Dear Earthkeepers Campers and Families:

Welcome to our 2023 Earthkeepers Summer Camp! Below is some info that you may find helpful!

- **Camp Hours**: Earthkeepers Camp begins at 9:30 am and finishes at 12:30 p.m. Due to camp prep, we cannot accommodate early drop-offs. Campers may register for lunch bunch, however, and extend their day until 1:30 p.m.

- **Location**: The Earthkeepers camp is in our Overbrook building, which is in front of the playground. For drop off you may park, anywhere in the Meadow lot. **Please do not park in front of the totem poles or in the road in front of Overbrook.** Check-in will be at the back of the building. Please note that, again this year, parents are not allowed into the classrooms or buildings due to COVID restrictions.

- **First Day of each Session**: Staff will be outside at 9:25 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 e-mail our Camp Director at lmonachelli@stamfordmuseum.org

- **Check-in & Check-out**: You must check in with camp staff each morning before dropping off your camper. They may not walk in by themselves. **If there is someone 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 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. **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 bagged 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. Refrigeration is available. If your camper is registered for Lunch Bunch, please send a daily nut-free lunch as well.

- **Dress Code**: Long pants or shorts and a T-shirt are recommended. 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. 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!**

- **Friend Requests**: All Earthkeepers registered for a session will be in the same group.

We are looking forward to meeting you and sharing a memorable summer experience.

Sincerely,

Lisa Monachelli
Director of Education & Camp Director