



CAMP HANDBOOK

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MISSION & PHILOSOPHY

Camp Curiosity is a traditional day camp for children 2 to 14 years old. With over 50 acres, our campers engage in a variety of activities focused on our four core areas: Discover, Explore, Invent and Create. Each day, your child will develop lifelong friendships, learn new skills, and create lasting memories.

“The environment of Camp Curiosity is one where children are encouraged to discover, explore, invent and create. Learning takes place through their senses, natural curiosity, and the world around them.”
~ Camp Curiosity, 1965

CAMP PREPARATIONS

Summer Camp Weeks

We offer a flexible, non-consecutive summer camp enrollment with a two-week minimum requirement.

Week 1: June 16th - June 20th

Week 2: June 23rd - June 27th

Week 3: June 30 - July 3rd

Week 4: July 7th - July 11th

Week 5: July 14th - July 18th

Week 6: July 21st - July 25th

Week 7: July 28th - August 1st

Week 8: August 4th – August 8th

Week 9: August 11th - August 15th

Summer Camp Groups

Each of our groups is organized by age, which allows campers to have fun and participate in activities that are geared toward their abilities. Upon selection of weeks, you will select the best group for your child based on the following:

- For Preschool (ages 2-4), select the group based on the child's age as of 6/1/2025.
- For K-Prep through Grade 6, select the class/grade your child will be entering for the succeeding school year (2025-2026).

CURIOSITY YOUNGER CAMP	CURIOSITY OLDER CAMP
Preschool 2s Trekkers*	First Grade Rangers
Preschool 3s Rovers	Second Grade Scouts
Pre-K Mavericks**	Third Grade Navigators
Kindergarten Pioneers**	Fourth Grade Explorers
	Fifth Grade Pathfinders
	Sixth Grade Trailblazers

**Campers enrolled in K-Prep and Kindergarten camp groups (ages 4-6) must be fully and independently bathroom trained (see policy [below](#)).

Hours of Operation

Our campus hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00AM – 5:00PM. Camp programming will run five days, Monday-Friday, from 9:00AM - 4:00PM.

Arrival and Departure Hours

Arrival hours are between 8:00 – 9:00 AM and departure hours are between 4:00 – 5:00 PM and do not include formal curriculum and instruction.

Each camper must arrive/depart through our designated areas. Campers must be accompanied to and from their designated drop-off and pick-up area and may not be on the campus alone. Guardians are not permitted to enter areas as designated by the campus.

Late Drop-Off and Early Pick-Up

Daily activities commence at 9:00 AM. If camper/s will be arriving after 9:00 AM, the parent/guardian must notify our office with arrival time in advance and accompany the camper to the camp office upon arrival.

Daily activities conclude at 4:00 PM. If camper/s will be picked up before 4:00 PM, the parent/guardian must notify our office with time to pick up in advance and come directly to the camp office to sign out.

Late Pick-up Fee

A fee of \$15 per camper will be charged for late pick up after 5:00pm. Late pick ups after 5:10pm will be charged an additional fee.

Vacation Policy

Registration payment secures a camper's space in our program. Vacation time is not reimbursed or credited for camp weeks.

If you wish to make changes or cancellations to your camper's schedule, please review our [Enrollment & Registration Policies](#). We will do our best to accommodate changes, based on availability.

Absence Policy

Please contact our office if your camper will be absent on their regular scheduled day by emailing summer@campcuriosity.com.

We do not reimburse, trade, switch, and/or make-up to compensate for missed days of absence due to illness, holidays, vacations, weather, closed days, personal days, and/or emergency closure days.

Weather & Emergency Related Closures

Guardians will be notified via email and text message for any camp closures. We do not permit reimbursement, trade, switch, and/or make-up days to compensate for weather and emergency related closures.

What to Bring to Camp

Please label all camper personal belongings!

- A great attitude!
- Backpack to keep personal belongings.
- Wear comfortable, washable clothing.
- Extra change of clothes, *even without a chance of rain, clothing may get dirty, messy, wet, or sandy (include shirt, shorts, underwear, socks).*

- Plastic or wet/dry bag *to store wet or dirty clothes to not ruin backpack or other clothes.*
- Sneakers or closed-toe shoes with rubber soles are required daily. Campers will not be allowed to participate in any outdoor activities unless proper footwear is provided.
 - Sandals, flip flops, and open-toe shoes are not permitted, except at the pool.
- Lunch & 2 Snacks (AM/PM).
- Water bottle for daily use and refill.
- Bathing suit, *wear under clothes to camp.*
- Rash guard (recommended).
- Towel.
- Goggles.
- Hairbrush.
- Sunscreen (see [Sunscreen](#))
- Hat (for sun).
- Mask optional.

