

JUNIOR EXPLORER CAMP

PARENT PACKET
AUDUBON ACRES



WELCOME!

Thanks for choosing Audubon Acres for summer camp this year! We are so excited to have your child join us this summer. My name is Jessica Whitehorn, the programs director here at the Chattanooga Audubon Society, and I am so looking forward to creating a week of adventure for your camper.

This year's camp theme is Reptiles/Amphibians and Mammals/Birds. Our world is full of fascinating things but we often forget that we don't have to go far to find them. This summer, your child will discover the wonder of the natural world right in their own backyard. Between hiking through the woods, meeting birds of prey, searching for creek critters, and learning how their own actions can make a difference, this will be a summer they'll always remember.

In order to ensure all of our campers have the best and safest time possible, I wanted to pass on some important information to keep in mind. If you have any additional questions after reading through this packet, please feel free to contact me using the information listed below.

CONTACT INFO

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Audubon Acres Visitors Center

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DETAILS

IMPORTANT: *We are not equipped to provide before or after care. Please ensure that you arrive at the designated drop off and pick up times. If your child will be arriving late, please let us know in advance.*

DROP OFF

- The daily drop-off time is **9:00am**. If you will be arriving later than 9:15am, please let us know in advance so we can make sure a staff member is present to check you in.
- Campers will be dropped off at the back of the parking lot. You will see a row of flags, your child will be dropped off behind them.
- Parents must park and accompany their child to check in each day. **Please verify your authorized pick-up list** if someone other than a parent will be picking up your child!

PICK UP

- The daily pick-up time is **3:00pm**. We do not provide after-care, so please make sure that someone will be present to pick up your child at the appropriate time. After **3:15** there is a \$1 per min Charge for being late.
- Parents (or designated pick-up) are required to sign out their camper each day. **Please do not leave without signing out first!** This is to ensure the safety of all of our campers.

THINGS TO BRING

- Reusable water bottle (*refill stations will be provided*)
- Lunch + snack (*meals **are not** provided—*)*
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Swimsuit
- Towel*
- Secure shoes for creek (*no flip flops or crocs!*)*
- Shoes suitable for hiking (*regular sneakers are fine*)
- Life-jacket or other PFD*
- Any required medication (*see p. 4*)

**Required*

IMPORTANT: *We'll be spending time in the creek every day, so please ensure your child has appropriate shoes to wear in the water. The creek bed is rocky, so shoes are required at all times. Please note that there is a current, so shoes must be secure (no flip flops). We recommend choosing a multi-purpose shoe like Chacos or Tevas. Regular water shoes are also acceptable.*

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

- Cell phones & other electronic devices
- Weapons of any kind
- Flip flops

*We want your child to be as immersed in camp activities as possible—and to stay safe while doing so! We spend the majority of our time outside and in the water, which makes phones and other electronics difficult to keep track of, as well as distracting from camp activities. In case of emergencies, all staff will have a phone at all times with a list of parent contact information. **For the benefit and safety of all campers, all phones will be collected and held by a counselor throughout the day and returned to the camper at pick-up.***

MEDICAL INFORMATION

- **Food Allergies:** Please do not pack any nut products for your camper's lunch or snack. If your child has a food allergy, please inform us before camp begins so we can be aware throughout the week.
- **If your child will be taking any prescription or OTC medications while at camp,** you must provide a signed physicians note with detailed instructions prior to camp begins. Medication **MUST** be in a clearly labeled bag and given to camp staff at check-in.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

A staff member with CPR and First Aid certification will be present at all time and carrying a fully stocked first aid kit. We will handle any minor injuries during camp, and inform you of any minor scrapes and bruises at pick-up. If a serious injury occurs, we will notify the primary parent/guardian first. If the primary guardian cannot be reached, we will go through the authorized emergency list. If no contact can be made, we will make arrangements to transport your child to the nearest medical care facility and secure necessary treatment for your child.

If you need to contact us for emergency reasons, please call the Audubon Acres Visitors Center and they will relay the message quickly.

SEE YOU SOON!

We can't wait to begin our adventure with your child at Junior Explorer Camp this summer. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jessica Whitehorn at jwhitehorn@chattaudubon.org. See you soon!

