

2024 Camp at the Conservatory FAQs

When does camp registration open?

Member Registration

3-4 Year Old Camp - Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 11 am

5-6 Year Old Camp - Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 11am

7-8 Year Old Camp - Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 11am

Non-member registration opens on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 11am

How do I register for camp?

Register at <https://www.fpconservatory.org/education-programs/camps/>

Am I able to register for multiple weeks of camp at one time?

Yes, multiple camps and campers may be registered at one time. However, be aware that the registration process times out after 15 minutes.

How much does camp cost?

3-4 Camp Morning Session is \$125 for members and \$145 for non-members.

3-4 Camp Afternoon Session is \$115 for members and \$135 for non-members. Camp ends at 3pm on Friday.

Full Day Camp (5-8 year olds) is \$265 for members and \$285 for non-members.

Are scholarships available?

Yes, the online scholarship form will be live December 18-22, 2023. We offer a very limited amount of 80% off scholarships for Access Level Members. We will prioritize new applicants and the earliest applications.

May I sign my younger kid up for the same program my older child is in?

Younger children may not have developed the skills for the activities in the older programming. If siblings need to be together or a camper is more comfortable in younger programming, they are welcome to register for younger programming.

What is the cancellation policy?

Cancellations at least a month before the camp week will receive an 80% refund. Cancellations less than a month but more than two weeks will receive a 50% refund. Cancellations made less than two weeks before the camp week starts are not eligible for a refund.

When can I register if I'm on a waitlist?

Registration is not guaranteed for individuals on the waitlist. When cancellations occur, the first person on the waitlist will get a chance to register for the open spot. Cancellations are more likely to occur closer to summertime.

What are camper to counselor ratios?

3-4 year old camp - 1 counselor for 6 campers
5-8 year old camp - 1 counselor for 10 campers

What is the process of becoming a camp counselor?

Check <https://www.fpconservatory.org/about-us/careers/> at the end of January for the job posting. Applicants will go through an interview process. HR will complete an initial background check and paperwork. Before camp starts, staff will complete staff training to learn programming and safety protocols.

What do campers do at camp?

Campers will have time for free play, visiting gardens, crafts, nature activities, and games.

My child has special needs, may they attend camp?

Yes, everyone is welcome. However, if the camper cannot operate in the above ratios, the family will need to send a personal assistant for the camper with special needs.

What is the difference between programs?

Each age range has a variety of themes to choose from. These themes will be the focus of the entire week. For example, Garden Explorers will play different games and do different crafts from Colorful Creations.

How long does the camp run?

All camps are week-long, Monday to Friday. Pre-K (3-4) camps are half day in either the morning or afternoon. Full day camp (5-8 year olds) runs 9am to 4pm, Monday-Thursday and 9am-3pm on Friday.

Will campers visit the Children's Garden?

If weather permits, all campers will visit the Children's Garden a few times each week.

Do campers need to bring sack lunches?

Yes, if the camper is in a full day program. Please be aware that lunches will not be refrigerated or heated up. Parents may also be asked to send only peanut and/or tree nut free food.

Where will campers eat lunch?

Full day campers will eat on the back porch of The Wells Barn unless there is inclement weather.

What do I do if my camper has a food allergy or special diet?

Please list all allergies and/or special diets on the registration form. Please be clear about the level of severity; epi-pen, anaphylactic, airborne, etc. of allergies. Camp Staff will take individualized steps for each allergy and special diet.

How are medications handled?

There will not be a camp nurse and counselors are not trained to dispense medication. Please give medication to campers before or after camp. Emergency medications (inhaler/epi-pen) should be sent with the camper. If deemed responsible by parents/guardians, campers will hold on to their own emergency medication (inhaler/epi-pen). If parents request, counselors will keep the camper's emergency medication with them throughout the day.

How do I know my child is ready for camp?

All campers need to be able to go to the bathroom by themselves. 5-8 year olds need to be able to change for water activities and put on sunblock by themselves. It is best if campers experience a day away from parents/guardians before attending summer camp.