

Outdoor Education Camps 2017



COLUMBUS
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RECREATION AND PARKS

Indian Village - Camp Terra - Camp Walnut

Summer day camps for ages 4 - 12.

Give your children the opportunity to connect with nature this summer. Children spend the day outdoors playing games, building forts, getting dirty, and having a BLAST!

Registration begins March 16 at 7:00 pm

Online <http://activenet.active.com/columbusrecreparks> (RECOMMENDED)

In Person At any Columbus Recreation and Parks Community Center or McKnight Outdoor Education Center.

Step One Create an account prior to registration day. If you already have an Activnet account, update your information. Do not create a duplicate account. If you need help accessing your account, please contact us.

Step Two Register for camp.

Step Three Download the participant waiver form. Fill one out for each child. If prior to June 1st mail to Outdoor Education Summer Camp, 3200 Indian Village Rd., Columbus, OH 43221. If after June 1st bring your form with you on the first day of camp.

For Questions

Contact Us

614.645.3380

outdooreducation@columbus.gov

www.columbusrecreparks.com



Financial Assistance Payment Plans are available for all campers. Choose a payment plan when you register. One-quarter of your camp fees must be paid at the time of registration. Remaining fees will be divided equally and your credit card will be charged automatically when payments are due. All payments are due prior to June 12th.

P.L.A.Y. Grants are available for those families with children on Medicaid or who meet certain income requirements. Grants cover one session of camp per child. The maximum amount awarded is \$85 per child. Grants must be approved before you register for camp. You will be emailed a coupon code to use during registration. Requests for applications should be emailed to volunteers@columbus.gov. If you have questions please call 614.645.3325.

The Outdoor Education CRC Summer Camp Scholarship Contest is accepting entries through February 24, 2017. Up to 10 scholarships may be awarded (up to a \$140 value). See website for more information.

Cancellations and Requests for Refunds All refund requests must be submitted in writing. Email OutdoorEducation@columbus.gov with "camp cancellation" as the subject. Include your name, child's name, camp session to be canceled, and address. A refund check will be mailed to you from the City of Columbus. Please allow up to 8 weeks for processing. Convenience fees are not refundable. Cancellations prior to June 1 will receive a full refund minus a \$25.00 processing fee. Cancellations on or after June 1 but more than 10 business days before the start of your camp session will receive a 50% refund. Cancellations made less than 10 business days prior to the start of camp will not be refunded.

Inclusion Support Services We encourage participation by a diverse population, accommodate those with varying abilities, and support diverse learning styles. When participants require additional support, our Inclusion Support staff will develop accommodation plans and will offer reasonable accommodations to enable an individual's successful participation in our camps. Contact Mary Beth Moore by email at mbmoore@columbus.gov and request an Inclusion, Accommodation & Special Needs Request Form or to request additional information. We also encourage you to contact outdoor education staff with questions.

Resident vs. Non-Resident Camp Fees Look up your address on the Franklin County Auditors website: www.franklincountyauditor.com. If Columbus is your tax district, you qualify for resident rates.

Our Age Policy There are no exceptions to our age policies. Your child must be six years old by the first day of camp to attend Indian Village, Camp Terra, or Camp Walnut. Your child must be four years old by the first day of camp to attend Camp Terra Preschool.

Waiting List If a spot becomes available in the session you would like to register for, we will email you. You will be given 72 hours to respond before your spot is offered to the next child on the list. Please make sure you have a current email address linked to your Activenet account, otherwise, you may miss our email.

Camper Groups Campers are broken into groups by age. For safety, we strive to keep a maximum 1:12 ratio of staff to campers (1:6 for preschool camp). Campers assigned to different groups who are of similar age often will spend most of the day together. Camp is a great place to meet new friends. Please come with an open mind. We will try our best to accommodate special requests, but it is not always possible.

General Camp Information

Bring to camp

Snack

Water bottle (all sites have drinking fountains for refills)

Wear weather appropriate clothing and closed toe shoes. Expect clothes and shoes to be wet and dirty.

Complete change of clothes and extra pair of closed toe shoes

Jacket on cool or wet days

Backpack or bag in which to keep the above items

Swimsuit and towel (optional)

Sunscreen (optional - must be able to self-apply)

Bug Spray (optional - must be able to self-apply)

Money for camp store purchases (optional - Indian Village site only)

Do not bring

Open toe shoes or crocs

Items of value like jewelry

Trading cards such as Pokemon, Magic, etc.

Electronics including cell phones, video games, etc.

* We are NOT responsible for any missing or stolen items. Unclaimed items will be donated after five business days.

