



Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Thank you for supporting your school and teachers in preparing your student for a field trip to Wildwood Outdoor Education Center!

Please follow two important instructions to help your student have a successful experience:

1. **Complete and sign the *Release and Information form*.** Make sure this form is completed and signed by a parent or guardian. Only students with complete, signed forms will be able to participate in Wildwood's programs.
2. **Help your student pack and dress for the weather.** Activities will be OUTDOORS, rain or shine. We move programs indoors for dangerous storms or lightning. A list of recommended items is provided below.

Outdoor School at Wildwood is a learning experience beyond the classroom, designed to provide hands-on experiences, fun, and increased teamwork for students. Activities may include ecology classes, the Adventure Challenge Course (ACC), high ropes course (Skywalker), canoeing and fishing, or other activities requested by the school. Students are generally supervised by teachers and school personnel while Wildwood staff lead specialized activities and provide some meals and support.

**STAFF TRAINING:** Wildwood staff receive extensive training and on-the-job mentoring and supervision to meet the standards of the American Camp Association for all provided activities. All have completed an application, in person interview, hands-on training and a criminal background check prior to working with students. A teacher or adult volunteer from the school also travels with each group to support students.

**TICKS AND MOSQUITOS:** All outdoor activities have associated risks that should be considered. Wildwood adheres to state and national recommendations for controlling tick and mosquito populations, though no method of deterrent is 100% effective. Encourage your child to use insect repellent that is at least 10% DEET. Watch your child for any symptoms associated with West Nile Virus, Lyme Disease, or other related illnesses after time spent outdoors and, if medical treatment is provided, notify your pediatrician that your child has been in area where ticks and mosquitoes are present.

**EMERGENCY ACTION:** In the event of an emergency on site, Wildwood staff will follow established emergency procedures for evacuations, weather-related emergencies or injuries/illness. School personnel are responsible for making medical transport arrangements

and decisions in consultation with parents according to school policy. Wildwood staff are trained in basic first aid and will assist the school as requested within the scope of our training. Administration of medication and health care are the responsibility of the school.

### What to Bring to Wildwood

Mark all items with your student's name to reduce loss.

Packed	Brought Home	For All Outdoor School Programs	Additional Items for Overnight Programs	Packed	Brought Home
		Close-toed shoes such as tennis shoes	Sleeping bag or twin sheets and pillow		
		Old tennis shoes or water shoes for canoeing	Change of clothes for each day and an extra change		
		Insect repellent	Socks and underwear		
		Sunscreen	Towel		
		Hat	Pajamas		
		Waterbottle	Laundry bag/pillowcase		
		Small backpack	Toothbrush/toothpaste		
		Jacket, raincoat	Soap/toiletries		
		Long pants or socks	Flashlight		
			Stamps, paper, envelopes		

***Do not bring:*** Cell phones, music players, pets, personal sports equipment, electronic games, books or magazines with adult content, money, candy/food/gum, knives or weapons, fireworks, jewelry/valuable items, alcohol, tobacco or drugs. Students who bring prohibited items may be immediately dismissed. We reserve the right to search camp property including student luggage or possessions at any time without notice. If any risk to participant safety or illegal possessions are believed present, local law enforcement will be notified.

If you have additional questions about Wildwood, you can contact the camp office at (913) 757-4500 or email us at [info@wildwoodctr.org](mailto:info@wildwoodctr.org).