What NOT to Bring to Camp

- Collector/trading cards and games from home
- Fidgets (If a camper seeks sensory stimulation - see [Fidgets](#))
- Toys, dolls
- Valuables
- Stuffed animals and blankets (exception for Preschool campers - see [Napping](#) policy)
- Cell phones and electronic devices (see [Cell Phone & Electronic Devices](#) policy)
- Substances & Weapons (see [Substance & Weapon Policy](#) policy)
- Medications and products labeled “keep out of reach of children” (see [Medication](#) policy)

Any of the above-mentioned items being used by campers after one warning will be removed from the camper’s possession, parent/guardian will be notified, and item will be kept in the office until the end of the day. If this becomes recurring or unsafe, the parent or guardian will be contacted by the Director.

Dress Code Policy

We want to create a positive camp culture where our campers can express their individuality. Campers are expected to dress appropriately during camp activities. Campers’ clothing and footwear may not be a disruption to the program or considered a safety hazard. Examples of clothing not appropriate for the camp setting include attire with questionable messages or pictures and unsafe footwear such as sandals or flip flops (except at the pool). Dress code violations are at the discretion of camp leadership.

Parking Lot & Vehicle Safety Rules

- **The SPEED LIMIT is 5 MILES PER HOUR!** Thank you for obeying the speed limit for the safety of all campus pedestrians.
- All vehicles must be TURNED OFF when parked. Please DO NOT leave your car idling while parked or unattended.
- Please refrain from talking on your cell phone while parked or driving through the property.
- Dogs & pets are NOT permitted on our grounds. Please keep them home or in your vehicle.
- For your camper’s safety, please DO NOT let your camper walk or run alone on campus.
- Please do not leave any camper unattended in your vehicle!
- Please DO NOT walk or visit areas of the campus at arrival/departure without camp personnel.

ENROLLMENT & REGISTRATION POLICIES

Registration Checklist

To ensure a smooth registration process, please follow these steps:

1. Review [Schedules](#) & [Pricing](#) for 2025.
2. Register [Online](#).
 - a. Please allow 2-3 business days for us to review your registration(s). We will send an additional confirmation receipt and will reach out if further information is required.
 - b. If you would like to add, change, or remove camp weeks, please email summer@campcuriosity.com.
3. Download the Camper Required Paperwork.
 - a. All documents listed below are required for camper program participation.
 - i. 2025 Camp Tuition Contract^
 - ii. Child Health Assessment (*must be signed by a doctor and valid through 8/15/2025*)
 - iii. Emergency Contact Form^
 - iv. Sunscreen Form^
 - b. The following documents are required, only if applicable.
 - i. Medication Form
 - ii. PA Statement of Vaccination
 - iii. Emergency Medical Care Plan

^Available as eSign.

All required paperwork must be completed for the camper to be eligible for program participation.

2025 Camp Rates

CAMP PROGRAM	CURIOSITY YOUNGER CAMP	CURIOSITY OLDER CAMP
Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$75 per camper	\$75 per camper
Deposit (Due within 2 weeks of registration)	\$55 per week per camper	\$55 per week per camper
Special Offer (Until January 31st)	\$565 per week	\$595 per week
Early Registration (Until March 31st)	\$615 per week	\$645 per week
Regular Registration (Closes June 1st*)	\$665 per week	\$695 per week

When you enroll your child/ren in 5 or more camp weeks, you will receive a bigger discount of 5% off the total. This means you can save more while providing your child/ren with a fun and enriching summer camp experience at Camp Curiosity. *Pricing is subject to change and does not include any eligible discounts, registration fees, or additional fees.*

Payment Plans & Methods:

Registration fee is due upon registration. Deposit is due within two weeks of registration.

For campers enrolled in four weeks or less, camp payments must be paid no later than June 1st.

For campers enrolled in five weeks or more, we will automatically create a payment plan.

