

Camp Kingfisher Summer 2021

Parent Packet & Camper Guidelines



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Dear Camp Kingfisher Families,

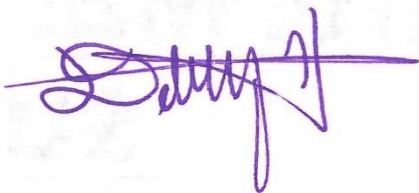
Welcome to the 2021 Camp K family! If you have attended Camp Kingfisher before, welcome back! If this is your family's first experience with us, welcome! We are honored that you have trusted us to be part of your family's summer experience, especially since there are so many options and so little time! We are looking forward to getting to know our new campers and seeing how much our returners have grown over the year.

There is a lot to know about summer camp and this packet will introduce you to Camp Kingfisher and help you prepare for camp as best as possible. Camp Kingfisher is taking COVID-19 seriously and is taking guidance from the American Camp Association, as well as the CDC and Georgia's Bright From the Start, therefore please be on the lookout for emails from us as this summer approaches for the most up-to-date modifications on our programs. Additionally, if you have specific questions about COVID-19 and camp, please check out the FAQ on our website. If you cannot find the answer to your questions in this packet or on the COVID FAQ page, please do not hesitate to give us a call or send us an email. We want all our families to feel comfortable and excited about coming to camp!

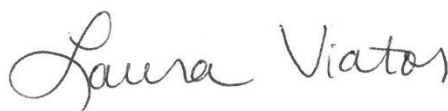
Here are our top 5 suggestions:

1. Label everything.
2. Wear clothes that can get dirty and shoes that cover your toes.
3. Don't forget your swimsuit and towel if you want to swim. We also recommend packing a change of dry clothes.
4. Leave toys, phones, and electronics at home.
5. Get ready to have fun at camp!

We can't wait to see you this summer,



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Camp Director



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Camp Kingfisher Policies

Changes and Cancellations Policy

- 1. Customer-initiated cancellation:** All cancellation requests must be emailed to kingfisher@chattnaturecenter.org at least 10 business days before the session start date. Cancellation requests that are not made via email will not be honored. Please read below for more information, and be sure to carefully check your camper's session dates and group before submitting any registrations.
 - Any cancellation emailed before April 15th will be refunded less a 15% cancellation fee.
 - Any cancellation emailed after April 15th will be refunded less a 30% cancellation fee.
 - Any cancellation emailed LESS than 10 business days before the session start date will not be refunded.
- 2. Camp Kingfisher-initiated cancellation:** When possible, families will receive a minimum of 4 weeks' notice of any change or cancellation in camp sessions.
 - Should Camp Kingfisher deem it necessary to cancel a camp session, families will receive a full refund. You also may choose to donate a portion of your camp session to Camp Kingfisher. You will receive an acknowledgement notice of any donation you choose to make.
 - Refunds are issued to the original form of payment. We may need to call you for credit card information to fully process your refund.

Illnesses and Medication Policy

1. If a camper's illness causes them to miss 3 or more days of camp in one week, they may make up the days in a later available week. A doctor's note is required to receive a Sick Day Credit. The remainder of the session must be purchased at a prorated rate. Sick Day Credits are valid until the end of the following camp season (2021 credits are valid through August 2022).
2. Camp Kingfisher does not employ a registered nurse. All camp staff are First Aid, CPR, and EpiPen certified.
 - Campers with emergency medications, such as an EpiPen or inhaler, must carry their medication on their person while attending camp. Action plans and medication instructions are required to be on file with camp administration. We recommend sending medication in a small bag or fanny pack that can be easily carried.
 - If a camper needs medication that is administered regularly, it should be given to camp administration with the child's name, medication name, and clear instructions. It will be stored in a secure location in the camp office.

Owl Groups

Campers are divided based on their Fall 2021 grade level. Programs are customized to fit these grade levels and group ratios vary by Owl Group.

