

Welcome to Critter Camp at Cathy's Critters!

We are looking forward to your child's time with us! Our farm is a wonderful place brimming with summertime opportunities for learning and fun. Please feel free to contact us if needed. We will see you very soon!

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Required Forms: Please mail in prior to, or bring the following forms on your child's first day of camp – your child cannot participate until these are received!

- Application and deposit (balance due on first day of camp)
- Release and Waiver of Liability
- Health information form
- Proof of tetanus vaccination

Visit our website to download all of the required forms at:

www.cathys-critters.com/crittercamp.asp.

If you are sending more than one child to camp, they will each need a separate set of paperwork, except the application which has lines for each child. Note the discounted rate for additional children from the same family.

What to bring to the first day of camp

- Any forms that have not already been turned in prior to the first day of camp
- Labeled backpack with the following (No glass or sharp items, or difficult-to-open items!)
 - A full change of clothes (including socks and underwear)
 - Brown bag or lunch box with a healthy lunch.
 - Water, at least 16 oz, in refillable bottle with lid or cap.
 - Sun-screen (applied at home before camp; pack bottle to reapply as needed)
 - Insect repellent (applied at home before camp; pack bottle to reapply as needed)
 - Bring an old coffee can, shoebox or plastic container for collecting "treasures"
 - Any breakable crafts can be carried in backpack – use socks and underwear as padding.
- Critter Camp t-shirts: All campers will receive a 100% cotton "Critter Camp" t-shirt as part of the registration fee for each session they are registered for. T-shirts will be given out at check-in on the first day of each session. Additional shirts will be for sale all week before and after camp hours.
- Any prescription or non-prescription medication your child must take during the camp day, as indicated on the Health Information Form. Enclose medication in a labeled, zip-top plastic bag with a note clearly stating the dosage and schedule. Any medications (other than a rescue inhaler or EpiPen) will be collected and securely stored by the Critter Camp's director; emergency meds (inhalers, EpiPens) will be kept with your child's counselor so that they can be administered if needed.
- NO ELECTRONICS ALLOWED (iPod's, DS's or Nintendo's etc; any cell phones are to be turned off and stored in the camper's pack during camp. Parents can always reach the farm and their child in an emergency - see below)

What to wear

- Wear play-clothes that can get dirty (and they will!)
- Wear socks and sneakers or rubber boots (NO open-toed sandals or Crocs!)
- Wear or pack a light-colored cap or sun hat to protect head and face from the sun
- Wear sun-screen (applied at home; bring bottle to reapply as needed)
- Wear insect repellent (applied at home; bring bottle to reapply as needed)
- If forecast calls for rain, bring boots, raincoat, and a great attitude – we'll adjust to whatever Mother Nature throws at us!

Policies

Camp hours are 9:00am-3:30pm for Cria Kids® and Critter Campers®. Drop-off for the morning session is no earlier than 8:30am. Pick-up is no later than 4:00 pm. Our staff is not available to supervise children outside of class hours; if you are late for pick-up, you will be charged a fee of \$10 per 15-minute period (pro-rated) that you are late.

Carpooling/Different person dropping off than picking up: Please send a note in with your child on any day when they are to be picked up by someone other than by whom they were dropped off. This note must be signed by the primary parent/guardian and given to the sign-in counselor at drop-off.

Parking/Traffic: There will be signs along the road pointing you in the right direction. As you come close to the farm, you can pull up into the first part of the driveway or along the road and park. Counselors will be out front helping to sign kids in and take them to their groups.

Absences: If there is an unplanned absence for your child, please call the farm as soon as possible and no later than 15 minutes prior to their session start, so that their group does not wait for a child who is not coming. Call 972-562-0583 and speak with the Camp Administrator, or leave a message. There are no refunds for partial or full days missed. Camp operates rain or shine.

Reaching the Farm during the day: Call 972-562-0583 to speak to the Summer Camp Administrator between 8am-4:30pm. A staff member is on-site during that time to answer phone calls, but if you don't get an answer and need to speak to someone immediately, use the emergency number you will be given upon signing up. To inform us of a change of pick-up person, you must send in a signed note with that person – we cannot accept a verbal dismissal change over the phone.

Conduct/discipline: Children are expected to behave in a positive, responsible and respectful manner. If the counselors observe a child displaying disrespect, using foul language, using physical aggression or otherwise disrupting the class they will receive a verbal warning. If the behavior continues, the child will not be allowed to engage in the camp activities for a period of time (remaining supervised and with the group, for a period determined by the counselor). A written report of any infractions will be made to the parents; continuing violations may result in the child's suspension from camp with no refund of fees.

Cathy's Critters "Critter Camp"

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