

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the themes each week?

- Visit the EnviroVentures Summer of STEAM page on the Piedmont Park Conservancy website for the most up to date information.

What is a typical day?

- Experiential learning and active exploration
- Themed games and activities
- Science labs and other fun learning opportunities
- Art projects

What should my child wear?

Participants should wear weather-appropriate “play” clothes each day. Sturdy, close toed shoes are preferable. Sandals are hard to run and play in!

Will my child need a water bottle?

Yes! We spend as much time outdoors as possible so water bottles are absolutely necessary. Please send your child with a full bottle to start the day. There are many opportunities throughout the day to refill bottles.

What about days when it rains?

If there is lightning or thunder, we will remain inside our main building. We work to adapt our activities for indoors or engage participants in our rainy day activities. If there is light rain, we will still go outside. If the forecast looks rainy, we encourage you to send your child with a raincoat or a poncho to keep them dry if we end up outside in the rain.

What about days when it is really hot?

We take our participants safety and hydration very seriously and work especially hard to ensure that they stay hydrated and cool on these hot days. As we move through our activities, staff ensures we all take breaks and stay in the shade as much as possible. We encourage everyone to wear hats and anything else that would help them to stay cool during the day. We remind our participants to drink water every 15 minutes throughout the day.

Will my child need to bring a snack or lunch?

Yes, participants need to a morning snack and every day. Children who bring a lunch will be able to eat their lunch beginning at 12 when carpool starts. Children staying for the afternoon fitness session must bring a lunch to eat. An afternoon snack is also recommended for children staying for the afternoon fitness session.

Please **pack in a reusable**, but appropriate container, i.e. an insulated bag, as there is no space to refrigerate snacks or lunches and no access to a microwave. Please label all snack and lunch bags and accessories.

Who are the program staff?

- Our program staff is a dynamic team of full time educators and childcare professionals chosen based on their educational backgrounds and experience working with kids.
- All staff are at least 18 years of age and have passed criminal background checks.
- All staff are both CPR and First Aid certified.

Can my child be in the same group as his/her friend?

- Due to the small program size of 20 participants per week in 2021, all children are together for much of the day
- For some activities and content delivery, children will be placed in groups with similarly aged children

What do I do with my child's medication?

- All necessary medications including over the counter medicines and inhalers must be given to a staff member during check in daily.
- Please send only the amount of medication needed for that day with detailed instructions, along with the child's full name.
- We recommend using a small, labeled zip lock bag, which we will return at the end of the day.
- Do not send medication with the child; for the safety and security of all learners communication about medication is essential.
- If your child has severe allergies or conditions that require special attention, please contact us to ensure we are meeting all of your child's needs.

Can parents visit during program hours?

Due to current COVID-19 guidelines, parents and other visitors are not permitted to visit during program hours. We can arrange an early pick-up if needed but must limit the visitors to the program per the current guidelines issued by the State of Georgia and other organizations.

My child has a sibling who is too young/old for the program. Can they participate?

According to Georgia Department of Early Learning regulations, our learners must be 5 years old by the program start date. We do not take children who are younger than the minimum age for our program, even with older siblings enrolled. We do this to ensure that all participants get the most out of their experience with us. Our activities are designed with our selected age group in mind (5-10), and we are dedicated to giving all learners their attention.

Have a learner older than 10? They can apply for our **Park Leadership Team**. Email lharris@pedmontpark.org to learn more.