- June camp weeks due by June 1st
- July camp weeks due by July 1st
- August camp weeks due by August 1st

All camp weeks must be paid for the camper to participate in their enrolled weeks.

Once invoices are created for the enrolled weeks, the primary account holder will be able to pay the invoices at any time via their Enrollsy account. The primary account holder will be notified of unpaid invoices one week prior to the payment due date. Automatic payments are available through Enrollsy for credit card and ACH (eCheck) payments.

Our software, Enrollsy, accepts credit card and ACH (eCheck) payments. All credit card transactions will have an additional 3% processing fee (subject to change). eCheck will be paid directly from your bank account through Enrollsy and does not have a processing fee (subject to change). A connection will need to be independently set up to the bank account through Enrollsy to use the ACH option.

Cash and check is also accepted for tuition payment. All cash and check payments must be received by the Office for processing by the payment due date and must be paid in full. Please make checks payable to "Camp Curiosity" and in the memo include the camper's name.

Camp Discounts

Sibling Discount

Families with two or more campers enrolled are eligible for a \$10 per week credit when siblings coincide on weekly attendance. Siblings must be actively enrolled in the same weeks to qualify. Eligibility may be altered by schedule changes. **Registration fees, school year discount, and additional fees are not eligible for any additional discounts.*

Service Discount | First Responders, Military & Teachers

First Responders, Military, & Teacher Families are eligible for a \$5 per week credit. Parent/guardian must email the Office, summer@campcuriosity.com with valid identification for discount to be applied to camp tuition. **Registration fees, school year discount, and additional fees are not eligible for any additional discounts.*

Current Student Discount

Students currently enrolled in Curiosity Academy for the 2024-2025 academic year will receive a special weekly rate. **Registration fees and additional fees are not eligible for any discounts. Can not be combined with any other discount.*

Referral Discount

If you recommend a first-time Curiosity Camper, we will give you \$75 credit for each registered camper. The credit can be gifted to a new family or applied to the account of the referral family. The credit will be applied upon the acceptance of a new, first-time camp family's camper registration. **Registration fees and additional fees are not eligible for any discounts.*

Camp Enrollment Policies

Add Weeks | Camp Enrollment

Additional weeks can be added to a camper's schedule after initial registration, if space is available. Account will be charged the weekly rate based on the date of the registration pricing in which the additional week was added. Review [2025 Camp Rates](#) listed above.

Change Fee | Camp Enrollment

Changes to a child/ren's enrollment includes a request to switch weeks or to cancel a week while continuing to maintain the two-week minimum enrollment required.

All changes made after April 1st are subject to a **\$25 fee per week per camper per change**. *Changes are subject to availability. Changes are discouraged due to our limited availability and your child/ren may be put on a waitlist for the requested week if the child is switching weeks. Changes may alter eligibility for discounts.*

All changes to camp enrollment **must** be submitted to the Camp Office at summer@campcuriosity.com. Verbal, phone, or staff permission is insufficient.

Withdraw from Camp Enrollment

Enrollment withdrawal is defined as a camper no longer being enrolled in camp.

To receive a refund of the deposit, withdrawal notifications must be submitted to the Camp Office via email at summer@campcuriosity.com prior to June 1st.

Families registering campers after session payment due date are not permitted a refund for schedule cancellations or withdrawal.

COMMUNICATION

To provide the best experience for our campers and their families, we will be sharing camp information on a daily and weekly basis. Parents and guardians are highly encouraged to check their email daily for any camp updates and notifications.

Regarding child's paperwork and tuition, communication will be through Enrollsy and email. Parent/guardians are highly encouraged to visit the Enrollsy Parent Portal login available on our website or download the mobile app for account information.

Methods of communication:

- Emails from Camp Office (summer@campcuriosity.com)
- Enrollsy (For camp account information - Available on web and mobile app; Parent Portal Login is available on website)
- Text messages - Occasionally sent directly to primary account and secondary account holders' phone number

Notifications: (including but not limited to)

- Camp Weekly Welcome Newsletter
- Camper Photos
- Incident and Symptom reports

- Emergency or weather-related notifications (via Enrollsy text messaging and email)

Reoccurring:

- Weekly newsletters and calendars including details of activities, special events, and reminders.
- Monthly calendars of special events.
- Photos of activities throughout the summer accessible to only camp families through a secured network.
- Camp Curiosity Blog
- Camp Curiosity social media (Facebook and Instagram)

HEALTH & MEDICAL POLICIES

In the interest of your child's health, as well as the other children and staff at Camp Curiosity, Curiosity Shoppe, and Toddler Center ("Camp Curiosity"), the following guidelines have been adopted. According to the PA Department of Human Services regulations, all children must be immunized following the American Academy of Pediatrics or provide a Statement of Exemption.