Owlets*: 4-year-olds

- Must be 4 years old by session start
- 1 counselor : 5 campers
- 10 campers per group

Screech Owls: rising K / 1st grades

- Must be 5 years old by session start
- 1 counselor : 6 campers
- 18 campers per group

Barn Owls: rising 2nd / 3rd grades

- 1 counselor : 9 campers
- 18 campers per group

Barred Owls: rising 4th / 5th grades

- 1 counselor : 9 campers
- 9 or 18 campers per group

Great Horned Owls: rising 6th / 7th grades

- 1 counselor : 10 campers
- 20 campers per group

Travel Program*: rising 8th / 9th grades

- 1 counselor : 5 campers
- 10 campers per group

*Please see the [Owlets](#) and/or [Travel](#) Camp sections for more information about these programs.

First Day of Camp: What to Know

- **Forms:** The following items are required to be on file before you attend camp. If we are missing either your Camper Information or immunization records, you will be required to complete them before entering the carpool line. Please note, we **MUST** have current immunization records or exemption documentation before your child can participate in Camp Kingfisher.
 - o [Camper Information Form](#) (Google form)
 - o Current immunization records
 - If you attended in 2020, this is already on file
 - Email records to campforms@chattnaturecenter.org
- **Before Camp Email:** a few days before the first day of your camp session, we will email a digital pick-up pass and the schedules for the following week.
- **Camper Updates:** if you need to make any updates to your camper information after you've registered and completed the Camper Information form, please email kingfisher@chattnaturecenter.org and I will make any changes necessary.
 - o **BUDDY REQUESTS:** You may request to be paired with one or two other campers on your camper profile before you register, or on your camper information form. If you have already submitted your camper information form, please email kingfisher@chattnaturecenter.org to add a buddy. We will do our best, but cannot guarantee that campers will be paired together. Please note the following restrictions:
 - We must receive requests at least two weeks before your session starts
 - Campers must be registered for the same owl group and session
 - 1-week session campers and 2-week session campers cannot be grouped together due to the nature of the programs

Drop Off and Pick Up

Drop Off: 8:00 – 8:50 am

Drop off will be carpool-style. Only camp participants are allowed to exit their vehicle.

If you need extra time for goodbyes or getting ready, please park in a space in the lot before entering the carpool line.

Adults will be asked screening questions and camper temperatures will be taken before camper(s) can exit their vehicle. Temperatures must be under 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit for campers to participate.

Campers will be required to have their mask on before entering the building. We have disposable masks available, if needed. Campers will also receive hand sanitizer before After the first day, campers may be escorted in by an adult or dropped off by the double doors and check in themselves in the gym.

Pick Up: 4:00 – 4:30 pm

Pick up will also be carpool-style and one of the following is required to check out campers:

1. A physical pick up pass (given out during Monday drop off)
2. A digital pick up pass (emailed to primary contact email before camp begins)
3. A photo ID that matches one of the authorized primary, secondary, emergency, or pick up contacts (originally set up during registration, may be updated before camp)

If someone else is picking up your camper, we recommend texting a picture of the physical pass or forwarding the digital pass to your authorized pick up person.

Late Drop Offs and Early Pick Ups: If you need to drop off late or pick up early, please let us know in advance by telling check in staff, emailing the camp office, or calling the camp cell phone. When you arrive at camp to drop off or pick up, please pull into a camp space (in the drop off zone) and call the camp cell phone. A staff member will either come out to your vehicle to check your camper in and escort them to their group, or retrieve your camper and bring them to your vehicle.

There are NO unscheduled pick-ups between 3:30 and 4:00 pm.

What to Bring

Necessities (LABEL EVERYTHING):

- **Water Bottle** (reusable, with water only)
- **Comfortable clothing** that is appropriate for hot weather, outdoors, and water activities
- **Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes:** tennis shoes, sneakers, hiking shoes, etc.
- **Lunch and 2 snacks** (packed separately and labeled)
- **Swimsuit and towel**

Extras:

- Change of clothes (your camper may get wet / dirty)
- Sunscreen, if needed; we will apply two or three times daily
- Rain jacket, if rain is forecast

Water, Water, Everywhere!

It is extremely important that campers have water at camp. Campers without water will be required to purchase a reusable Camp Kingfisher water bottle for \$5.00.





