



# WELCOME TO WAUHATCHIE FOREST SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Welcome to Summer Camp! This booklet provides camp families with all the important information needed to ensure a successful experience at forest camp.

We are always glad to answer any further questions and are looking forward to a fantastic summer exploring in the woods!

Sincerely,

**Amanda Martin** - Head of School





## THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP

Some children eagerly look forward to camp, while others can be more apprehensive. This may certainly be true after the pandemic, as many children had disrupted routines and school schedules. You can help your child prepare for the first day by going over their opening day schedule before camp begins (e.g. “I’ll bring you to camp and then at the end of the day I’ll see you!).

### *Quail Run Farm*

1345 BIRMINGHAM HIGHWAY  
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419

### *Audubon Acres*

900 N. SANCTUARY ROAD  
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37421

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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***Director of Admissions***

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Email is the best way to reach our staff outside of camp hours. If you need to let us know about an absence, etc. please call or text the school phone in the morning. Please be aware that we do not respond to school-related texts after school hours. Please email any concerns and we will get back to you the next school day. If you have an immediate concern during the school day, please call and we will either answer or call you back as soon as possible.



## **PARKING:**

Campers may be parked and walked up the first day of camp, but will follow regular drop off protocol the following days. Click here to see your campuses parking map

[Audubon Acres Parking Map](#)

[Quail Run Parking Map](#)

## **DROP OFF PROTOCOLS:**

After the first day, we ask that you bring your child to class, and quickly get them out of the car. A camp counselor will be there to invite your student to the Forest Explorers group and this quick drop off will allow us to maximize our summer camp schedule.

## **ABSENCES AND TARDIES:**

Please let us know by calling or emailing your plans for the day as soon as possible in advance .

## **SNACK AND LUNCH:**

Please plan to send a healthy snack and a lunch with your child each day. Please pack food that is weather friendly (on ice, thermos for hot soup, etc). We do not have space for warming food. Please do not pack “sometimes” foods such as candy or sugar beverages. Our days are very active so protein rich foods and often more quantity than an at home day can be helpful.

**Allergy Notes :** We will update families if we have students with food allergies.

## **DROP OFF & PICK UP:**

- **8:30** Forest Explorers Drop Off
- **9:00** Junior Forest Explorers Drop Off
- **1:00** Junior Forest Explorers Pick Up
- **2:30** Forest Explorers Pick Up

## CLOTHING/GEAR:

Students are involved in activities that require jumping, running, climbing, etc. Mud boots, sneakers, or other closed-toed shoes are generally recommended as we will be outside and there is often water and mud. Kids will also need to be prepared for inclement weather with rain gear packed in their back pack. Sunscreen and bug spray should be provided as necessary.

At camp, children will be painting, using markers, glue, and other “messy” stuff. Please select clothing that is both comfortable and appropriate for these activities. Please be sure to **send in an extra set of clothing for your child in a labeled bag.**

### WHAT TO WEAR

- Sunhat
- Rain boots (required for bugs, ticks, and poison ivy)
- Quick dry pants or shorts and top (no cotton or denim)
- Pre-applied Sunscreen
- Pre-applied bug spray or repellent

### WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Smiles
- Backpack with external water bottle pocket
- Hand Sanitizer (optional)
- Labeled change of clothes
- Rain jacket
- Rain pants
- Change of clothes (no denim or cotton)
- Tennis Shoes/ Close toed water shoes
- Bandana (optional)
- Sunscreen
- Bug repellent (preferably no DEET)
- Water bottle with name on it
- Snack—please pack a healthy snack
- Healthy lunch



## WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Clothes and shoes that you don't want to get dirty
- Toys
- Personal knives or tools
- Candy

\*\* Please put child's name on all items:

### BIRTHDAYS:

If you would like to send in a birthday treat with your child, please coordinate this with Kaitlyn ahead of time.

### DONATIONS:

Donations are always greatly appreciated. Our [Grow Fund](#) aims to provide a forest school experience for *all* children regardless of income.

### TUITION/PAYMENTS:

All camp payments must be paid in full upon registration and are non-refundable.





# THE WAUHATCHIE WAY

## PROGRAM GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

At Wauhatchie Forest School, we celebrate the uniqueness in all creation and recognize the richness that diversity offers. We strive to cultivate an environment that encourages everyone to be their authentic self - safely and respectfully - so we all may benefit. The following goals and expectations apply to both our academic and summer camp ethos.

### THE THREE RULES OF THE FOREST:

#### **BE KIND TO YOURSELF, BE KIND TO OTHERS, AND BE KIND TO NATURE**

- Provide young children the time, space and play to develop their fullest potential
- Provide opportunities for all activities to be child-initiated and child-led, with adults acting as facilitators
- Provide individual attention with small teacher to child ratios
- Build children's on-going relationship with the land, to one another, and to themselves
- Provide opportunities to work collaboratively to create, problem solve, support one another, dream of a bigger and better world
- Encourage healthy habits and lifestyles
- Facilitate children's risk-taking, made as safe as is reasonably possible
- Increase motivation, self-esteem and concentration
- Develop respect for the natural world and also respect for its dangers
- Stimulate children's innate curiosity by being close to nature
- Encourage family involvement in nature-related learning on site and at their homes
- Instill a sense of respect for the natural world through sustainable practices such as 'Leave No Trace' and 'Pack In, Pack Out' both inside and outside of the Wauhatchie Forest

