



# WEEK 8 NEWSLETTER EXPLORER CAMP

July 26th-July 30th

## NOTES FROM THE COORDINATOR

Campers and families,

First and foremost, WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE!!! This week's theme will be centered on animals, Safaris, and learning about the Amazon Rainforest! To incorporate this week's theme into camp we will be decorating the gym to represent a jungle! Campers get your wild boots on because we will be exploring our way through the wilderness! Join us in the fun by wearing any animal print or any animal theme shirt you have on **Monday!**

Since we had so much fun at Wheeler Park during session 6, this week we will be going back there for mini golfing, nature walks, and to play on the rocket ship playground! We will be leaving at **10:00 A.M on Tuesday July 27th**, so please have your camper arrive to camp no later than 9:30 A.M. On **Thursday**, we will be walking to the pool. Any **NEW** participants will need to take a swim test to determine which areas of the pool they can swim in. You may send campers with money for the concessions, however, please understand that they must be responsible for their own money. The park district will not monitor their purchases or be responsible for lost or stolen money.

As of lately, Explorer Camp's Lost & Found bin has been **PACKED** with unclaimed items. The staff goes over the items every morning and they still remain unclaimed. Please let one of the staff know if your camper is missing an item so we can keep an extra eye out for it.

**PLEASE BE AWARE DROP OFF OR PICK UP FROM THE POOL OR PARK IS NOT PERMITTED.** You must drop off and pick up from Western Elementary School. If you are not able to drop your off before we leave, they will not be able to come to camp that day. We highly recommend that campers arrive at least 60 minutes before our departure times.

Please have your child bring a proper mask. Masks are required for any indoor activities, but not required when outside. A proper face mask is one that aligns with CDC guidelines here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/preventgetting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

Also, please send your camper with two snacks, a lunch, water bottle, and sunscreen! On Tuesday, since we will be at the park majority of the day, please have your child wear gym shoes as there will be lots of walking and active activities. On Wednesday and Thursday, ensure that your child brings a swimsuit, towel, and change of clothes. Lastly, since we will be traveling to other locations, it would be greatly appreciated if all of your child's belongings were labeled.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at [ADybas@genevaparks.com](mailto:ADybas@genevaparks.com) or to ask any one of the staff on site! We are always happily here to help find the answer!

Annie Dybas  
Explorer Camp Coordinator

## THINGS TO REMEMBER...

- Please **ALWAYS** have your ID ready when picking up your child! Only individuals with authorization from the parent/guardian can pick-up campers. Please remember to stay in your car, if your child needs assistance buckling up, please pull forward from the car line before getting out to help them!
- Please make sure your child brings a lunch, morning and afternoon snack with them every day (it must be nut free!), along with a reusable water bottle.
- To camp, your child should wear:
  - Sunscreen / Bug Spray
  - Gyms Shoes and Socks
  - Active Wear / Play Clothes
  - A face mask that aligns with CDC guidelines  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/preventgetting-sick/about-face-coverings.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/preventgetting-sick/about-face-coverings.html)

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Water days on site are on Wednesdays, Pool days at Sunset Pool are on Thursdays.**
- On Wednesdays and Thursday please bring a swimsuit, towel, and change of clothes.
- Virtual Field Trips will also be held throughout the week! This week we will be touring the Amazon Rainforest and setting up a walk through African Safari in the gym!



## This Week at a Glance

MONDAY	7/26	TUESDAY	7/27	WEDNESDAY	7/28	THURSDAY	7/29	FRIDAY	7/30
Amazing Animals!		Jungle Boogie!		Swinging from the Trees!		Alligator Smiles for Miles!		It's a Jungle Out There!	
<b>Activities:</b> Rumble in The Jungle Monkey Tag <b>Arts &amp; Crafts:</b> Hanging Around Monkey Paper Bag Hippopotamus		<b>Wheeler Park DEPART 10:00am RETURN 2:00pm</b> <b>Activities:</b> Catch the Snake Tails Sleeping Lions <b>Arts &amp; Crafts:</b> DIY Safari Hat Handprint Lion		<b>Water Day!</b> <b>Virtual Field Trip</b> <b>Activities:</b> Elephant Trumpet Jungle Animal Charades <b>Arts &amp; Crafts:</b> Easter Egg Jelly fish Clothes Pin Buddies		<b>Sunset POOL DAY!</b> <b>DEPART 10:45am RETURN 3:00pm</b> <b>Activities:</b> Jungle Fruit Bop Lily Pad Relay <b>Arts &amp; Crafts:</b> Hanging Sloth Paper Cup Bouncy Ball		<b>Activities:</b> Safari Animal Scavenger Hunt Jungle Obstacle Course <b>Arts &amp; Crafts:</b> Tiger Friends Paper Chain Snake	

**REMINDER!** Pick up and Drop off is at Western Ave. School. Please reference the Summer Camp Parent Manual for more information.

The park district is providing appropriate activities for all of the children during their time at camp this summer. Please do not send toys or electronics from home. In regards to drop off and pick up, in an effort to provide a safe experience for all, we ask that parents and guardians stay in the car at all times. Please ensure that your child's name is on a piece of paper in the front window and that you have your ID as well. If you have any questions about the new drop-off/pick-up policy, please ask one of our staff members.

## EXPLORER CAMP (ENTERING 2ND-3RD GRADE)

Our traditional day camps offer kids not only the chance to meet new friends, but are designed to meet their recreational and social needs by keeping them active all summer with a variety of virtual field trips, water activities, sports, and crafts all based on weekly themes. **Starting Week 6, camps will be on the move for pool and park visits! Please continue to check the newsletter for details!**

Regular Camp Hours: 8:30-am-3:30pm

\*For an additional fee—Extra Camp Hours: 6:30-8:30am / 3:30-6pm

Visit Explorer Camp online at [www.genevaparks.org](http://www.genevaparks.org) for program fees, forms, newsletters, activity calendars and more.

For questions or more information, please call 630-232-4542

## GENERAL CAMP REMINDERS

- All participants should treat each other, staff and equipment with respect.
- To ensure everyone's safety, participants need to wear athletic shoes everyday to fully participate.
- Please make sure your child is dressing appropriately for the weather. We will enjoy the outdoors as much as possible!
- Label your children's belongings.
- Please have your child bring a proper mask. Masks are required for any indoor activities, but not required when outside. A proper face mask is one that aligns with CDC guidelines here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/preventgetting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>
- Please send your child in a face mask everyday. We will have extras, but they may be more comfortable in ones they are used to.
- You must provide your ID whenever you pick up your child. Please stay in your car, a staff will unload and load your child into the car. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
- Electronic devices and toys should stay home. The Park District will not be responsible for them.
- HAVE FUN!

## A Look At Last Week..



## CONTACT US!

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