

Dear Families,

We are happy to welcome you and your child to the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies **2020 Art+Science** program! Session 1 runs from July 20-24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, and Session 2 is July 27-31, also from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hara and I are preparing for a fantastic week with your child that highlights scientific investigations, artistic creativity, and outdoor exploration.

Please take note of the following information so that you and your child can prepare for the program:

- 1. Camp Health Forms:** We require three submissions: “Camper Health Form”, “Mandatory Physician’s Orders”, and Immunization records. ***For safety-related and legal reasons, your child will not be able to attend camp without completed health forms and immunization records. You must submit health forms by June 12th or risk losing your spot.***
- 2. Information on Lyme disease:** Lyme disease is prevalent in New York. Please read the provided brochure for precautions that can be taken to prevent Lyme disease. We will have white “tick pants” for campers to wear over their clothes, but please remember to send a pair of long pants and tall socks with your child each day.
- 3. What should you bring each day?** **You can leave these items at Cary for the duration of the week*.*
 - sturdy shoes
 - hat
 - sunscreen and insect repellent
 - backpack
 - water bottle
 - socks
 - raincoat
 - change of clothes (there is always a possibility of getting wet!)
 - extra sweatshirt/ jacket
 - watershoes/old sneakers for shallow wading in the stream
 - lunch
 - any favorite art supplies from home
- 4. Lunches and Snacks:** Cary Institute will provide snacks, but students **must bring their own lunches**. A refrigerator is available to keep lunches cool.
- 5. Transportation:** The students will occasionally be transported around our property in minivans. They will be seated and belted at all times.
- 6. Medicines:** Any medicines that you bring must be in the original containers and accompanied by prescriptions from a doctor explaining dosage requirements. **Even over-the-counter medications require a physician’s note; otherwise we are not allowed to administer them.** **Note: we are prohibited from providing over-the-counter medications such as Benadryl and aspirin to campers; they must bring their own.*
- 7. Drop-off and pick-up:** The base-of-explorations will be the Cary auditorium building, which is to the right of the main Plant Science Building at 2801 Sharon Turnpike, Millbrook NY. **We will NOT meet at the Carriage House!**
- 8. Dates to note:** We invite families and friends to visit from 3:30-4:00 on the last Friday of each session for a presentation of completed projects and to learn from students about their favorite experiences.

If you have any questions, please call 845-677-5343. ***See you in the summer!***

Best Regards, Shelly Forster - Education Program Leader; Summer Program Coordinator