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## 1. What are the age levels for camp?

For Juniors Explorers Camp, campers must be between ages 6-13 (All campers must have completed kindergarten)

For Sports Camp, campers must be between ages 8-14

For Fishing Camp, campers must be between ages 8-15

For EcoVenture Camp, campers must be between ages 9-15

For Adventure Camp, campers must be between ages 10-15

## 2. What time is camp?

Drop-Off/Before Care starts at 7am. Camp officially starts at 8am every morning. Camp officially ends at 5pm. We do offer After Care until 6pm every evening. Before Care and After Care are included in the price of camp.

## 3. Where is camp located?

All camps, except for fishing camp will have the home base of Round Lake Charter School. Campers will be dropped off and picked up there. Fishing Camp will have the Boy Scout Building across the street from Gilbert Park as their home base. Fishing Campers will be dropped off and picked up there.

## 4. Are field trips included in the price of camp?

Yes! Please keep in mind, lunch and snacks will not always be provided during field trips. Information will always go out prior to trips to let you know what your camper can bring with them on the field trip. Please note all field trips are scheduled to change.

## 5. Do we have to purchase a camp shirt for my camper?

Yes! Junior Explorers and Sports Camp will wear their shirt for every field trip. EcoVenture, Fishing and Adventure Camps will wear theirs on the last day of camp that week. Camp shirts are \$10 and you can purchase an additional shirt before or during summer.

## 6. Is breakfast, lunch and/or snacks in the price of camp?

If your child is participating in Junior Explorers or Sports Camp, we will offer a morning snack and lunch that is provided by Second Harvest. If your child is a picky eater or have a strong appetite, we would recommend packing a lunch. Campers are encouraged to bring two snacks for the day. If your child has any food allergies, Second Harvest does require a doctor's note stating what the allergies are.

## 7. What does my child need to bring to camp?

This will vary from day to day or from camp to camp, but every camper needs to bring a refillable water bottle, bug spray, and sunscreen. They should also be dressed in clothes that are comfortable and can get wet. They also must wear closed-toed shoes. Fishing, Adventure and EcoVenture Camps will need to pack a lunch and snacks.

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## **8. My child is new to <insert sport here>, can they still attend camp? OR My child has been playing <insert sport here> for years?**

Our camp is for athletes of all skill levels. We will be learning as well as fine-tuning fundamental and new skills!

## **9. Will my child visit the W.T. Bland Public Library and are they required to get a library card?**

Junior Explorers will be visiting the library every week. Campers will need a library card! You can register for a library card at the W.T. Bland Public Library. Please do this at least two weeks before camp starts! Cards will be mailed out to you. Trust us, your camper will want a library card! We have seen some severe cases of FOMO (fear of missing out) at the library!!!

## **10. Are there restrictions on what campers can check-out at the library?**

Campers are allowed to check out 5 items and will not be allowed to check out audiobooks. Counselors will look over what the campers want to check out and assist them in their final selection.

## **11. Will my camper visit the City of Mount Dora's pool?**

Yes! Please keep in mind that our pool is under renovations and is scheduled to be open on June 1st. If there is a delay and the pool is not open, we will have alternative activity instead.

## **12. Is my camper required to participate in a swim test and what does it entail?**

All campers are strongly encouraged to participate in the swim test. The swim test determines which area of the pool your camper gets to swim in during camp. Campers can take the test up to three times over the summer to earn a chance to swim in deeper areas of the pool.

Here are the requirements of the swim test:

- Jump into the pool, submerge fully, return to the surface and immediately begin swimming without pushing off the wall.
- Swim in a horizontal position on top of the water using front crawl or breaststroke. Swimmer may pause and begin swimming again but cannot touch/grab the side of the pool
- Exit the pool without assistance using either the wall or pool ladder.

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## **13. How do I communicate with Camp Leadership team and how do they communicate with me?**

We mainly communicate through email and through a free app called Remind. You will receive weekly email communication from Megan Mathews, our Youth and Family Supervisor. (She can be reached through her email at [mathewsm@cityofmoundora.com](mailto:mathewsm@cityofmoundora.com) or through her cell phone at 352-630-9051.) We will also send out daily information and reminders through the Remind app. We have provided the links below, so you can join our groups!

For Adventure Camp: <https://www.remind.com/join/mtdoraadv>

For EcoVenture Camp: <https://www.remind.com/join/ecoventure>

For Fishing Camp: <https://www.remind.com/join/mtdorafish>

For Junior Explorers: <https://www.remind.com/join/mdexplorer>

For All of Our Sports Camps: <https://www.remind.com/join/mdsports20>

## **14. This all sounds great! How and when do I register my campers for this memorable summer?**

That is correct. This year we are changing how we handle payments. As many of you know, we have updated our system that we use for registration. We have discovered that this system does not handle payment plans as we need it to, therefore for Camp 2020, we will not have the payment plan option as we have in the past. Here are our options for payments this year:

- Option A: You may pay for one week at a time.  
(You would make your own payment plan!) Pay for Week 1 this week and then, pay for Week 2 the following week or whenever is good for you! (My recommendation is to pay for the weeks with the bigger field trips first! Those will sell out the fastest!). You are not guaranteed your spot until you are paid in full for that week.
- Option B: You may pay all the weeks you want your child to attend up front. If you choose this option and you purchase five weeks or more at once, you will be entitled to a rebate. The rebate will be the same percentage as many weeks as you are purchasing. So, if you are purchasing nine weeks, you will get a 9% rebate on the card you are using to purchase camp within seven to ten business days. (The rebate offer only applies to Sports and Junior Explorers Summer Camp. There is no rebate for specialty camps or Spring Break Camp.)

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## 16. Do you have scholarships available?

Yes, we have a limited number of scholarships! If you qualified for a scholarship last year, you do have to reapply. Please turn in your scholarship application before you register for camp.

Scholarships are not available for EcoVenture, Fishing or Adventure Camp. Scholarship applications may be turned into Amanda Clere at the Simpson Farm House on Donnelly Street (next to the W.T. Bland Public Library) Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Please contact Amanda at (352) 630-8582 before you arrive to ensure that she is there to collect your information.

You may also drop off scholarship applications on the weekend at the W.T. Bland Public Library.

You may apply for scholarships here:

<http://flmountdora.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/151/Youth-Scholarship-Application?bidId=>