



CAMP ACTIVITIES

Campers have the same 6 activities each day for the week they attend. They will have 4 activities in the morning with Free Swim and Just For Fun for the 2 afternoon activities. If your camper is attending more than one session they will work with the Activities Director to choose different activities for their additional week.

Animal Care and Nature Studies - Animals and nature work hand in hand. Animals need lots of grooming and petting, and that's just what we are here to do. Our Petting Zoo has an assortment of animals that need our attention. In this activity, campers learn about the different animals and the plants to feed them, and how to properly care for them both. We will play games that teach us about the farm ecosystem and animal care. **Closed-toed shoes are required.**

Arts & Crafts - Tye-dyed t-shirts, leather crafts, ceramics, friendship bracelets, and painting are just a few of the possible projects campers will create. Each camper will have completed projects to bring home.

Archery - Safely learn to use bows & arrows for target shooting. We practice target shooting at different distances, and sometimes shooting at different targets!

Boating - Learn and practice entering and exiting a kayak as well as the different strokes used to steer them. Campers also practice these skills while playing games in the kayaks.

Camping Skills - Campers learn and practice setting up tents, building fires, using a compass, hiking, & packing for trips. They will also be introduced to some basic first aid. Campers may have a camping trip at the end of the week to use their new skills.

Cooperative Field Games – If you love outdoor group activities, you will love this activity. You will learn and practice the fundamentals of many different team activities like playing Frisbee/Disc Golf, kickball, soccer, and more. Teamwork and good sportsmanship will be stressed while keeping the emphasis on having fun.

Dance & Music - This activity incorporates two great past times. Campers will learn to keep a beat while exploring some fun dance moves. Through singing, musical instruments, and dance, campers can enjoy a fuller experience. They might have the opportunity to perform what they have learned at the talent show.

Drama, Film & Photo Journalism - Express yourself through role-playing, acting out social stories, dressing up as different characters, or learning the basics of photography and journalism. Campers have the opportunity to write their own scripts or camp newsletter with the help of the counselors. They may present skills learned in the talent show through either a movie/play/or puppet show.

Fishing - Time to practice our skills for catching the big fish. Learning to bait a hook, study different ways to fish, as well as becoming familiar with the equipment used in fishing. We learn about fish and different baits to know which one attracts which fish.

GiddyUp! - an Equine assisted activity providing an educational and recreational treasured experience. Helmets are provided however if your child has a helmet, feel free to bring it with you. **Campers must wear pants and boots or sturdy closed-toed shoes for this activity.**

Nova - This activity is all about learning and having fun while you are doing it! This activity varies from year to year but campers could be participating in hands-on science experiments, earth science lessons, or weather studies. Each week different hands-on learning activities will be enjoyed!

Riflery - We will learn how to safely handle a rifle for target shooting. We will learn to shoot from a sitting, standing, and prone position. The activity is led by a certified instructor. Goggles and ear protection are worn at all times.

Skeet Shooting - (**Teen Session**) Using shotguns, participants attempt to break clay targets mechanically flung into the air from a fixed station. At Charis Hills, **Riflery** is a prerequisite for this activity.

Snorkeling - (**Teen Session**) This activity is designed for advanced swimmers. Learn to use the mask, snorkel & fins correctly, and look for cool stuff in the lake.

Afternoon Activities (all campers have these two activities for Activities 4 & 5)

Free Swim - An afternoon activity in which campers are allowed to freely swim and utilize Neptune's Island, the water trampoline, and the floating dock in the lake. Campers use a buddy system and lifeguards will be actively on duty during this activity. Campers in Free Swim will wear life jackets.

Just For Fun - Wow! This is an activity designed just to have fun. Each day this activity will look different and include: water games, team games, dancing, fitness, geocaching, Charm School in a Tea Cup, Chivalry Hour, or any fun thing the counselors and campers come up for that week!

Evening Activities

Our Evening Activities vary each day. One night campers could participate in water games, another night it could be a carnival or a group game. No matter what the activity, campers will have loads of fun.