Guardian Responsibility

Guardians and families have a critical role in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for everyone at Camp Curiosity. Guardian responsibilities will include:

1. Notifying Camp Curiosity with timely, accurate, and honest information if:
 - a. A camper, household members, or direct contact with the camper has become ill or symptomatic or is being monitored for illness by a healthcare professional.
 - b. A camper, household members, or direct contact with the camper has had exposure or potential exposure to a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
2. Fully complying with all health precautions issued and mandated by Camp Curiosity including, but not limited to:
 - a. Camper departure within 30 minutes of symptom onset
 - b. Physician-signed diagnosis, treatment, and recommendation for return

Camp Health Policy

We are unable to care for the children who are ill and will uphold all health and safety policies with strict adherence. Any child exhibiting symptoms of illness or that is not well enough to participate in daily indoor/outdoor activities will not be permitted to attend. We do not issue credit for absence due to illness.

If your child becomes ill or severely injured during camp hours, parents will be notified immediately and are requested to arrange for their child to be picked up **within 30 minutes of notification**. We kindly ask that parents who may be unavailable for sudden pick-up make arrangements with authorized release persons to be on call. When parents are unable to be reached, the emergency contacts listed by the parent will be contacted and emergency treatment will be sought.

For the following symptoms, a child will not be permitted to attend and must stay home for 24-hours without the use of medication in order to return to camp. We may ask for a medical clearance depending on the combination and severity of the symptoms.

If a child is already in attendance upon onset of symptoms, he/she will be separated from peers and taken to the camp office for pick up.

1. A child has an **ELEVATED BODY TEMPERATURE** of 100.4°F (Fahrenheit, 37.8°C) on an infrared forehead thermometer or axillary reading is 99.4°F (37.2°C) or higher.

2. A child has SEVERE, PERSISTENT or PRODUCTIVE COUGH or COLD SYMPTOMS.
3. A child has symptoms of a potentially communicable or unidentifiable RASH, SKIN SORES, or COMMUNICABLE ILLNESS.
4. A child has a WOUND with a discharge or that is draining with or without bandaging.
5. A child has EAR PAIN or complains of OTHER PAIN that inhibits participation in activities.
6. A child VOMITS after 1 episode at home or during care hours.
7. A child has DIARRHEA after 2 episodes at home or during care hours.
8. A child has CONJUNCTIVITIS ("Pink Eye"), EYE DISCHARGE or REDNESS.
9. A child BEGINS A PHYSICIAN-PRESCRIBED MEDICATION for an illness or medication is administered for the first time for 24 hours following administration of the first dose.

For the following diagnoses, a written medical clearance is required in order for child to return to camp:

