

Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center



SUMMER CAMP

AT



PARENT HANDBOOK

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CAMP OVERVIEW



Welcome to Oxbow Camp!

We are so excited you are joining us for camp at Oxbow Meadows. Take some time look look over our Camp handbook before arriving for your first day of camp.



Beaver Pond

Discovery Forest

The Oxbow

Alligator Alley

Bird Garden

Camper Behavior

- Be respectful of their fellow campers, counselors, environment, equipment, and to others.
- They are to be responsible for their own actions.
- Honesty is the best policy.
- Campers should care for their fellow campers.
- They are expected and encouraged to talk to any counselor if they need help.

Parents will be notified of unacceptable behavior. If behavior continues the camper will be dismissed from camp. Behaviors that endanger the safety and well-being of the child or other children or staff are considered major violations and are subject to immediate dismissal at the Camp Director's discretion. Refunds are not given to dismissed participants.

CAMP STAFF



DR. LAUREN JOHNSON
PROGRAM DIRECTOR



ASHLEY HERBOLICH
CO-CAMP DIRECTOR



VICTORIA HALL
CO-CAMP DIRECTOR



CAMI BENTON
ADMIN ASSISTANT

JACOB REUSCHLING
ANIMAL KEEPER

STUDENT ASSISTANTS
CAMP COUNSELORS

Emergency Communication

Program Director or Camp Director will contact parents/ guardians by phone when there is concern about a person's health and/or when a situation is not progressing as expected. In the event that the parents/guardians cannot be reached an attempt to reach the alternate contact will be made. If necessary camp personnel will leave a voice message on answering machines that appropriately communicates the need for a given parent to call the camp.

Lauren Johnson
Program Director
Phone: 706-507-8556

Victoria (Neundorfer) Hall
Camp Director
Phone: 706-507-8558

Ashley Herbolich
Camp Director
Phone: 706-507-8546

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706-507-8554

CAMP DAILY



Drop-Off & Pick-Up

All Camps are scheduled Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.

Drop-off: 8:45-9:00am

Pick-up: 4:00-4:15pm.

Oxbow Meadows does not provide before or after care for summer camps.

Oxbow Staff will be stationed at or near the parking area for drop off and pick up.

ID's will be checked at pick up. Ensure you have your ID with you. Only adults on approved list may pick up campers.

Campers must be signed in and out by parent or guardian at pick-up/drop-off area.

Daily Activities

Each Oxbow Camp features a wide variety of activities! Throughout your campers day they may explore Oxbow's trail system, encounter an animal ambassadors, learn a new wilderness skill, practice their scientific thinking, engage in teamwork with other campers, and expand their care for their natural world!

Each Camper Will Receive

One Oxbow T-Shirt

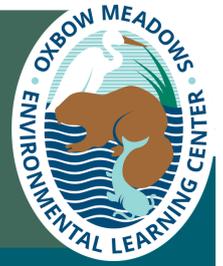
Note: campers must wear camp shirt everyday of camp

**One thing is guaranteed:
your camper will come
home tired, happy, often
wet, and sometimes muddy!
Be prepared.**

Car Talk!

Each day you student will leave with a paper with reminders for the next camp day and car talk questions. These questions are designed to help you engage with your student and what they learned that day!

CAMP POLICIES



Medications & First Aid



Staff members and campers are not permitted to keep medication in their personal belongings. If you need to take medication while you are at camp you will need to turn it in to the Program Director, we will collect them and return them at the end of the day. Campers must be able to self-administer meds.

Parents/guardians will be notified prior to any first aid treatment unless prior consent is given.



Pets & Other Animals

No pets or other living animals may be brought to summer camp. This policy does not apply to Service Animals.

Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking & Weapons

Alcohol and illegal drugs are not allowed on campus.

Oxbow Summer Camp is a smoke-free environment. Smoking and vaping are prohibited during camp and while on the Oxbow campus.

No weapons are permitted.

Staff may utilize tools such as pocket knives or hatchets for educational demonstrations.

Electronics Policies



Gaming devices, items that makes phone calls or accesses the internet are not permitted at camp.

Camp will not take responsibility for replacing electronic devices brought to camp, which may be damaged or lost. If any of the items not permitted are brought to camp, we will collect them and return them at the end of the day.

COME PREPARED



What to Wear



Campers are provided with an Oxbow Meadows T-Shirt.

Campers must wear an Oxbow Meadows shirt at all times during camp. Additional shirts may be purchased at the Oxbow Meadows gift store.

Please send your camper with a complete change of clothes each day as we will encounter wet, muddy, and messy things during camp adventures. Non-Oxbow shirts are permitted as a change of clothes.

Closed toed-shoes are required.

Hats are recommended!

Sun Screen & Bug Spray



Make sure your student comes prepared with bug spray and sunscreen pre-applied each day.

Please send products labeled with the campers name for them to reapply at lunch time.

Adventuring happens rain or shine! Dress for the weather. (Water-proof shoes or jacket)

Water Day!

Campers should bring a towel and change of clothes. Bathing suits may be worn underneath shirt and shorts only.



Food & Water

Bring: Two Snacks & Lunch

Please ensure your camper has enough food for the day. During designated camp hours we will pause for a morning and afternoon snack break, as well as for lunch.

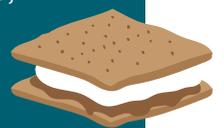
Snacks and lunches are not provided by Oxbow Meadows, with the exception of food related camp activities.

We are NOT a nut-free camp.

Food Allergies and dietary restrictions will be taken into consideration case by case.

Each camper should bring their own reusable water bottle each day to camp. A bottle is not provided by Oxbow Meadows.

Water bottle refill locations will be available around camp.



GRADUATION

Graduation Friday at 3:30pm

You are invited! Join your camper and the Oxbow team as we explore all your campers have discovered this week. Enjoy a slide show of our camp week and congratulate each camper as they are awarded a certificate for their accomplishments that week. Take time to uncover all your camper learned as well as collect all remaining projects and camp items before dismissal at 4pm.

