



Essential Eligibility Criteria

The Lake County Forest Preserves Summer Camp programs provide an educational experience. At camp, we consider the needs of each camper to promote success and provide a positive camp experience. Disclosure of special needs will not bar participation. Let us know when you register if your child is developmentally, emotionally, or physically challenged or requires another type of assistance. All activities are open to all individuals who meet the following essential eligibility requirements by themselves or with an aide provided by the participant and with no cost to the Forest Preserves:

Camper Behavior Requirements

Children are expected to display appropriate behavior at all times. To assure the maximum enjoyment of the program by all participants, **please review the following guidelines with your child.**

Campers will:

- Show respect to all participants, staff, and nature.
- Be pleasant to others and refrain from using foul language.
- Refrain from putting themselves and others in danger.
- Use equipment, supplies, and facilities as instructed.
- Always wear shoes.
- Stay with the group.
- Exhibit appropriate group behavior that doesn't disrupt the flow of teaching and learning.

Personal Needs

- With verbal prompts, is able to self-medicate independently or with an aide.
- Is able to manage all personal hygiene on their own or with an aide.

Motor Needs

- Is able to ambulate on own or with a mechanical device.
- Is able to perform gross motor functions and fine motor functions with reasonable guidance.

Additional Requirements for Camps with Outdoor Skills

- Is able to get in and out of a kayak and/or canoe independently or with an aide.
- Is able to turn from face-down to face-up position in water independently while wearing a properly fitted life jacket and holding their breath while under water.
- Is able to maintain a balanced, upright position when seated in a kayak, canoe, and/or bicycle.
- Is willing to wear all safety equipment correctly such as, but not limited to; protective helmets and life jacket.

Aide Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age with at least one year of aide experience or two years of college experience.

For questions and concerns, contact us at 847-968-3321.