10. A child or household member has had close contact with a HEMOPHILIC TYPE B Infection (ie. MENINGITIS) until written medical clearance by a physician has been obtained confirming diagnosis, treatment, and that your child's illness is non-infective for readmittance.
11. A child is diagnosed with CHICKENPOX from the first time that bumps first emerge on the child after exposure for 10 days minimum AND until all sores have developed scabs. Written medical clearance by a physician must be obtained confirming diagnosis, treatment, and that your child's illness is non-infective for readmittance. A severe outbreak involving multiple cases of chickenpox may require that any child who has not received vaccination for chickenpox (varicella) as age-appropriate according to the PA Department of Health and CDC vaccination schedule and/or a parent/guardian has provided documentation of their exemption to vaccination for chickenpox (varicella) and the child's inoculations are not current with the PA Department of Health and CDC vaccination schedule to refrain from attending camp at our campus for 21 days from date of outbreak.
12. A child is diagnosed with COXSACKIE VIRUS ("Hand, Foot, Mouth") until your child has been treated as appropriate for at least 24 hours AND child must be fever-free, any skin blisters must be dry and healing, and written medical clearance by a physician must be obtained confirming diagnosis, treatment, and that your child's illness is non-infective for readmittance.
13. A child is diagnosed with STREP THROAT, SCARLET FEVER, IMPETIGO, BACTERIAL or PARASITIC INTESTINAL PROBLEM, RINGWORM, PINWORM, SCABIES, or FIFTH DISEASE until your child has been treated as appropriate for at least 24 hours. Written medical clearance by a physician must be obtained confirming diagnosis, treatment, and that your child's illness is non-infective for readmittance.
14. A child is diagnosed with MEASLES, MUMPS, or RUBELLA ("German Measles") for 4 DAYS from the onset of rash at minimum. Written medical clearance by a physician must be obtained stating diagnosis, treatment, and that your child's illness is non-infective for readmittance.
15. A child is diagnosed with PERTUSSIS ("Whooping Cough") for 4 WEEKS or 10 DAYS from the start of antibiotic treatment. Written medical clearance by a physician must be obtained confirming diagnosis, treatment, and that your child's illness is non-infective for readmittance.
16. A child is diagnosed with INFLUENZA ("A", "B", "H1N1"). Child may not have any influenza symptoms before returning to care. Written medical clearance by a physician must be obtained stating diagnosis, treatment, and that your child's illness is non-infective for readmittance.
17. A child has a diagnosed VIRUS or develops symptoms of a contagious virus. Written medical clearance from a physician must be obtained stating diagnosis, treatment, and that your child's illness is non-infective for readmittance.

COVID-19

Masks are optional (as of 4/1/2022). *Subject to change based on current events and CDC guidelines.

If a camper, sibling, guardian, or any other household member or persons you have had contact with has symptoms of illness or has been diagnosed with a communicable illness including COVID-19, we ask that you notify us immediately so that we can take required action.

If a camper or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19:

- The camper/staff member will be immediately excluded. **Following CDC guidelines*
 - Camper/staff member may return after 5 day quarantine with subsiding symptoms AND fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication).
 - i. If camper/staff member has symptoms, the 5-day quarantine will begin on the date of symptom onset as day zero.
 - ii. If camper/staff member does not have symptoms, the 5-day quarantine period will begin on the date of the positive test result is day zero.
 - Camper/staff member will be required to be masked indoors the 5 days after return (total of 10 days).

If a camper or staff member are exposed to COVID-19:

- Group will be notified, but do not need to isolate.
- Sibling/s of the camper who tested positive may continue to attend if they remain asymptomatic and have provided a negative COVID-19 test result. Parents/guardians must continue to monitor for symptoms.
- If camper/staff member are asymptomatic:
 - Camper/staff member may still attend school. We recommend taking a COVID test, especially after Day 5 of exposure.
 - Parents/guardians are asked to monitor symptoms of student/s exposed and notify the school office if their student begins to develop symptoms.
- If camper/staff member begins to develop COVID symptoms:
 - We will require a negative COVID test to return and attend school.

If a camper or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19:

- The camper/staff member will be immediately excluded. **Following CDC guidelines*
 - Camper/staff member may return after 5 day quarantine with subsiding symptoms AND fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication).
 - Camper/staff member will be required to be masked indoors the 5 days after return (total of 10 days).

Camp staff will also monitor daily for any signs, symptoms, or changes in appearance or behavior that could be a cause of an illness.

Splinters & Ticks

We plan daily outdoor activities for our camp programs and recommend parent/guardians to regularly check their child's hair and body for ticks. Splinters and ticks will NOT be removed by campus staff and personnel. We will contact you and make your child comfortable until you are able to remove the splinter/tick or arrange to pick up your child.

Head Lice

Our campus has a strict "Bug Free and Nit Free" policy. We recommend that parents check their child's hair for signs of head lice frequently and spend time removing all nits and bugs from child's hair and scalp as well as your home. Our campus is not responsible for combing through or removing any lice

or nits from a child's hair. We do not issue tuition credit for days missed due to head lice or if a parent chooses not to send their child to camp on their regular scheduled day to reduce the risk of their child getting head lice.

- Should a child be found with active head lice or nits, parent/guardian will be:
 - Be asked to pick up child immediately at the office
 - Required to accompany their child to the office for a recheck before he/she is readmitted to camp
- Child will not be cleared to return if lice and/or nits are found.
- A child may not be readmitted to camp or checked again the same day of the exclusion or checked twice in the same day.

