



Camp Earth Connection
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Camp Earth Connection's staff are looking forward to great summer with your children this year. We are excited to offer 4 weeks of Camp Programs: Carpentry Camp for Girls, Mountain Biking Camp for Girls, Project RISE (Resilience in Spite of Everything) and Village Camp. Please read the following information thoroughly in order to assist you and your child/children in making their summer camp experience a memorable one.

CAMP HOURS: The camp program runs from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Campers may be dropped off at the camp between 8:30am and 9am each morning, and picked up between 4:30pm and 5:00pm. Directions to the Hammond Hill Camp are included in this letter. There will be bus transportation available for Village Camp and Project RISE. For Girls Carpentry Camp and Mountain Biking Camp we are willing to work with parents to assist in making car pool arrangements.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACTS – Unless it is an emergency please try to contact Directors' during camp hours. You will be provided with another additional emergency phone number before the camp begins. You can reach Camp Earth Connection at (607)844-3178 or by e-mail at campearthconnection@gmail.com

ATTENDANCE: Parents/Guardians should always call the camp if their child will not be attending that day.

PICKING UP CAMPERS – Please be sure to list the names of all people who are allowed to pick up your child on the Medical History and Permission Form included in this mailing. For the protection of all campers only the people listed on this form will be allowed to pick up your child. Please introduce yourself or have the person picking up your child introduce themselves to the staff. If someone who is not on the list needs to pick up your child, please send a note and call the camp office so we have this information.

LUNCH AND SNACKS – Camp Earth Connection will provide two healthy snacks daily to all campers. In addition campers will assist in preparing their own lunch. Snacks and Meals will consist of fresh vegetables, fruits, kids will prepare their own sandwiches, or a simple meal such as rice & beans. Campers are welcome to bring their own lunches but we encourage them to compost and recycle, so please try to keep "throw away" materials to a minimum. Please make sure not to send items which need refrigeration, as we do not have refrigeration room for individual's lunches. Please send your child with a full water bottle with their name on it. This will assist us in ensuring that children drink enough water during these hot summer days.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP EARTH CONNECTIONS from Ithaca, NY –From Rte 13 -go East past NYSEG approximately 2 miles, make a right on Irish Settlement Road -as your driving up Irish Settlement a few hundred feet it will bend left and then a sharp right and begin to go up a steep hill. Drive a total of 3.4 miles and on your left will be Hammond Hill Rd. Follow Hammond Hill Rd. for .3 miles, the road will split, bear to the right and continue on another .2 miles. You will see a large gravel parking lot on the right. The camp is just ahead. From Rte 79 -from Ithaca go approx. 8 miles toward South-East towards Caroline, make a left on to Midline Rd., stay on Midline Rd for 2.5 miles -it will split -bear to the right and you will be on Irish Settlement Rd. Continue 1.7 miles and make a right on to Hammond Hill Rd. Follow Hammond Hill Rd. for .3 miles, the road will split, bear to the right and continue on another .2 miles. You will see a large gravel parking lot on the right. The camp is just ahead.

ENROLLMENT -Registration is limited as described in each program description. Registrants will be accepted on a first come first serve basis this summer.

PHOTO RELEASE FORMS – We do take photographs of campers involved with our activities for a camp photo album. At times we look for good photos to use in our brochures, web page or for publicity of our programs. If you do not want us to use a picture that has your child in it, please make note of that on the photo release section on the medical history form.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES – For the camper's comfort, you may want to send a complete change of clothes in a waterproof bag on the first day of camp. Names should be written on all clothing in order to avoid misplacing them. Although there is not swimming at Hammond Hill, campers will have opportunities to get cooled off when it gets hot, through stream hikes and other activities.

LYME DISEASE – Lyme disease has been diagnosed in people living in Tompkins County. It is an infection that can produce skin, arthritic, cardiac and neurological symptoms. Lyme Disease is caused by a bacterium that is spread by a bite of the deer tick, which can be found in almost any outdoor location with vegetation. While we teach campers necessary precautions to reduce the chance of tick bites, any activity "off the pavement" may bring people in contact with ticks. We encourage you to be sure to report any tick bite or unusual rash to the Camp Director and your child's doctor. Lyme disease is relatively minor problem if caught and treated early.

PAYMENTS/CANCELLATIONS/CHANGES/REFUNDS – Check or money order payments can be made by mail. Credit Card payments must be made on-line through our web-page using our Paypal secure account. Cancellations or changes made up to 15 days prior to the start of the camp session will receive a full refund minus a \$50 dollar administrative fee. Cancellations made between 1 & 2weeks prior to the start of the camp session will be refunded 50% of their payment. There are no refunds for cancellations not made at least one week prior the the beginning of the session. Full Payment is required to secure a space in a camp session. Please note that we do have a sliding fee scale. Please pay what is affordable for your family. Limited partial scholarships may be available. Please contact the director if you are in need of a partial scholarship.

Please complete and sign the Medical History and Permission Form, and return it two weeks prior to the start of your scheduled camp session. We strive to make camp the best experience possible for each camper. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to give us a call. We will do everything possible to help. We also appreciate your ideas and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Susan Rausch
Camp Director
Camp Earth Connection