

Trailside Nature Museum

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation
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The Overnight Campout

Getting ready for this special event!

Weather permitting, we will camp out on the **SECOND TUESDAY** night of the Conservationists-in-Training (CITs) camp session. Threat of *severe* weather will postpone the campout until the next day.

Please be sure your child has **TWO** lunches with them on that Tuesday morning when they arrive. Food should be non-perishable as there is no refrigeration available. We will provide an evening meal and breakfast the next day. The menu (subject to modification) will include: Dinner of vegetable beef stew with macaroni, campfire bread, and baked apples. Breakfast: scrambled eggs and boxed cereals with milk. Meals are campfire prepared meals and will be made by the campers as part of the overnight experience. Drinking water will be available at the campsite for cooking and refilling water bottles, but please make sure your child has at least 32 oz. with them **EACH DAY** of camp. **Note:** Freezing all the water bottles overnight is not always the best idea, as children run out of “melted” water quickly and must then wait a long time for the ice to thaw before they can get another drink. If cold water is desired, overnight refrigeration is best, or only freeze 1/3 of the bottle, then add water before heading to camp.

A checklist of camping equipment will be given to each camper at the beginning of the session so there is time to gather, check, or purchase what is needed. Sharing a tent with a friend is fine, and sometimes other campers have extra equipment they may be willing to loan to a fellow camper. Please mark all gear with your child’s name. The CIT counselors will be able to answer any questions you may have about what to bring prior to the campout.

Some things NOT to bring to camp:

- iPods or similar device
 - matches/lighters
 - more than **ONE** pocketknife
 - extra bags of candy
 - electronic games/toys
 - squirt-guns (spray bottle misters are okay)
- * *Cell phones should be left at home, please.*

This event is a highlight for most campers. For many, it marks the first time they have ever spent the night in a tent away from family. The camp staff works very hard to ensure a safe, exciting, and educational experience. Children that refuse to adhere to camp rules, or pose a problem will be asked to leave the camp.

If there is an emergency during this campout period, please contact Michael Gambino at (914) 276-0457, cell: (914) 497-4257.

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