Anaphylaxis & Allergic Reaction

If a child is having an anaphylactic reaction (trouble breathing, swelling, itching) involving a known food or environmental allergy and the child has an emergency medical plan and appropriate medication on file, they will be used according to the physician-directed plan of action and parent/guardian will be contacted immediately. See [Emergency Medications](#) for more information about emergency use medications.

If a child is having an anaphylactic or allergic reaction and does not have any record of known allergies, the child will be treated as required for their safety in a timely manner and the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately.

Medications | Prescription & Non-Prescription Medications

All prescription and non-prescription medications, including over-the-counter medications, that need to be stored and/or administered at camp **REQUIRES** a signed [Medication Form](#), indicating permission and instructions for treatment and submitted to our office before the medication can be administered by our staff.

Our camp staff will NOT administer medication for the first time, except personal injectors if needed, or if a medication is expired. Expired medications will require replacement and an updated medication form and emergency medical action plan from the camper's physician.

Prescription medications must include:

- Parent/Guardian and Physician Signatures
- All original containers and pharmacy labels
- A valid expiration date
- Both Epinephrine injector pens in the package
- Emergency Medical Action Plan for any emergency-need medications such as epinephrine injector, inhaler, etc. (see [Emergency Medications](#))

Non-prescription and Over-the-Counter medications must include:

- Parent/Guardian Signature
- New, unopened containers and packaging with manufacturers label indicating contents and dosing information
 - If the manufacturers label on a non-prescription and over-the-counter medication requires physician consultation for dosing, a camper's primary physician's signature is required on the medication form for administration
- A valid expiration date

A camper may NOT have any medication in their possession while in our care including sunscreen, personal injectors, inhalers, oral medication, topical cream, bug spray, hand sanitizer, chapstick, etc. Our

office is equipped with Tylenol, Ibuprofen, and Benadryl as needed. We require guardian permission to provide any of these medications on the camp registration. A parent/guardian will be contacted if the administration of medication is necessary.

Emergency Medications | EpiPens, Inhalers, Allergy Medicines

Campers with allergies, asthma, or any medical condition that requires medication to be administered and/or stored for *emergency use* must have:

- [Medication Form](#) with parent/guardian and physician signatures.
- [Emergency Medical Action Plan](#) from the camper's physician.
- All original containers and pharmacy labels.
- Both Epinephrine injector pens in the package if applicable.
- A valid expiration date.

Medications include but are not limited to epinephrine injectors, inhalers, Benadryl for allergy, etc.

Our camp office will contact the camper's parent/guardian prior to the opening day of camp (June 17, 2024) to discuss and review the child's allergies, asthma, or any medical condition and emergency medical action plan.

Sunscreen

Sunscreen, unless prescribed by a physician, is considered a non-prescription medication. Our [Sunscreen Form](#) is required to be signed by the guardians indicating permission for use before sunscreen can be stored and administered by camp staff or declining sunscreen use while the camper is in our care. Sunscreen must be applied at home before arrival each morning and will be reapplied throughout the day with staff assistance. Without a guardian's permission on the Sunscreen Form in the registration, our staff will not apply personal sunscreen.

Please provide **2 labeled bottles of NEW, UNOPENED sunscreen bottles PER CAMPER** to be stored on campus. As sunscreen is applied frequently throughout the camp day, we recommend new, unopened bottles each week of the same brand. The sunscreen expiration date must be valid through the last day of camp (Friday, August 16th). Sunscreen will not be administered if expired. Sunscreen may not be in the possession of any camper under age 16 on our campus.

Parent/guardian must pick up their campers sunscreen at the end of every week. The Camp Office will do their best to contact parent/guardians when campers are out of sunscreen, but it is the parent's responsibility to provide sunscreen at the start of each week.

Preschool Hygiene Policies

Bathroom Training Policy

All enrolled campers must be fully and independently bathroom trained 24/7.

The Preschool Programs (ages 2-4) are the only exception.

Our definition of trained includes:

1. Camper is comfortable using the bathroom independently including wiping without adult assistance.
2. Camper is communicating their need to use the bathroom to an adult at home and camp without prompting.
3. Camper is wearing underwear 24 hours (not diapers or pull-ups while awake or asleep).

