



Welcome to our 2021 *EarthKeepers* Summer Camp! Below is some info that you may find helpful!

- **Camp Hours:** *Earth Keepers Camp* begins at 9:30 am and finishes at 12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Due to camp prep, we cannot accommodate early drop-offs. Your camper may register for Lunch Bunch, however, and extend his/her day to 1:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Art & Nature Camp is held in the Heckscher Barn. Again this year 1st-4th graders will all be in one group and will have a more flexible schedule for their camp day. Drop off and pick up for all campers is in Heckscher Barn, even if your camper is staying for lunch bunch.
- **First Day of each Session:** Doors will open at 9:20 on the first day of each session and we will be available to meet parents & answer any questions you may have about the program. If you have questions prior to your first day of camp, please feel free to e-mail our Camp Director, Lisa Monachelli at lmonachelli@stamfordmuseum.org
- **Check-in & Check-out:** At drop-off & pick-up we ask that you sign your child in/out with the on-duty counselor. **If there are persons other than the parents who are authorized to pick up your child they must be listed on your camper information form. If changes or additions occur during the course of camp, we must be notified in writing. Please note that we may ask for photo ID from those picking up campers—please have friends and family be prepared.**
- **Medical Issues:** Serious medical conditions must be brought to our attention before camp begins. If, for example, your child has an allergy requiring an EpiPen, there are additional documents that you & your child's doctor must sign **before** camp begins. All appropriate medical forms & permission agreements with required signatures MUST be submitted one week before the start of your child's first camp session. **PLEASE NOTE: Connecticut camp guidelines changed in the past few years. A written, signed camp protocol, in addition to all current paperwork and generated by our camp, is required for each child that has a serious medical issue. Because of this, no child will be allowed to attend camp unless ALL forms are on file ONE WEEK prior to their first day of camp.**
- **Lunch and Snack:** Please provide a daily bag snack (reusable bags preferred) for your child. We ask that campers come with a **reusable** water bottle each day. SM&NC is a **NUT AWARE** camp, so please do not send items with **any** type of tree nut/peanut product in them; please check labels carefully. There is a refrigerator available. If your child is staying for Lunch Bunch, send them with a daily nut-free lunch as well.
- **Dress Code:** Pants or shorts and a T-shirt are the norm. Since campers will be in the forest and on the farm, open toed shoes, flip flops, or sandals are not allowed. Socks and a pair of sneakers you don't mind getting dirty are perfect. We also recommend bringing an extra change of clothes and we may ask for a towel or water shoes if we are using sprinklers or exploring the stream. Please be sure that your child arrives at camp with a long-lasting, waterproof sunscreen applied. Due to state regulations, our staff cannot apply sunscreen or bug spray. **Please check for ticks at each day's end!**
- **Friends & Camp Groupings:** All campers for this program are in the same group so if your camper and their friends are registered for the same session of *EarthKeepers* Camp they will be in the same group.