

# The GREAT Outdoors



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Vernon Hills Park District's Great Outdoors!

Join us at The Great Outdoors Camp and enjoy a summer full of excitement!

**Camp Director:** Ms. Josephine Daniels, email and phone number still TBD

**Camp Counselors:** Ms. Jessica, Ms. Adison, Mr. Dylan, Ms Jacqui

## **Welcome from the Site Director:**

My name is Josie Daniels. I am a junior at the University of Missouri and I am majoring in biology on a pre-med track. In the future, my plan is to become a pediatrician! I love being around kids as their personalities and interests are so entertaining. I have worked with kids my whole life from babysitting to working at the pool to being a certified gymnastics coach. My hobbies include working out, playing softball, hanging out with my friends and family, going to Cubs games, reading, and binging TV shows. I am so excited for this summer to be able to get along with all the kids and make this summer memorable for them!

**Location:** Deerpath Park, 24 Warrington Rd, Vernon Hills

**Drop off and pick up** for Great Outdoors will be at Warrington Shelter, located off 24 Warrington Rd at the Deerpath Park Playground.

Please note: the earliest time to drop-off is 8:00am. Pick up will be available starting 2:45 pm.

### **EXCEPTION FOR PICK-UP:**

On pool days, pick up of all campers will be in front of the pool.

### **Please note!**

Our camp staff must have a note from the camper's parent/guardian in order to allow them to get a ride home with a person not listed on the emergency/transportation pick up information

Children enrolled in Extended Care will be transported to Extended Care at the Sullivan Community Center after Camp.

### **Camp Days:**

Camp runs from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

There will be no camp on Thursday, July 3 and Friday, July 4.

We will be spending our time outdoors at Deerpath Park.

We will be walking to the Turtle Creek Waterpark twice a week this summer!

### **NEW!! ePact Network for Camp Forms:**

All camp forms such as Camp Data Forms including emergency contacts and authorized pick up, Food Allergy Care Plan, Medication Form and Walking/Biking Waiver need to be completed online via ePact.

After registering, families will receive an email from ePact to set up or reconfirm their child's account.

Please make sure to complete and submit all necessary forms through ePact before the first day of camp.

### **Absences**

In case your child is absent from camp, please call the Camp Site Director before the start of the camp day. For the safety of the children, please notify us anytime your child will not be at camp. Camp staff is directed to contact you if you do not report an absence.

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## Lunch Time

Please pack a lunch and several snacks for your child every day. Please pack snack & lunches in insulated, reusable lunch boxes since we do not have a refrigerator at camp.

## Water bottles:

Please provide your camper with a water bottle to use every day.

## Proper Attire

Please send your camper in comfortable, weather appropriate clothing and tennis shoes (please, NO sandals, flip-flops, except on pool days). Please also send sunscreen with your camper every day, since we are outside daily. Please apply sunscreen before camp. Campers will have opportunities to reapply sunscreen (provided by the parent/guardian) by themselves throughout the day. If assistance is needed, staff may spray a child with spray-on sunscreen provided by the parent/guardian; however, they will not be able to assist in rubbing it in. Hats and sunglasses provide additional protection from the sun. Please mark all of your child's belongings (water bottle, backpack, clothes, etc.) with their name.

## Personal Items

We urge that campers DO NOT bring possessions of any type of value to camp. When items are lost or broken, it makes the experience upsetting to the camper rather than fun. It is a situation we hope to completely avoid. We ask that all personal items including cell phones NOT be brought to camp.

**In addition, electronics and cell phones are not allowed to be used at camp at all! Should you need to get a hold of your camper and/or should your camper need to get a hold of you, please contact the Camp Site Director.**

## Inclement weather

In the event of inclement weather and/or extreme heat, we have indoor space available at the Sullivan Community Center.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

We are looking forward to a great summer!

Kindly,  
Anna Swain