



Junior Naturalists Day Camp

Important Information

Registration Process

- Register at Mission Creek Regional Park (EECO).
- Registration fee includes a non-refundable \$10 administration fee. There are no refunds after the start of the Camp week for which you registered.
- Registration fees are payable at the time of registration.
- Make cheques payable to: RDCO (Regional District of Central Okanagan).

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- Fun, active, and educational activities at the EECO Centre and Mission Creek Regional Park.
- There is a limited amount of space in each program.
- These are outdoor experiential education programs about the environment, fostering a sense of stewardship of our natural world through fun activities.

Camp registration fee covers

- One t-shirt per child
- A nutritious snack each day

RDCO Parks & Recreation staff

- Are child-friendly
- Have first aid certification
- Have outdoor education experience

Please make sure your child brings: (we will be outside every day regardless of weather!)

- Runners or rubber soled shoes with closed toes please!
- Clothing according to the weather and a warm and/or waterproof jacket.
- Water bottle
- Sun hat
- Necessary medications
- Backpack to put finished crafts and personal belongings in
- Optional: sunglasses

Please make sure that sunscreen and bug spray are applied BEFORE camp begins.

Please label all bags and items.

Please ensure that the following items are left at home:

- Toys or games, water toys
- Any electronics such as iPods/mp3's, game boys, PSP's.
- No gum or food containing peanuts or nuts of any kind. Snacks will be provided.

Cost

Per three day camp \$60

Per four day camp \$80

Per five day camp \$100

Registration starts June 1

Contact Regional Parks for more information or to register.

Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan (EECO Centre)

Mission Creek Regional Park, 2363A Springfield Rd

Telephone: (250) 469-6140

Fax: (250) 469-6143

Email: eeeco@cord.bc.ca

Medical Report and Waiver Form*

Participant Information

Name: _____ Date of Camp: _____

Age: ____ Height: ____ Weight: ____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Relationship to participant: _____

Medical Information

Physician's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Medical #: _____ Tetanus Immunization: Y N

Medication: (If the participant is under medication, please list below)

Child's Name	Drug Name (generic)	Dosage	Time Given

Medical Alert Information:

Child's Name	Condition	Y/N	Type/Frequency/Triggers	Treatment
	<i>Allergies</i>			
	<i>Epileptic</i>			
	<i>Diabetic</i>			
	<i>Other</i>			

Special Diet: Y N If yes, please specify: _____

Please list any limitations that may affect the participant's enjoyment and learning (i.e. joint problems, injuries, learning difficulties). Does your child have any physical, mental, emotional or behavioural disabilities of which staff should be aware? Also, please list **any other information that may be of assistance to the instructor(s)**.

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Waiver Information

Please initial each of the following statements to indicate you have read and understand the terms of this agreement.

1. **Photographs** _____
There may be times when television, newspapers, or other photographers will want to take individual or group pictures of our camp participants taking part in activities. This would most often be done to promote the Regional Parks & Recreation programs. Should you not want your child to be involved in such coverage, please address this in writing.
2. **Pick Ups** _____
I am aware that my child must be picked up by the end time of the program. Anytime beyond this, I will be billed overtime. I understand that if I have made no alternate arrangements and the staff is unable to contact myself or the emergency contacts within 45 minutes after the program ending, the Ministry for Children and Families will be called. I will provide a note to staff if I choose to allow my child to go home at the end of the program unassisted by an above listed authorized person.
3. **Absenteeism** _____
In the event of absenteeism due to illness, vacation etc., I understand I am still responsible for full payment of the program unless otherwise arranged in advance.
4. **Medical Emergency** _____
In the case of accident or illness, I give consent for my child to be taken to the nearest emergency when I cannot be contacted. I consent for my child to receive medical treatment. I consent that in the event of a severe illness/injury or when a staff person cannot leave the facility, the means of transportation may be by ambulance at a cost to myself.
5. **Medication** _____
I authorize staff to administer to my child only medication as prescribed by my physician provided in the original container and/or over the counter medications authorized in writing by myself.
6. **Impairment** _____
Should it appear to staff that a parent/guardian is impaired when coming to pick up any child, the staff will offer to call a relative or friend to pick up both the parent/guardian and the child. If this is not acceptable, they will offer to call a cab. Should the parent/guardian insist on driving, the staff would call the RCMP giving them pertinent information such as type of car, home address, etc.
7. **Suspected Child Abuse** _____
The Child, Family, And Community Service Act states that all children in the Province of BC “are entitled to be protected from abuse, neglect, and harm or threat of harm”. The Act also states that any “person who has reason to believe that a child needs protection must promptly report the matter”/ I understand that the RDCO Parks & Recreation staff will adhere to the Act.

8. **Emergency Procedures** _____

In the case of fire, extended power or heat failure, extreme weather conditions or an evacuation due to the safety of the facility, the facility may have to close. The staff will care for the children until families/emergency contact(s) have picked them up.

9. **Discipline Policy** _____

The RDCO Parks & Recreation staff expects the Junior Naturalists to respect themselves, others, the environment, equipment, facilities, and park grounds. In the event someone is acting in an inappropriate manner, staff will observe the behavior and then set clear limits and appropriate specific consequences for the child. Continued inappropriate behaviour will be discussed with the parent/ guardian with the expectation that staff and parent/ guardian will work together to resolve the behaviour. While staff support and encourage appropriate behaviour, should the behaviour continue to be disruptive or harmful, staff may ask that the child be taken out of the program for a period of time or permanently. Staff will document inappropriate behaviour. Staff will not use physical, mental, emotional or verbal abuse to resolve any behavioural issues. We believe that children are responsible for their behaviour and must show respect for others. Parents/guardians will be held responsible for any damage to others or property which resulted from their child's inappropriate behaviour.

10. **Parent/Guardian Consent** _____

I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks involved in and arising out of participation in activities offered. In consideration of enrollment in aforementioned program, I waive and release any and all rights of claim for damages I may have or acquire against the Regional District of Central Okanagan and its officers, agents, servants, volunteers, employees, and any person(s) participating or assisting in the carrying out of the activities of the organization. I hereby agree to hold and save harmless the Regional District of Central Okanagan from any claims, demands, suits, actions and/or causes of actions resulting from, or resulting out of, or occasioned by my child's participation in any or all activities of the RDCO Parks & Recreation Junior Naturalists' day camp. I acknowledge the rules laid down by this program governing its operation and that it remains the sole responsibility of the participant to act and govern himself/herself in such a manner as to be responsible for his/her own safety.

I, _____, do hereby declare that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above participant, and do hereby consent that he/she may be a participant in the above program. The participant/guardian accepts and will use the premises at their own risk and agrees that neither the Regional District nor their respective officers, employees, or assigns have made any warranties or representations respecting the suitability or condition of the Premises or Park.

Parent's/guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____