

Steele Creek Park Nature Center Camps

Camp Name(s):

Dates:

I assume the responsibility for my child's mental and physical fitness to participate in Nature Camps at Steele Creek Park and agree to abide by all the rules, regulations and requirements of the aforementioned camp. I understand that my child may be removed from the camp and no refund given if he/she is unable to comply with Camp rules.

My child is allergic to the following: **Please indicate if your child has NO allergies.**

Other medical concerns that we should be aware of:

Emergency phone numbers:

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Office/work: _____

Participant's

Name: _____

Age: _____

Other Persons Authorized to Pick Up:

I have read and understand all of the information herein and authorize my child to participate in the above camp(s) at the Steele Creek Park Nature Center.

Date: _____

Park Staff Initials: _____



City of Bristol, Tennessee
Department of Parks and Recreation

Steele Creek Park Nature Center
Nature Camp Guide

Summer 2011

Welcome to Nature Camps at Steele Creek Park; is your child ready for a nature filled week full of hiking, plants, animals, and *excitement?*



We hope you are all ready for this exhilarating week full of learning! Here, we hope to let you know what to expect, and what we expect of you and your camper(s), so that all who attend Nature Camps at Steele Creek Park have a fun and enriching experience.

Purpose: Summer Nature Camps at the Park have been ongoing now for more than 15 years. For each camp, we strive to provide a valuable outdoor learning experience for elementary – middle school age children. Each camp focuses on a different aspect of the Park's natural resources and heritage, and programming ranges from hikes and games, to indoor crafts and programs.

The Camp Experience: Each camp operates for 5 days (Monday - Friday) from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. Early arrival and later pick-ups are not available. We give the children several breaks throughout the morning and invite parents to send snacks with their children (and we recommend that you send water with your children!). While we prefer to spend most of each camp day outside exposing the campers to *real* nature, we do have indoor activities during inclement weather, and also spend a significant amount of time introducing them to tools of the trade for nature observation and study.

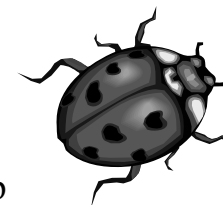
Cost: While nearly all of the Nature Center's educational programming is performed as a free service to the public, in order to provide materials and staffing for these learning-intensive camps, a fee of \$55.00 (\$50.00 if paid before May 31st) is required of each participant per camp. Payment is due within 2 weeks of registration or 2 weeks prior to the first day of camp (whichever is earlier).

If payment is a problem, however, the Friends of Steele Creek Nature Center and Park have several camp scholarships each year for parents in need of assistance. More information is available on their website,

www.friendsofstelecreek.org, or you can email them at mail@friendsofstelecreek.org.



Rules and Expectations:



Your child's safety is essential to us! Our camp leaders strive to keep the experience safe and enjoyable for all campers, but this responsibility must be a shared one!

Some accidents cannot be avoided, but to minimize the risk to your child or someone else's, these rules must be followed by all campers at all times:

- Campers are to stay as a group and with group leaders at ALL times.
- When a leader is speaking, campers are listening.
- Campers are not to touch any living thing unless a leader says that it is safe.
- Campers are to keep their hands to themselves.
- Running and horseplay are not permitted.

These rules will travel with us throughout each week, and other rules will be necessary during specific events and activities. For the safety of everyone, if your child cannot adhere to these or other requirements, we will not allow the child back to camp and no refund will be given.

Remember, this is real exposure to a wilderness park! If you have any doubts about your child's enjoyment or wellbeing, discuss this with us before signing him or her up for camp!

Contact Information: To find out more about the specific camps offered this year, visit us on the web at www.bristoltn.org/naturecenter.cfm (you can also find us on Facebook!).



For any other questions or comments, feel free to call us at 423.989.5616, or email jstout@bristoltn.org.