4. Camper is staying clean and dry during the entire day and during sleep throughout the night and naps.
5. Camper is taking care of all bathroom responsibilities independently including undressing/dressing, wiping, washing hands, communicating needs to guardian /caregiver without any physical or verbal support and prompting from an adult.
6. Camper is wearing underwear **accident free 24/7 for 2 weeks consecutively at home and camp.**

Diapering & Diaper Cream

All diapers must be supplied by parents for the child's use during our care. We will not use reusable or cloth diapers. Our campus provides wipes for use in the classroom, but parents may supply personal wipes for our staff to use for their child during our care.

Any topical ointment used for diapering a child must have written permission from the child's parent on our [Medication Form](#), as it is considered a **non-prescription medicine** (see [Medication policy](#)). Without parental permission on the Medication Form, our staff will not apply personal medication.

Please provide a labeled bottle of **NEW, UNOPENED** diaper cream to remain stored on campus for the term. Diaper cream expiration date must be valid through the entire camp season. Diaper cream will not be administered if expired. Diaper cream may not be in the possession of a child.

Napping

Preschool camp groups will have nap/quiet time from 1:30-3:20PM daily using a camp provided nap mat and sheet. A clean sheet will be provided to each camper daily.

Preschool campers are permitted to bring **ONE** sleeping "friend" daily, either a blanket measuring 3x3 foot maximum OR a stuffed animal no larger than a tissue box to sleep with during naptime only. Before and after naptime, any personal items will be placed and kept in the campers cubby. Pacifiers, "suckers", and bottles are not permitted.

Positive Behavior Management

We want to foster and support our campers to build positive friendships in a successful camp environment utilizing positive reinforcement, redirection and communication.

It is our goal to work with our team of camp staff and guardians to evaluate an issue, identify areas of concern, and develop a positive, effective solution that benefits the needs of a camper. Our leadership team will provide support to our staff and campers through guidance and communication with guardians as concerns are identified.

Guidelines for Positive Behavior Management

No two campers and no two incidents are alike. Each opportunity to offer positive behavior management requires the consideration of the campers individual needs. If a camper shows signs of difficulty with their responsibilities that pose a threat to their safety and/or the safety of others, the staff member responsible for the campers care will follow these guidelines to address the camper and situation.

1. Staff will help the camper to **REDIRECT** to create a safe environment for the camper, peers, and staff.

2. Staff will **COMMUNICATE ONE-ON-ONE** with the camper at their age level to discuss the situation, allow the camper to share concerns and emotions, and determine positive options to help the camper experience success.
3. Campers who are having difficulty with a **severe or ongoing behavior concern should be ADDRESSED WITH THE DIRECTOR** and a plan of action will be set in place to support the campers individual needs.
 - a. Incident report will be written at the discretion of the Director and parent/guardian will be notified immediately.
 - b. Conferences scheduled with the leadership team and the camper's counselor/s to discuss concerns regarding the child's severe or repetitive behavior and determine optimal plan of action.
 - c. Positive reinforcement reward system used at camp with support and cooperation of parents at home; Follow through with plan and reward until goals have been achieved or plan of action changes.
 - d. Personal motivators may be used with an individual camper that is able to be successfully monitored and managed at home and at camp.

Biting

We recognize that biting is a developmental behavior for children from infancy through age 2.

Our steps in case of a biting incident:

1. If your camper bites or is bitten, we will notify parent/guardian immediately.
2. After their **second biting incident**, we will ask that the camper be picked up from camp immediately regardless of the reason and we will require a discussion with both parent/guardians and Director before the child may return to camp.
3. If a camper of any age continues biting others for any reason after parent/guardian discussion with the Director, the child may be dismissed from enrollment in our programs.

Parent/guardians are expected to work with staff to identify and implement strategies to curb the new or ongoing behavior at home and at camp. Lack of cooperation and support from parent/guardians will result in dismissal from the program regardless of the campers age.

At this time, we cannot permit the use of teething necklaces or other devices.

Bullying

Our campus will not tolerate bullying and mistreatment of any kind including (but not limited to) physical, mental or emotional harm, malicious targeting of a camper or staff member, taunting, teasing, name-calling, offensive or obscene language, profanities, inappropriate dialogue, or abuse for any reason. Any camper who inflicts bullying of any kind on a camper or staff member will be brought to the director. Any camper who inflicts physical violence of any kind causing harm to a camper or staff member will be brought to the director.

