

Trailside Nature Museum  
Ward Pound Ridge Reservation  
Routes 35 & 121 South  
Cross River, NY 10518  
(914) 864-7322



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Westchester County Children's Summer Ecology Camp at Trailside Nature Museum!  
We are all looking forward to fun and educational nature adventures with your children.

In order to ensure safe fun for all throughout the week we would appreciate your cooperation with a few camp guidelines:

- Camp begins at 10:00 AM. Please drop off your children no earlier than 10:00 AM, as *there are no counselors available to supervise your children beforehand*.
- For the same reason, children should be picked up promptly when camp ends, no later than 2:00 p.m. (*Pick up time for the CITs: Mondays and Fridays at 2:00 PM, Tuesdays through Thursdays at 4:00 PM*).
- The "Yellow Board" located at the ticket booth shows where your child's group will drop off and pick up each day. **Be sure to check this each time you arrive.**
- It is imperative for the safety of the children that an adult directly drops them off and picks them up from the designated group meeting area, not the parking lot.
- Please initial your child's group "camper sign out sheet" upon picking up your child.
- **PLEASE call Trailside by 9:30 AM on each day that your child won't be attending camp.**
- We will need a written authorization form from you if someone else will be picking up your child. You must notify us in advance of the pick up time.
- Please obey the stop signs in the park and remember to DRIVE SLOWLY for the safety of the children, park patrons, and wildlife!

As you know, exploring and getting personal with nature often requires us to do so on nature's terms. Please dress your child accordingly. Long pants and sneakers are suggested (no sandals) to provide extra protection while exploring. Ticks are an ever-present concern and although we do "buddy" tick checks daily, it is important to do a thorough tick examination of your child each night.

Finally, you will want to send your children to camp with a healthy, filling lunch and extra water for outings. Please use portable lunches and backpacks as we may be traveling with our lunches. We ask that when packing your children's lunches, try to use reusable containers. One point we want the children to gain from this experience is the importance of reducing garbage, reusing, and recycling.

It is always a pleasure to get to know your children and we are looking forward to a great time at camp. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (914) 864-7322. We expect that your week at camp will be instructional and enjoyable for everyone involved.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Gambino  
Curator & Camp Director