

## Dear Campers and Families,

We are pleased to welcome you to an unforgettable camp full of discovery, excitement, new experiences, friends and fun!

Camp starts at 9a.m. so please arrive between 8:30 and 9a.m. Pick up time is between 4pm and 4:30p.m. Extended Care drop-off begins at 8a.m. and pick-up ends at 5:30 p.m. Each day please sign in and out with your counselors or indicate if any other adults may be picking up in your place. Please let your camp counselors know of any special concerns or needs regarding your child.

## Locations

Our camps run out of **two different locations**. Please double-check the correct location and dates for your child's camp.

### **The following camps are located at the Nature Interpretive Centre, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas**

- 4-5 year olds – Animal Adventurers
- 6-7 year olds – Tree Trekkers
- 8-9 year olds – Eco-Explorers
- 10-13 year olds – Trailblazers

Each morning quite a few children are dropped off at the Nature Centre, and this brings us a lot of traffic in a short time. For safety reasons, the north side of the road across from the NIC is posted as a No Parking zone, marked by traffic cones. We ask that you drive slowly, respect the No Parking postings, and park in the designated areas.

### **The following camps are located at RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington**

- 4-5 year olds – Crawly Creatures
- 6-7 year olds – Ecosystem All-Stars

Please use the staff parking lot for drop-off and pick-up, located at the west end of RBG Centre near the corner of Plains Road and Botanical Drive. If dropping off or picking up outside of regular drop-off and pick-up hours, you will need to enter through the main doors at the front of RBG Centre. The staff entrance doors will be locked between 9a.m. – 4p.m.

## What to Bring

Each day your child will be involved in a variety of fun and educational activities. To ensure that your child's camp experience is the best, please follow these recommendations:

- To ensure a healthier environment please pack a litterless, nut-free lunch and two snacks from home. Extra drinks or water bottles are encouraged.
- Please ensure that lunches and snacks are **free of nuts, nut products and traces of nuts**. Snacks that "may contain traces of nuts or nut products" are not permitted. Food that does not comply with our policy will be replaced with a healthy alternative.
- We are outside in all sorts of weather— please send your child with weather-appropriate clothing including hats, mitts and snow pants.
- Please pack a pair of indoor shoes and an extra change of clothing.
- Camp is a time to make friends, learn, and explore all of the wonders of our natural world. Please make sure electronic toys, virtual pets, music devices, video games, trading cards and toys in general stay at home.
- Please ensure that everything you bring to camp is labeled with your name.

**Signing In and Out**

In order to maintain a safe environment, Royal Botanical Gardens' Discovery Day Camps have a policy for signing out campers. This policy will ensure that all campers have a fun and safe experience while guaranteeing that they are being signed out by an authorized adult. Please ensure that all parties expecting to pick up a camper know of this policy. The policy states:

“Anyone picking up a camper (other than the person who dropped off and signed the camper into the program) must show photo identification, and must be listed on the child's registration as either: a) a Primary Caregiver; b) an individual authorized for pick-up; or c) an individual listed as an Emergency Contact. The individual must be over the age of 18 years. Any changes to these names on your initial registration must be noted in writing by letter addressed to the Camp Director and must be accompanied by a Primary Caregiver's signature.”

We look forward to seeing your family at Royal Botanical Gardens' Discovery Camp. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns please send us an email at [camps@rbg.ca](mailto:camps@rbg.ca) or visit our website at [www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca).

We look forward to seeing you at camp!