Lunch Lunch and one snack are provided for campers (* excluding Camp Terra PK) via the CRPD Summer Foods Program. <https://columbus.gov/recreationandparks/programs/Free-Meal-Programs/>. All components found in the provided meals meet the USDA Summer Feeding program requirements. No peanut or pork products are served. Many campers prefer to pack their own lunch and to bring extra snacks. Refrigeration is not available.

* Camp Terra Preschool participants will receive one snack but are not served lunch as part of the program. However, free lunch is available between 12 pm and 1 pm as you leave/arrive for camp. Parents must remain on site to supervise children during this time. Ask our camp director for details.

Pick up and drop off All campers are required to be signed in and out of camp. Campers will only be permitted to leave camp with a person on the approved escort list (this includes you). A photo ID must be presented during sign out every day, absolutely no exceptions.

To add a name to your pickup list email OutdoorEducation@columbus.gov with your child's name and the additional names to be added to the pickup list. You may also add names in person. Please be sure to list the names, as they appear on a photo ID. Avoid nicknames.

LATE FEES will be charged for children not picked up by 6 pm. Fees are \$10 plus \$1 for every minute after the pickup time. Example: A child who is picked up at 6:05 will be charged \$15. Your child will not be permitted to return to camp until the late fee is paid.

Please remember to drive SLOWLY through the park during pick up and drop off. Thank you!

Weather concerns Campers will spend most of their day outside. In the event of severe weather, summer camp will still be held. We have many “rainy day” activities to play indoors. On heat advisory days we will take frequent breaks indoors and/or in the shade to cool down.

Camp discipline policy

First offense – Child receives a warning from the counselor

Second offense – Child receives a timeout within their group

Third offense – Child receives a timeout in the office and a parent is called

Fourth offense – Child is sent home for the remainder of the day

Fifth offense – Child is sent home for the remainder of the week (no refund)

Immediate expulsion from camp for the remainder of the week (no refund) for any of the following: intentional nudity, violence (hitting, kicking, spitting), bringing weapons to camp, bullying, cursing, leaving the grounds without permission.

If your child is sent home for the week twice during the camp season they will be expelled from camp for the remainder of the season with no refund.

Camp rules

Responsibility – You are responsible for what you bring to camp. Do not bring anything of value.

Environment – Please respect nature by not picking leaves off trees, or killing bugs on purpose.

Safety – Stay away from the river/lake. Stay within eyesight and earshot of your counselor.

Participate – We ask that you try everything we have planned. You might try something new, and like it!

Educate – Each week has a theme. We will participate in themed activities, and learn something new.

Communicate – If there’s a problem, tell us! Don't wait until Friday.

Teamwork – You will be working as a team in your small group, and the whole camp is a team.

Respect – The building, the grounds, your counselors and CITs, and each other. Be kind and helpful.

Camp Themes

Each week of camp offers traditional camp activities, regardless of the theme. Including games, crafts, unstructured nature-based play, and exploration. Camp is carefully planned and offers a balance of organized staff lead activities and child-directed choices. Each camp has a daily schedule that we follow, however, activities may be moved around throughout the week to meet the current needs of the day. It is important for us to keep campers engaged and having fun throughout the week.

CRC Fundraisers (Camp Photos, Indian Village Snack Store)

Each week our Outdoor Education CRC sells photos of our camp groups as a fundraiser. Photos are \$5 and money is due by Wednesday at Noon.

At Indian Village only, the CRC sells snack foods during lunch and during the first half hour of after camp care. Snacks are priced from \$.25 - \$1.00 and are optional.

These activities help cover the cost of camp scholarships and additional program supplies.

Indian Village

McKnight Outdoor Education Center
3200 Indian Village Rd. Columbus, OH 43221

Ages 6 - 12 years old

Fees \$125 Per Session Residents / \$140 Non-Residents
(Session 4 \$100 / \$112)

Hours 9 am - 4 pm
Drop Off 8 am - 9 am / Pick Up 4 pm - 6 pm

Fins, Feathers, Furs

Session 1 June 12 - 16 and Session 6 July 17 - 21

During this animal-filled week, we will go birding by boat, observe pollinators in our wildflower garden, and meet reptiles. We will also observe native animals that live in the woods and river at Indian Village!

Forest Forensics

Session 2 June 19 - 23 and Session 7 July 24 - 28

Get ready to look closely at small things found in the outdoors. We will use microscopes and magnifying glasses to examine microfossils and bugs. We will also learn about how composting works!

Up in the Air

Session 3 June 26 - 30 and Session 8 July 31 - August 4

This week we will be looking up; campers will observe birds in the trees and on the feeders, identify and map trees, and check the trail cam for nesting screech owls.

Camp Castaway

Session 4 July 3 - 7 (except July 4) and Session 9 August 7 - 11

Be prepared to get wet this week of camp! Campers will construct and race boats, study beavers and build dams in the creek, and learn about Griggs Dam.

Indian Village Excursions

Session 5 July 10 - 14 and Session 10 August 14 - 18

Come for a week of adventures in the wild! Journey through time as we discover through fossils what life in Ohio used to be like and make your own fossil. Search for geocaches in the woods and park, track and identify local wildlife, and construct blinds for wildlife observation.

Each week campers may participate in a variety of activities including archery, fishing, hiking, fort building, group games, pontoon boat ride, and programs related to the theme. Campers 8 and older may go canoeing, 11 and older may go kayaking. Please register for each theme only once.



Camp Walnut

Big Walnut Shelter House
5000 E. Livingston Ave. Columbus, OH 43227

Ages 6 - 12 years old

Fees \$125 Per Session Residents / \$140 Non-Residents
(Session 4 \$100 / \$112)

Hours 9 am - 4 pm
Drop Off 8 am - 9 am / Pick Up 4 pm - 6 pm

Walnut Underwater

Session 1 June 12 - 16 and Session 6 July 17 - 21

Water is the main focus this week, so come ready to get in the creek and to play water games! We will study the aquatic life in the Big Walnut Creek, experiment and play with water in an erosion table, and learn about water pollution.

Adventure Quest

Session 2 June 19 - 23 / Session 7 July 24 - 28

Get ready for a week of adventures at camp! We will learn how to use compasses for navigation, search for geocaches hidden in the park, and look for signs and tracks of wildlife.

Animals Around Us

Session 3 June 26 - June 30 / Session 8 July 31 - August 4

There are animals all around us, we just have to look! Learn what animals can be found here in Ohio, spot wildlife in the woods, and meet and touch reptiles. We will also set up a trail cam in the woods to observe wildlife at night and search for pollinators in the park!

A Bug's Eye View

Session 4 July 3 - 7 (except July 4) / Session 9 August 7 - 11

Get a zoomed in look at nature! Campers will observe the outdoors with magnifying glasses and investigate things under a microscope. During this week of camp, campers will also use detective skills to solve a wildlife crime scene.

A Bird's Eye View

Session 5 July 10 - 14 / Session 10 August 14 - 18

We will be looking at the big picture this week! Learn about what makes birds unique and spot birds using binoculars. Campers will help construct a map of camp, explore and identify the diverse trees in Big Walnut Park, and go cloud watching.

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Camp Terra

Antrim Park Shelter House
5800 Olentangy River Rd. Columbus, OH 43085

Ages 6 - 12 years old

Fees \$125 Per Session Residents / \$140 Non-Residents
(Session 4 \$100 / \$112)

Hours 9 am - 4 pm

Drop Off 8 am - 9 am / Pick Up 4 pm - 6 pm

Call of the Wild

Session 1 June 12 - 16 and Session 6 July 17 - 21

Calling all adventurers! We will look for fossils at Rock Beach, create geocaches, and track wildlife! Campers will also help make a Camp Terra Field Guide and learn to use compasses to navigate; get ready for adventures in the wild!

Creatures of Columbus

Session 2 June 19 - 23 and Session 7 July 24 - 28

Discover the wildlife that can be found right here in Columbus! We will observe animals in the woods and at the lake, see and touch animal furs and skulls, and meet snakes and turtles!

Micro Worlds

Session 3 June 26 - June 30 and Session 8 July 31 - August 4

Take a close up look at the small life forms! Compare macroinvertebrates from Antrim Lake and the Olentangy River, view microfossils under a microscope, and search for bugs during this fun week of camp!

Beyond the Backyard

Session 4 July 3 - 7 (except July 4) and Session 9 August 7 - 11

Explore what's beyond your backyard during this week of camp by observing birds, tracking weather patterns, mapping trees, and learning about recycling.

Ay-Oh River!

Session 5 July 10 - 14 and Session 10 August 14 - 18

We will learn about the history of Antrim Lake, build and race boats during our third annual Float Day, go creeking to see what aquatic life lives in the waterways and discover how water has shaped our landscape.

Each week campers will participate in a variety of activities including archery, fishing, hiking, fort building, group games, and programs related to the theme. Campers 8 and older may go canoeing. Please register for each theme only once.



Camp Terra Preschool

Antrim Park Shelter House
5800 Olentangy River Rd. Columbus, OH 43085

Ages 4 - 5 years old

Fees \$60 Per Session Residents / \$75 Non-Residents
(Session 4 \$48 / \$60)

AM Hours 9 am - 12 pm

PM Hours 1 pm - 4 pm

Drop off and pick up times are no more than 15 minutes before/after each session.



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Session 1 June 12 - 16 and Session 6 July 17 - 21

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