



KIDS IN THE MARSH SUMMER DAY CAMP

Information for Parents

Welcome!

Whether your child is in the full day or half-day program, he or she will enjoy a week of outdoor nature exploration through hikes, environmental activities, mini environmental lessons, crafts and games all linked to a theme of the week. **To ensure your child has an enjoyable time at camp, please read this letter carefully for important details.**

Government issued ID REQUIRED FOR CAMP PICKUP

Please have a piece of Government issued identification (ID) to present to staff at the end of the day to sign out your child(ren). Please remind anyone picking up your child from camp with prior permission to also bring ID with them.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE KIM CAMP IS PEANUT/NUT FREE. (Products such as NUTELLA, labels with 'may contain nuts/peanuts' or 'processed at a facility with nuts/peanuts' are not permitted at camp.)

- Water and refillable water bottle
- Lunch in reusable containers
- Snacks (at least 2 for full day campers)
- Hat- bucket hat is preferable to keep sun of the face and neck
- Sunscreen – 'spray on' please so that counselors can help apply it
- Bug repellent – 'spray on' please so that counselors can help apply it
- Sweater – it can be cooler since we are located down by the Lake Ontario
- Proper lunch bag - **PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS**
- Comfortable & weather appropriate clothing and footwear (shorts & running shoes). No sandals please as your child(ren) will be participating in hikes and games
- Water day footwear (full day/ afternoon campers) – please bring crocs, flip flops or water shoes to change into to play water games. Children will not be allowed to play barefoot

LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS TO DAY CAMP

The camp is situated at Darlington Provincial Park in Courtice in **PICNIC SHELTER #1**. *If you require specific directions, please call the park at (905) 436-2036.*

Please drop off and pick up your child(ren) at picnic Area #1 only. Please fill out the 'Participant Information Form' indicating who will be dropping off and picking up your child(ren). Please note that parents/guardians will need to sign their child(ren) out before they can leave the camp.

PROGRAM HOURS & EARLY/LATE SUPERVISION

Half day program: 9 am to 12 pm

Full day program: 9 am to 4 pm, with supervised lunch from 12 noon to 1 pm

Early/Late supervision fee is paid directly to Friends of Second Marsh at the camp.

Early supervision hours: 8:30 am to 9 am

Late supervision hours: 4 pm to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$10 per week for early supervision and \$10 per week for late supervision. Only cash or cheques will be accepted as payment.

PLEASE BE PROMPT IN PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN, OUR STAFF HAVE AFTER WORK COMMITMENTS. THANK YOU!

In partnership with the City of Oshawa, Darlington Provincial Park & Ontario Power Generation

ENTRY PASS - REQUIRED!

Entry passes will be provided to you on Monday at sign in. These passes are required and are only valid for dropping off/picking up your children from the park. Please place the entry pass on your dashboard so it is visible to the park attendant.

Please note that the day camp cost does not include admission to the park. If you would like to use the park, please obtain an admission ticket from the registration office.

SPEED LIMIT IN PLACE

Please be aware that the Highway Traffic Act applies to the roads at Darlington Provincial Parks. All users must adhere to the posted speed limit signs. If park users are caught speeding within the park boundaries, a ticket will be issued.

OTHER INFORMATION

The **program will run on rainy/hot days**, but the activities will be modified to suit the weather.

Lunches should be sent in proper lunch containers and backpacks, not plastic bags. **In the past squirrels and other animals have been able to get into plastic bag lunches.** We encourage campers to pack their lunch in a mini hardtop cooler if possible and to avoid thin fabric lunch bags.

Please note that Friends of Second Marsh staff will be taking pictures of the camp activities and participants throughout the summer for publicity purposes. A photography release form will be given to parents/guardians to fill out.

On Thursdays a survey will be distributed to the children to take home. Please fill it out, and bring it back on Friday. Your feedback is very important to us!

Please call the camp or the office and let us know if your child(ren) will be absent from camp. We use the park as part of our day, so we are not at the picnic shelter all day. Thank you!

If you have any further questions please call the Friends of Second Marsh Office at **(905) 723-5047**.

Sincerely,

Friends of Second Marsh Staff

Would your child(ren) like to come back for another week? Please read below.

Friends of Second Marsh has different weekly themes lined up this summer. If your child enjoys the program and is interested in coming back, you can sign them up again for another week of Kids in the Marsh with a different theme. To view the themes for this summer, please visit our website www.secondmarsh.ca for more information.

Thank you to OPG for sponsoring our children's activities.

