantly strive to provide programs that respect emotional, social, intellectual and physical safety. Participants and/or guardians acknowledge their understanding of and agreement to participate in potentially unsafe programs by signing appropriate Health and Safety forms.*

## **What if my child has special needs, or requires daily medication?**

21st Century Parks, Inc. staff & volunteers are unable to administer medication to any child unless it is specifically designated by the parent/guardian on The Parklands Emergency Action Form prior to camp. This includes over the counter medicines such as ibuprofen and Tylenol. If your child requires daily medication that must be administered during camp or emergency medication such as an epinephrine pen or inhaler, you may fill out an Emergency Action Form so that Parklands staff may administer when needed or in a crisis.

Please give medication to Parklands staff in the morning upon drop off. Medication should be given in a marked bottle with the child's name and dosage information.

Please note that one-on-one care cannot be provided. You may opt to provide your child with an outside caregiver during camp (at no cost) if you wish to have your child participate in camp.

**What if my camper is absent?**

Please notify us by calling the Education office at 502-815-0274 or Camp Coordinator Ryan Hynes directly at 502-866-1008. Our Education & Programming team checks messages daily and will notify counselors in case of an absence. Refunds will not be issued for absent days.

**What is your policy in case of severe weather?**

During severe weather, camps will be held indoors in the PNC Center/Parklands Administration Building. In case of weather severe enough to cancel camp activities, The Parklands Education & Programming team will communicate with all parents by email in addition to providing closing information on our website. If severe weather is present, camp activities will be held indoors.