Leave at Home (Do Not Bring to Camp):

- Bug spray – you may apply before coming, but we do not reapply
- Toys, electronics, trading cards, phones, and/or money are not permitted and may be confiscated
- Valuables – we cannot replace lost or stolen items

Lost and Found

Camp Kingfisher cannot be held responsible for lost items. Please help your camper(s) take responsibility for belongings, do not bring valuables to camp, and

LABEL EVERYTHING!

We try to match labeled items to campers and will have a Lost and Found table set up during pick up every Friday. Lost and Found items are held in the camp office for two weeks after each session before being donated to charity.

Swimming

All groups swim daily in our Junior Olympic sized pool (3ft. to 12ft., with a rope divider)

2 American Red Cross certified lifeguards are on the pool deck, with counselors stationed in the water and on the pool deck.

Swim Level Check: available to Barn, Barred, and Great Horned Owl campers who wish to swim in the deep end (5 ft. to 12 ft.). On the first day of the session, campers swim the width of the pool without stopping or touching, and tread water for 60 seconds.

Campers who choose not to swim will have limited self-directed activities in the shade.

If your child requires a floatation device to swim, they must bring it with them.

Canoeing

Canoeing takes place on Kingfisher, Beaver, and Heron Ponds and is led by certified canoe instructors.

All campers and staff wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) on the docks and ponds.

Screech and Barn Owls canoe 2x per week with an adult or teen supervisor in the boat.

Barred Owls canoe 3x per week with staff supervising from boats.

Great Horned Owls canoe 3-4x per week and have a river trip during their second week. Staff supervise from boats.

Overnight Opportunities

Barred Owl and Great Horned Owl campers attending 2-week sessions
(BDO: 2A / 2B / 2C / 2D / Art 2D)
(GHO: 2A / 2B / 2C / 2D / Survival 2B / Survival 2C / Survival 2D)
will have the opportunity to experience Camp Kingfisher at night! This experience is optional. Campers may only attend the overnight during the session they are enrolled for.

More information will be given out during your session.

Tentative Dates:
Wednesday, June 16th
Wednesday, June 30th
Wednesday, July 14th
Wednesday, July 28^t



Camper Expectations

We want every camper to have an unforgettable, fun-filled experience at Camp Kingfisher. In order to succeed with this, we have established expectations that must be followed by all campers. Please make sure your child is familiar with these expectations before coming to camp. These expectations also extend to the internet and social media.

<p>Respect Yourself:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drink water and always bring your water bottle - Try your best and believe in yourself - Let a counselor know when you need help - It's okay to make mistakes and learn from them 	<p>Respect Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep yourself to yourself (no violence) - Speak kindly (no disrespectful language) - Bullying of any kind (including online) is not tolerated
<p>Respect Nature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Observe, but do not bother, living things (use eyes, not hands, sticks, etc.) - Explore and learn without disturbing habitats - Stay on the trails 	<p>Respect Camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listen to your counselors, lifeguards, and all instructors and follow their instructions - Walk in the gym and at the pool - Take only what you need

Pool Rules: The pool is an area of camp with an increased potential for fun, as well as injury. It is important for all campers to abide by the following rules when using the pool and locker rooms:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listen to lifeguards and counselors at all times - Walking only - No horseplay (wrestling, chasing, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No teasing, bullying, or name calling - Leave your things in a cubby, not on the ground - Change and exit the locker rooms without playing
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When campers have difficulty meeting expectations, we will help them get back on track by:

1. Reminders and Positive Feedback – counselors will help campers remember what is expected of them and give positive feedback for good choices.
2. Discussion of Consequences – when expectations are regularly not met, we explain the consequences of each camper's choices and give them another opportunity to succeed.
3. Removal From Group – a camper who continuously is not meeting expectations is removed from the group for a short time. This time is supervised by a staff member in a designated spot.
4. Administrative Attention – continuous issues are brought to the attention of an administrator. If an administrator intervenes you will be notified at pick-up or via phone call. Administrators at camp include the Director, Coordinator, Registrar, and Head Counselors.
5. Parent Conference – if behavior does not change, the camper, parents, counselor, and administrator will meet to discuss solutions.
6. Contract – in rare cases that behavior still does not change, the camper, parents, counselor, and administrator will develop a behavioral contract.
7. Dismissal From Camp – if a behavioral contract is broken, the camper will be asked to leave camp and return the following summer, making new and better choices.

