

EARTH TRAVELERS CAMP

Off-site Trip Information

Dear Parents,

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In summer camp spirit,

Jill Flaherty

Earth Adventures Camp Supervisor



Weekly Field Trip Notes

- FOOD:** Bring a **packed lunch and a water bottle**; drinking water will be provided.
- CLOTHING:** Wear the "Earth Travelers" **t-shirt** for identification purposes; also **WEAR light-weight long slacks, socks and comfortable athletic shoes** for camper comfort in the woods.
- EQUIPMENT:** Please **DO NOT** bring snacks, toys, games or money. Remember to bring stick, lotion or pump **insect repellent** and **sunscreen**.
- WEATHER:** In the event of rainy weather, come to camp with appropriate **rain gear**.
- TRANSPORTATION:** Campers will be traveling by bus from Emily Oaks to field trip sites, and will return to Emily Oaks by 3:15 to be bussed home or picked up by parents as usual at 3:30 p.m.
- OTHER:** Please note that these are all-camp trips. No other program will be held at the camp site.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14: At 9:45 a.m. your camper will be leaving Emily Oaks Nature Center and traveling by bus to **Reed-Turner Woodland** in Long Grove. There the campers will hike trails through the forests and grasslands and wander along a creek and lake, in one of the last remaining grove of trees after which Long Grove is named! They will return to Emily Oaks by 3:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21: At 9:45 a.m. your camper will be leaving Emily Oaks Nature Center and traveling by bus to **Chicago Center for Green Technology** to experience earth-friendly practices indoors and out. From there, the campers will be exploring **Forest Glen Forest Preserve** in Chicago. They will return to Emily Oaks by 3:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28: At 9:45 a.m. your camper will be leaving Emily Oaks Nature Center and traveling by bus to **Lincoln Park Conservatory** in Chicago. At the Conservatory, campers will have the opportunity to visit three exhibits containing ferns, palms and orchids and participate in the "Plant Olympics." They will return to Emily Oaks by 3:15 p.m. *Shorts may be worn on this outing.*

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