

Dear Families,

We are happy to welcome you and your child to the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies 2020 Eco-Discovery Camp. Our staff are preparing an educational and fun-filled week for your child; we can't wait for summer!

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

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 the following deadlines or risk losing your spot at camp:***

Sessions 1 – 5: June 12th, Sessions 6 – 9: July 17th

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 camper each day.
3. **What should your child bring?** **Campers can leave these items at camp for the duration of the week**
 - sturdy shoes for hiking and play
 - hat
 - sunscreen and insect repellent
 - backpack
 - water bottle
 - raincoat
 - extra sweatshirt/light jacket
 - shorts for stream wading
 - long pants and tall socks for tick protection
 - shoes for shallow wading in the stream (water shoes, old sneakers, cros with a back strap, or sturdy strap-on sandals, ****not flip-flops!*)
 - lunch (a refrigerator is available)
 - morning snack
 - complete change of clothes - including socks (there is always a possibility of getting wet!)

Please make sure your child has shoes that can get wet with them every day – including the first day.

4. **Medicines:** Any medicines that a camper brings must be in the original containers and accompanied by prescriptions from a doctor explaining dosage requirements. **Even over-the-counter medications must be in their original container and require a physician's note; otherwise we are not allowed to have them at camp.** **Note: we are prohibited from providing over-the-counter medications such as Benadryl and aspirin to campers; they must bring their own.*
5. **Transportation:** On rare occasion, the campers may be transported around our property in mini vans. The campers will be seated and belted at all times.
6. **Camp drop-off and pick-up:** The base-of-explorations for Camp will be the Carriage House (see map). **For safety reasons, please park in the Gifford House Parking lot and accompany your child down the dirt driveway to the Carriage House.** On certain days, pick up and drop off may be at other locations on campus. Our daily agenda, indicating changes in drop off or pick up locations, will be provided on the first day of camp.
7. **Friday family share:** We invite parents to visit camp on the last Friday of each session (2:30-3:00 for younger students; 3:30-4:00 for older students) to learn from campers about their favorite experiences.
8. **Refund policy:** Withdrawal from camp prior to June 5, 2020 will be refunded total fee less \$25.00 deposit for administrative costs. No refund for any reason after June 5, 2020.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled week with your child. If you have questions please call 845-677-5343.

Best Regards, The Cary Camp Team

Map and directions to the Carriage House at Cary Institute:

The Carriage House is on Route 44, ½ mile to the northeast of the main entrance of Cary Institute. It is the white wooden building in the meadow behind the big brick Gifford House (shown below). *Please park in the roadside lot and walk down the driveway to the Carriage House building with your child.*



Do not go to the concrete Plant Science Building on the main campus by the big Cary sign.

Address: 2917 Sharon Turnpike, Millbrook NY (41.789576, -73.723954).