If you have questions about our behavioral strategies, please contact our Camp Director, Debby Head, by phone: 770-992-2055 ext.232 or email: camp@chattnaturecenter.org.



Lunch

Please Keep In Mind:

- Lunches are stored indoors, in the air conditioned gym, but not refrigerated.
- Campers do not have access to a microwave.
- Please pack any necessary eating utensils – Camp Kingfisher does not provide silverware.

At Camp Kingfisher, we encourage campers to be friends of the earth, and we like to recognize campers who bring “low impact” lunches throughout the week. Our goal is to have as little trash as possible, and we appreciate any effort your family makes to reduce waste at camp.

Low Impact ☺

- Reusable lunch box
- Reusable storage containers
- Reusable silverware (if necessary)
- Recyclable containers (plastics #1-7, aluminum, and steel)
- Cloth or paper napkins
- Compostable food scraps (apple cores, banana peels, etc.)

High Impact

- Lunchables containers
- Plastic wrappers from pre-packaged chips, granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.
- Plastic containers without a labeled # or recycle symbol

Please remember: Low Impact Lunch should be encouraging, not stressful!

Birthdays

If your child’s birthday falls on a camp day, we will celebrate with them!

If you would like to bring birthday treats, please check with your counselors regarding any allergies or food restrictions in your group.

Dress Up Days

We celebrate the end of the week with the opportunity to dress up. Participation is optional and at your child’s comfort level. Please ensure outfits are weather appropriate and can get dirty. Please do not send props or cover your child’s face.

- Fri, June 4 (Wk 1): Nature Day
- Fri, June 11 (Wk 2): Future Day
- Fri, June 18 (Wk 3): Team / Sports Day
- Fri, June 25 (Wk 4): Crazy Head to Toe Day
- Fri, July 2 (Wk 5): Dr. Seuss Day
- Fri, July 9 (Wk 6): Superhero Day
- Fri, July 16 (Wk 7): Pajama Day
- Fri, July 23 (Wk 8): All One Color Day
- Fri, July 30 (Wk 9): Tie-Dye Day



Owlets

Owlets is a half-day program for 4-year-old campers. Hours are 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Extended care is not available. Groups of 10 campers and 2 counselors will explore nature, hike, swim at the pool, play games, and make crafts. There is no canoeing for Owlets.

Owlets meet in the Owl's Nest, inside the main camp building. Follow signs for Camp and turn left down the first hallway. The Nest is the first room on the right.

First Day of Camp

- Owlet Camp runs from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.
- Please escort your camper to check in at the Owl's Nest.
- You will be able to meet your counselors and receive a schedule, t-shirt (during your first session), and Pick-up Pass.

Drop Off and Pick Up

- Campers can be escorted in at 8:30.
- Owlets head to the pool at 8:45. Please send your camper already wearing their swimsuit.
- Pick Up is 12:20 – 12:30 in the Nest. A Pick-up Pass or photo ID is required to check out your camper.

More information will be emailed the week before your session.

Travel Program

Travel Program is an adventure camp for rising 8th and 9th graders. Groups of 10 campers and 2 counselors spend two weeks exploring our state and having unique outdoor experiences. Drop off and pick up times vary depending on the scheduled activity.

Travel Program meets at Heron Pond Pavilion each day, **except** the first day of the session. The Pavilion is up the gravel road on the left side of the CNC driveway.

First Day of Camp

- Please escort your camper to check in in the Double Classroom of the main building. The Check-In Specialist will point you in the right direction.
- Please verify your contact information, sign additional trip waivers, and receive a free t-shirt.
- Travel Program will meet at Heron Pond Pavilion for the remainder of the session.

Drop Off and Pick Up

- Departure times vary, please make sure to check your schedule and be on time. We cannot wait for late campers. If your child will be late or absent, please contact the Travel Program counselors.
- Pick up will be at Heron Pond Pavilion until 4:30. After 4:30, campers will go to the gym for aftercare. Trips arriving after 4:30 will go directly to the gym.

More information, schedules, trip details, and a packing list will be emailed the week before your session.

Off-site Overnight Tentative Schedule:

- Monday, June 14th
- Monday, June 28th
- Monday, July 12th
- Monday, July 26th