

EARTH RANGERS CAMP

Off-site Trip Information

Dear Parents,

The Skokie Park District is not legally required to have separate, signed permission forms or waivers for children to travel on field trips or pool visits. The waiver you signed during registration effectively includes all camp events, whether on-site at Emily Oaks Nature Center or off-site on trips. The details for each Earth Rangers field trip are listed on the back of this letter. For further details, or if you have any questions, please call Emily Oaks at (847) 677-7001 to speak with me or Aviva Stein, Earth Rangers Camp Director.

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 Rangers” **t-shirt** for identification purposes; also WEAR **light-weight long pants, socks** and comfortable **athletic or hiking 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 school bus from Emily Oaks to field trip sites, and will return to Emily Oaks by 3:00 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.

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FRIDAY, JULY 14: At 9:45 a.m. your camper will be leaving Emily Oaks Nature Center and traveling by bus to **The Talking Farm** in Skokie. The campers will learn about crops and compost, while participating in farm tasks led by TTF staff. After lunch, we will travel to **Harms Woods** in Glenview to hike the trails and explore by the river. Your camper will be returned to Emily Oaks by 3:00 p.m. to be bussed home or picked up by parents as usual at 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 21: At 9:45 a.m. your camper will be leaving Emily Oaks Nature Center and traveling by bus to **Somme Woods (Cook County Forest Preserve)** in Northbrook. There the campers will participate in an outdoor restoration workshop, helping cut brush and/or collect seeds under the guidance of forest preserve volunteers/staff and Earth Rangers Camp staff. Your camper will be returned to Emily Oaks by 3:00 p.m. to be bussed home or picked up by parents as usual at 3:30 p.m. *Please bring an extra water bottle.*

TUESDAY, JULY 25 - WEDNESDAY, JULY 26: Your camper is invited to participate in a **campout at Marengo Ridge** in McHenry County Conservation District. Please bring your camper to Emily Oaks with his/her gear Monday morning at 9:30. The Rangers will travel by bus to Marengo Ridge, where they will pitch tents in a youth group area, hike the trails, participate in nighttime camp activities, and prepare meals. The campers will be returned to Emily Oaks on Wednesday afternoon by 3:00 p.m. to be bussed home or picked up by parents at 3:30 p.m. *Rain date: July 26-27. See separate campout supply list and cookout menu.*

FRIDAY, JULY 28: At 9:45 a.m. your camper will be leaving Emily Oaks Nature Center and traveling by bus to **Dammrich Rowing Center** in Skokie. There the campers will participate in an all-day canoe trip on the North Branch of the Chicago River. As during canoeing on the Emily Oaks pond, all campers are required to wear a personal floatation device. Your camper will be returned to Emily Oaks by 3:00 p.m. to be bussed home or picked up by parents at 3:30 p.m. *Shorts may be worn on this trip. Bring a hat and sunglasses, if desired.*