Guardians will be contacted and may be required to pick up the camper. Both guardians are required to meet with directors to discuss concerns and agree upon a plan of action. A camper may not be permitted to return to camp until a meeting has taken place between directors and both guardians, and a plan of action is established and agreed upon by all parties. Lack of guardian support and consideration, the continuation of or additional incidents of behavior or similar/related behavior, or extreme severity of the initial incident or a single incident may result in immediate dismissal from enrollment at the discretion of the directors.

Dismissal

If a camper physically, mentally, or emotionally mistreats another camper or staff member, said camper will be dismissed at the discretion and review of the director. Camp Curiosity reserves the right to cancel any enrollment of a camper if the conduct, influence, or behavior of a camper and/or guardian violates center and campus policy and/or is deemed unsatisfactory or inimical to the best interest of the campus, in which case any unused tuition will be refunded at of the date of dismissal.

Fidgets

We provide camp-owned sensory bags, including fidgets, in the office when needed to allow campers a quiet space to participate in calm activities for self-regulation and sensory stimulation. Campers are not allowed to bring or carry personal fidgets in their backpack. If a camper requires a specific sensory fidget, we can hold the item in the office.

Outside Support Services Authorization & Consent Form

We welcome any outside support or evaluation services during camp activity hours. These support and services will require written authorization and consent in advance to best fit the campers schedule.

MEALS & FOOD ALLERGENS**Meals**

As part of the tuition, we will provide two snacks a day (AM & PM).

Lunches will be available to be purchased daily through our Snack Bar portal. This is an additional cost. Families always have the option to pack or bring their own snacks and lunches if they choose.

100% Nut Free Policy

We are a **100% all nut-free campus** and we strictly prohibit any peanut and tree nut products on our campus. Food products that contain any nuts or a manufacturer's label stating the product "may contain nuts" may NOT be consumed on our campus and guardians will be contacted immediately regarding the situation and to provide an alternative meal for their camper.

Other Food Allergens

Camp Curiosity acknowledges that there are other food allergens affecting campers and staff such as egg, dairy, fish/shellfish, wheat, sesame, seeds, soy, etc. We do not prohibit these products from our campus. However, we will notify guardians and prohibit food from entering our campus for a specific summer group for the duration of the week if a camper enrolled has a potentially life-threatening allergy to that food for the safety of that camper while in our care.

Please include all details of any food allergies, intolerances, or allergy testing in progress on your camper's registration and contact our office to further discuss your camper's allergy plan and medications. SnackSafely.com is a great resource with additional information about food allergens, options to replace allergens, and recommended brands.

ADDITIONAL CAMP POLICIES**Cell Phones & Electronic Devices**

We are an "unplugged" campus. We want our campers to be actively engaged in the programs that we offer instead of being on a device. Campers are **NOT** permitted to use personal cell phones, cameras, or any other electronic devices on our campus. Campers who are seen calling, texting, taking photos or

videos or using cell phones while in our care will be warned once about our policy. If a camper continues to use their cell phone after one warning, the Director will contact the camper's guardians and they will be required to keep their cell phone in the camp office until pick up.

Photography & Video

At registration, parents/guardians provide Camp Curiosity's required photography and video consent for internal camp communications, family sharing, and social media/advertising purposes. Photos and videos of our camp experiences will also be shared to parents/guardians through a secured site.

If a parent/guardian explicitly does not want their child to be photographed for social media/advertising purposes, please contact summer@campcuriosity.com.

Privacy of Information

To ensure information privacy for our campers and staff, we do not permit campers and parent/guardians to:

- Share their personal cell phone number with any members of Camp Curiosity employees, volunteers, and/or enrolled campers.
- Contact and/or communicate with a member of our staff using their personal cell phone number for any exchange, including calls, texts, photos, and social media.
- Take photos and/or videos of other campers on our campus.
- Store, share, or post pictures or videos featuring other campers on personal social media accounts.

Parent & Staff Additional Care Agreement

Camp Curiosity engages staff to provide services at the facility during the camp day. We are not responsible for any outside services between staff and camp families. It is the responsibility of the staff and parent to notify the Director of any such agreement. Any additional services between the staff and camp family require the completion of the Waiver of Liability Additional Service Agreement signed by all parties prior to agreement commencement.

Lost & