Dear Wildlife Camper and Family:

Thank you for choosing to participate in The University of Iowa Wildlife Camps. We are looking forward to offering camps again this summer that will include fun, hands-on investigations within all our ecosystems at the Macbride Nature Recreation Area (MNRA). We will be getting into the science of nature while still experiencing the best of our recreational activities.

The majority of time will be spent at MNRA. Some field trips may be taken to other local natural areas in our 2nd-9th grade camps. We reserve the right to relocate camps as needed.

Owl Camp is the only group that will swim at the leisure pool located at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center. Owl campers will need to bring a suit and towel along with their overnight gear for their swimming time on Friday.

Because we spend all if not most of our time in the out-of-doors you should come prepared for sun, rain and everything nature may bring. The sun can injure skin. Make sure to bring waterproof sunscreen and know how to properly apply it. Shirts with sleeves are recommended to prevent sunburned shoulders. Dehydration is a concern at camp due to increased physical activity, heat, and high humidity. All campers are required to bring a water bottle. Please remember to drink lots of water at camp and throughout the day. (We’ll remind you of both these things, too!)

Because it may rain during camp, we encourage you to bring a raincoat or poncho. Camp goes on, even in the rain. Programs will move inside when necessary during storm watches and warnings. To have a wonderful time outdoors your child will need the proper clothing and we encourage them to wear appropriate shoes. This could be a pair of tennis shoes, hiking boats or sandals that stay on feet snugly and are designed for hiking and exploring outside.

We’ve seen some progress in the reduction of non-recyclable waste generated at lunchtime. We would love to see this continue. If possible, avoid over-packaged products and bring reusable containers. We will follow a carry-in/carry-out policy.

Registration questions should be directed to Jeanette Luke at 335-9294 and all other camp inquiries can be emailed to me at meredith-caskey@uiowa.edu

We are anxious to see all of you and have another memorable summer!

Sincerely,

Meredith Caskey
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