

Kenai Watershed Forum

FUR, FINS, FEATHERS, FLOWERS & FUN

A Recreational Day Camp

2012 Camp Policies

Parents: Please read and initial at the bottom of each page. A copy of the policies with your initials will be provided to you via email when your child's Camp registration is complete.

1. **Type of Service Offered:** Environmental Education **Ages Served:** 6-12
2. **Hours of Operation:** 9:00 am - 4:00pm. Students may be dropped off at the Pavilion in Soldotna Creek Park between 8:45 - 9:00 am. Camp staff will NOT be available before 8:45 am.
3. **Children With Special Needs:** Please talk to the Director to see if our program can meet your child's needs.
4. **Enrollment Requirements:** The following completed forms must be submitted with payment in full to secure enrollment: Registration Form, Camp Policies, Health Form, Immunization Records, and Physical.
5. **Discipline/Behavior Management:** Many behavior problems common at school and home disappear when we take students into outdoor settings. When it is necessary to modify the behavior of children, positive behavioral management techniques are used. If a child is unsuccessful in meeting the behavioral expectations of our program, a parent conference is arranged, and a child may be dismissed from camp. Corporal punishment is not a component of our program. A child will be restrained only in the event of possible injury to the child or other children in the group.
6. **Meals, Snacks, and Beverages:** Students will be very active all day long. Families must provide a nutritious snack, sack lunch, and a water bottle that will not spoil in the heat. In addition, the Kenai Watershed Forum will be providing one healthy snack per day of camp.
7. **Nondiscrimination Statement:** Kenai Watershed programs are open to all children and there is no discrimination allowed on the grounds of race, age, parenthood, color, national origin, sex, religion, physical disability, marital status, or pregnancy.
8. **Fees and Payment Arrangement:** Full payment in the form of cash, check, Visa or MasterCard must be received for registration to be complete. We recognize circumstances may arise and a fully registered camper may not be able to attend camp. We will make every effort to accommodate the family by transferring the registration to another session if available. If another session is unavailable and a full cancellation is necessary, we will make every effort to fill the empty spot. If the spot is filled, you will receive a full refund. If the spot can not be filled, you will receive a 25% refund.
9. **Liability Insurance:** The Kenai Watershed Forum carries general liability insurance as well as Camp & Conference Accident Medical Insurance.
10. **Sample Daily Schedule:** 9:00-9:30 - Group assembles and plays warm up games/participates in introduction activities, 9:30-11:00 - Group departs to explore Soldotna Creek Park and surrounding areas, 11:00-11:15 - Snack time, 11:15-12:30 - Environmental Education Activities, 12:30-1:00 - Lunch, 1:00-2:00 - Story time/Craft time, 2:00-3:30 - Games and EE activities, 3:30-4:00 - Daily

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Closing Ceremony.

11. **Rules Concerning Personal Belongings:** Every child will keep her/his belongings in a personal daypack with them at all times. We ask that all non-essential personal belongings such as, cell phones, sports equipment, electronic games, toys and cards be left at home.
12. **Transportation:** Students are required to arrive at Soldotna Creek by their own means every day. Once at camp, all travel will be on foot. When traveling on roads, all pedestrian laws will be followed.
13. **Parent Visits/Release /Absentees camper** Parents may visit FFFFF Day Camp. Parents should consult with the Camp Director to arrange an appropriate time and place for a visit. All children must be released to authorized persons during camp or at the end of camp. Parents should make every effort to contact camp staff if their child is going to be absent. If a child is not present by 10:00 a.m. each day the director or designate may call parents to verify non-attendance.
14. **Permission for Activities Outside the Center:** Children in our programs will be exploring a variety of terrain such as wetlands, forests, streams, and rivers of Alaska. Risks during day programs, trips/travel may include falling, bad weather, bears, moose, insects, and other risks that are inherent while in a wilderness setting. Camp will take all precautions possible to prepare children for all inherent risks in conducting activities. By signing the required health form, parents authorize children to spend their days outdoors with our Camp staff.
15. **FFFFF is Bear Aware in Soldotna Creek Park:** To ensure safety while out on the trails, FFFFF instructors have been trained in proper bear safety by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, plus each instructor carries bear spray on them at all times. Additionally, campers stay close to one another while on the trail, food is prohibited to be carried in backpacks, and make plenty of noise to deter any encounters with bears while at camp.
16. **Smoking, Alcohol, Drugs and Weapons** are prohibited in all Furs, Fins, Feathers, Flowers, and Fun programs.
17. **Policy for Outdoor Activities:** Children participating in our programs should come prepared to journey into wild lands on rainy and sunny days. On very rainy days, our groups will seek shelter in local parks or at the camp yurt for brief periods during the day. However, even when it is wet outdoors, Fur, Fins, Feathers Flowers, and Fun programs will continue. Rain gear and warm clothing are very important on these days.
18. **Animals:** Are prohibited unless approved by the Camp Director,
19. **Substitutes:** In the event an instructor is injured or becomes ill during the week your child is enrolled, a qualified substitute will lead the group. Our substitute pool includes other Kenai Watershed Forum staff.

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20. **Emergency Care Provisions:** Parents take full responsibility for any and all accidents and injuries which may be sustained by children during this activity and understand KWF does not assume responsibility for accidents or injuries which occur. **Care for Ill Children:** If a child becomes ill while outdoors with FFFFF, attempts will be made to contact parents to arrange for the child to go home for the day. If parents are unreachable, Camp staff will attempt to contact the Emergency Contact. If it is not advisable for the child to continue with group activities and his/her condition is acute requiring medical attention, all reasonable attempts will be made to contact parents and/or the Emergency Contact while the child is being taken to a local medical facility by ambulance. **Medication:** Camp staff members are not authorized to administer any medications to children, including aspirin. If medicine needs to be administered while your child is at Camp, we will need the parent to fill out an authorization form. Please contact the KWF office for a copy.
21. **Topical Products:** If parents wish to have their child use insect repellents or sunscreens they should send the product with the child in a container labeled with the child's name.
22. **Notification of Changes:** Any changes in programs or policies will be mailed to all participants.