

EnviroVentures Summer Camp Frequently Asked Questions

What is a typical day of camp like?

- Piedmont Park exploration
- Swimming at our Aquatic Center
- Outdoor sports and activities
- Science labs, and other fun learning opportunities
- Arts and Crafts projects
- Special programs weekly such as Wheels Friday, and more!

Who are the camp counselors?

Our counselors are a team of educators and childcare professionals chosen based on their educational backgrounds and experience working with kids.

All Counselors are at least 18 years of age and have passed criminal background checks. All Counselors are both CPR and First Aid certified.

How are the campers grouped?

Campers are placed in groups with similarly aged kids. Campers are organized into groups of 20 with 2 counselors to maintain a 1:10 counselor to camper ratio. Our youngest group has an additional counselor, changing the ratio to 1 counselor to every 7 campers.

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

Prior to the first day of camp we can **try** to place friends together in the same group if they are similar ages. Please be sure to note your special requests in the specified field during online registration. Please limit your request to no more than 2 campers that your camper would like to be grouped with. **With or without notice, we cannot guarantee that campers will be in the same group as his/her friends. We cannot adjust camper groups after each camp session begins.** All camper groups are together for much of the day including: swimming, lunch, free play and our end of day activities.

What should my camper wear?

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

Will my camper need to bring a lunch?

Yes, campers need to bring a lunch, a water bottle and two snacks every day. Please **pack in a reusable**, but appropriate container, i.e. an insulated bag, as there is no space to refrigerate lunches and campers will have no access to a microwave. Please label all lunch bags and accessories.

Will my camper 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 is really hot?

When there is a heat Index of 100 or above, (90 degrees/60% humidity) the National Weather Service will issue a heat advisory. When this happens, we take extra precautions to ensure that our campers and staff are not placed at risk for heat related illnesses or conditions. We modify activities so that there are no strenuous physical outdoor games, and our outdoor activities are shortened, take place in shade, and are followed by an indoor cooling period. We will also move activities indoors when appropriate. We take water breaks every 10-15 minutes. Additionally, please make sure your child is wearing sun protection (hat and sunscreen), and that they are drinking enough water at home before and after camp.

When campers are outside, our Camp Supervisors drive our golf cart to each camper group and help campers refill their water bottles with ice water from our large coolers. They also provide each camper with paper towels that have been dipped in ice water and have ice cubes wrapped inside. We take our campers' safety and hydration very seriously and work especially hard to ensure that they stay hydrated and cool on these hot days.

What about days when it rains?

If there is lightning or thunder, we bring all of our campers inside to our main camp building. We work to adapt our activities for indoors or engage campers in our rainy day activities. If there is light rain, we will still go outside. If the forecast looks rainy, campers are encouraged to bring a raincoat or a poncho to keep them dry if we end up outside in the rain.

What do I do with my child's medication?

Please complete the following linked [Authorization to Dispense Medication form](#) if you will be sending medication with your child to be administered at camp. **The completed printed form must accompany the medication to camp.** All necessary medications including over the counter medicines and inhalers must be given to a staff member during check in daily. Please do not send medication with the child; for the safety and security of all campers communication about medication is essential. 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. If your child has severe allergies or conditions that require special attention, please contact us prior to camp to ensure we are meeting all of your child's needs.

Can parents visit during camp hours?

If parents are interested in visiting during camp hours, please contact the Camp Office to set up an appointment. Visitation is limited and can only be approved and led by the program manager. Visitation can be arranged during lunch, however we prefer to keep active times and swim time campers and staff only to prevent any unnecessary confusion.

When do campers swim?

Campers swim every day, between the hours of 10:00 and noon. Please send swimming gear daily with campers including a suit, fresh towel and a bag to tote. Since we swim early in the day, many campers come to camp already dressed in their swimsuits to avoid having to change into their suits before swimming. Swimming may be canceled in case of inclement weather or unexpected pool closings.

What are Wheels Fridays?

Wheels Fridays are a tradition at Piedmont Park Conservancy's day camp programs. Counselors lead kids in the Park to enjoy the Park on their wheels! Fridays Only! Campers must bring their own wheels, which may include bicycles, scooters, skateboards, inline and roller skates. No motorized vehicles allowed. If you are unsure about the appropriateness of your wheels check with the Camp Director before Friday. Helmets are required to participate in Wheels Friday; other safety equipment including knee and elbow pads are recommended, but not required. Please label all items with first and last name. All wheels and accessories must go home at the end of the day Friday. Be sure to plan ahead to make extra room for your camper's wheels. No camper is required to bring wheels. If he or she does not wish to, or does not have access we will have concurrent activities including hula hooping, jump rope and sidewalk chalk. PPC is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items.

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

According to Georgia Department of Early Learning regulations, our campers 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 at camp. Our activities are designed with our selected age group in mind (5-10), and our counselors are dedicated to giving all campers their attention. We require all campers to be toilet trained and able to change their own clothing (for swim time).