

## Cranberry Lake Preserve

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### Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the Westchester County Children's Summer Ecology Program at Cranberry Lake Preserve! We are looking forward to sharing many educational, enlightening, and fun nature adventures with your child this summer. To ensure a safe experience for all, we would appreciate your adherence to a few camp guidelines:

- **Camp arrival:** Camp begins at 10:00 a.m. **No early drop-offs, please** as there are no teachers available to supervise your child beforehand. It is imperative for that an adult directly drops each child off and picks them up from the designated group meeting place, not the parking lot. If your child will not be attending camp for the day, please call prior to the start of day's activities. **Please obey the stop signs in the park and remember to drive slowly** for the safety of the children, park patrons, and wildlife.
- **Camp departure:** By popular demand, **camp ends at 3:00 p.m.** this year (4:00 p.m. for CITs Tues-Thurs). Please initial the sign out sheet upon picking up your child. We need a written note from you, in advance, if someone else will be picking up your child. Carpooling is encouraged!

You are invited to explore the park with your child both before and after camp. Your child will have many experiences that they will be proud of and want to share with you.

- **Clothing and lunches:** Exploring nature is an outdoor experience, so please dress your child accordingly. Pants and sneakers are suggested (no sandals please) to provide extra protection while exploring. Waterproof gear is suggested for rainy days.

We recommend that a healthy, non-perishable lunch and extra water be packed in a light-weight backpack each day. We ask that you try to use reusable containers – avoid plastic sandwich bags and juice boxes. One point we want the children to gain from this experience is the importance of reducing garbage, and reusing and recycling.

- **Bug repellent and tick checks:** If you will be applying bug spray to your child, we request that it be done prior to arrival at the park. Avoid application to their arms and hands on days when the children will be doing water-based activities – chemicals within the repellents can be harmful to amphibians and other aquatic animals.

Ticks are a concern in Westchester County and although we do “buddy” tick checks daily, it is a good idea to thoroughly examine your child each night.

The staff at Cranberry Lake Preserve is looking forward to another great year at camp. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me in the nature center at **(914) 428-1005** or on my cell phone at (914) 760-5535.

Sincerely,



Taro Ietaka, Camp Director