



April 28, 2023 Wild Encounters Nature Day Camp PD Day Program

We're excited to announce that Saugeen Conservation will be offering another full day PD day program this April!

Wild Encounters Nature Day Camp is a day camp designed to enhance your child's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet! This fun and educational program focuses on hands-on activities in which young explorers discover the variety of species and spaces at our 200+ acre Sulphur Spring Conservation Area.

Registration is now open!

To register, call Saugeen Conservation's administration office at 519-364-1255 and dial '0' or ext. 222. If no one is available, please leave a message and someone will get back to you shortly. Or, email k.porter@svca.on.ca (Karleigh Porter) with your name and contact info. We can accept credit card, cheque, cash or e-transfer.

All programs will have a maximum of 14 campers per group, facilitated by 2 environmental educators. See below for drop off/pick up times.

April 28, 2023 (\$50.00 + 13 % HST) 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Activities

Adopted from our traditional summer day camp program, this special edition of Wild Encounters Nature Day Camp encourages outdoor exploration, guided excursions in the forest fueled by student interest. Every day will be guided by student inquiry, seasonal changes, and weather and program availability. Things we will be doing at camp include hiking, nature games, crafts, exploring/investigating wildlife, and outdoor fun.

What to Bring

- Appropriate clothing—suitable for outdoor activity & weather conditions – dress for mess!
- Coat or jacket, closed-toe shoes or hiking boots (preferably waterproof and warm), hat or touque, sunscreen.
- Lunch with extra drinks and healthy snacks (all nut free please).
- Filled refillable water bottle.
- Signed code of conduct/waiver (blank one provided).

Saugeen Conservation will not be providing food or a water fountain, however there is potable water to be accessed via tap with educator help.

Please remember to Label all Items

To help us get all your child's belongings home at the end of the day, make sure their names are on all personal items.

Leave Valuables at Home

Leave cell phones and other valuables at home. These have a habit of falling out of pockets and getting lost in the woods! If campers do bring valuables, we are not responsible for them.

Drop off / Pick up

We are on site from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please ensure you check-in with us before and after the program. Thanks. The program starts at 9:00 am and is done at 4:00 pm at the Resource Centre.

Arrival

The resource centre is located halfway down the furthest east entrance to the park, near the Safety Village down the lane marked "no trespassing". There is a parking lot there for dropping off your child(ren). Campers must be healthy with no COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival at the drop off area. Campers will not participate in the program that day if unhealthy.

Drop-off/pick-up times are extended to allow for staggered pick-up and drop-off. Please feel free to drop-off 15 minutes early so that programming can start on-time. Pick-up is extended for 15 minutes after the program.

Refunds and cancellation

Please note that the program may be cancelled at any time due to Covid-19 restrictions. If programming is already underway, there will not be a refund for the day. If the cancellation occurs the day before programming, or with longer notice, a refund will be issued.

COVID-19 Safety Precautions

Screening

Campers will not participate in the program upon failure of screening at the time of arrival.

Equipment and cleaning

At Wild Encounters, campers will be spending the majority of their time outdoors so everyone will have room to properly social distance. To limit transmission of the COVID-19 virus, shared objects will be limited to individual use items such as magnifying glasses, binoculars, and natural materials for loose parts play. The facilities and frequently touched surfaces will be disinfected twice daily at minimum.

Masks

If participants wish to wear a mask during the day with us, they are welcome to do so; they will not be discriminated against for their need to feel safe. We will be social

distancing and have limited the camp participation to help reduce the spread of germs wherever possible.

Symptoms during camp

If after a child has been dropped off, they begin to exhibit symptoms, back up Education staff will remove that child from the group. The child's parent or guardian will be contacted to come pick the child up asap. Ideally, we can wait for parents to pick them up outside, but should symptoms be more severe, we do have a secluded location if needed.

Staff to camper ratios

Saugeen Conservation's outdoor education programs will follow the Grey Bruce Health Unit's recommendations for educational programming which states that 'in-person teaching and instruction must be operated to enable proper physical distancing'. While most of the Wild Encounters Camp will take place outside, home base will be operated out of our Resource Centre, we will only take 14 campers for each program to allow for indoor spacing. This provides a 1/7 ratio for each group comprised of one educator and seven children.

Any questions regarding the program can be directed to Nancy Griffin, Conservation Education Coordinator at n.griffin@svca.on.ca or call (519) 369-4706 (cell).