Lacawac Summer Day Camp Parent Handbook

We're excited to have your child join us for hands-on outdoor adventures! Our camps immerse campers in nature, science, and art, encouraging curiosity, teamwork, and emotional growth. All staff are trained in First Aid & CPR, and are background-checked to ensure a safe and supportive environment.

Notable Changes for 2027

- Three age groups (5-6, 7-8, 9-11) are open for all 8 weeks of camp so you can choose the weeks that best fit your family's schedule and interest
- Two part registration - one link for payment, one link for camper information
- One week break in the middle of summer (July 12-16)
- Eight different themes to capture the interest of children of all ages
- Drop-off/Pick up is at Visitor Center traffic loop

Registration, Fees & Scholarships

- Tuition: **$200/week** (10% discount when registering for more than 1 child or camp)
- Lacawac camp t-shirt: **$10** (just purchase 1 per camper for the summer)
- **Refunds:** 50% before May 1; No refund after May 1. Medical exceptions with doctor's note can receive full refund
- **Scholarships:** Available to qualifying families (see information below)

Camp Themes

Week	Date	Themes
1	6/14-18	**Native Neighbors: Animals & Plants of PA**
2	6/21-25	**Ecosystem Odyssey**
3	6/28-7/2	**Art in Nature**
4	7/5-9	**Fur, Feathers, Scales, & Tails**
	7/12-16	**Week off -**Counselors take a break and prep for the 2nd half of the summer
5	7/19-23	**Woodland Wanderers**
6	7/26-30	**Wilderness Adventure**
7	8/2-6	**Wonderful World of Wiggly Things**
8	8/9-13	**Watershed Wonders**

Detailed description on https://lacawac.org/our-impact/education/camps-at-lacawac/summer-camps/

How to Register:

Summer Camp registration starts on January 11, 2027. There are **TWO** parts to fully registering:

Step 1: Choose the week(s) your child(ren) would like to attend. Go to the secure payment site for camp t-shirt and all camps: https://secure.qgiv.com/for/fieldtripsandclassroomprograms/event/summercamp2027/

- Each camp group has a maximum of 16 campers - if your chosen camp is full at the time of registration, please email camp@lacawac.org to be placed on a waiting list. If spots open up, you will be notified by email.

Step 2: Fill out Camper and Family Information for each camper:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKaebL67mY5FBhjYxTQ__zX51VVBiy8Zf5C9AGerJbUf3ubg/viewform?usp=header
Form must be filled out for each camper registered and medical exam/vaccination records must be uploaded at this time.

Scholarships are available to qualifying families for up to 50% of 1 week of camp. Before registering for any camp, please submit the scholarship form with accompanying documentation.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJUi_Gf77dSKuqy6J_00BiPjljdlfgHXHETMkqC334rMqatQ/viewform?usp=header

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Required Forms

Please upload all forms **at the time of registration**:

- **Medical Form** – up to date physical exam (within last 24 months)
- **Vaccination record -** In accordance with PA Department of Health guidelines, all campers must be up-to-date on state-required vaccinations to attend camp. Children without required immunization records will not be permitted to participate.

These forms ensure your child's safety and care while at Lacawac.

What to Bring

Camp is hands-on, messy, and outdoor-focused. Please send:

- Backpack
- Refillable water bottle
- Lunch and snack (reusable items/zero-waste encouraged)
- Play clothes that can get dirty
- Closed-toe shoes (no flip-flops or Crocs)
- Change of clothes & shoes
- A towel
- Sunscreen & bug spray applied before arrival

Behavior

Campers are expected to **respect peers, staff, and nature** and participate safely.

- Minor conflicts are handled through **reflection and guidance**, not punishment.
- Parents are partners in addressing repeated or serious behavior issues.
- **Safety First:** In rare cases, a camper may be sent home if their behavior endangers themselves or others.

Safety & Emergencies

- Staff trained in First Aid & CPR are always present.
- Minor injuries are treated on-site; parents notified promptly.
- Serious incidents trigger **immediate contact with parents and emergency services**.
- Camp is rain or shine; activities adapt to weather conditions.

Family Communication

When registering, use email addresses that are checked frequently so that you stay informed of camp details and changes.
Camp director will use Remind.com as a communication tool throughout the week of camp and it can be used by families to contact the camp quickly. See below for instructions on signing up!

Contact

Main Phone: 570.689.9494
Education Center/Camp Phone: 570.503.7883
Email: camp@lacawac.org
Website: www.lacawac.org
Communicate during the week of camp using the **Remind app** - this will allow you to directly text the camp director with any questions or concerns.

Text the code for your week to the phone #: 81010

Week	Date	Themes	Remind.com code to join
1	6/14-18	Native Neighbors: Animals & Plants of PA	@lacweek1 or https://www.remind.com/join/lacweek1
2	6/21-25	Ecosystem Odyssey	@lacweek2 or https://www.remind.com/join/lacweek2
3	6/28-7/2	Art in Nature	@lacweek3 or https://www.remind.com/join/lacweek3
4	7/5-9	Fur, Feathers, Scales, & Tails	@lacweek4 or https://www.remind.com/join/lacweek4
	7/12-16	Week off	
5	7/19-23	Woodland Wanderers	@lacweek5 or https://www.remind.com/join/lacweek5
6	7/26-30	Wilderness Adventure	@lacweek6 or https://www.remind.com/join/lacweek6
7	8/2-6	Wonderful World of Wiggly Things	@lacweek7 or https://www.remind.com/join/lacweek7
8	8/9-13	Watershed Wonders	@lacweek8 or https://www.remind.com/join/lacweek8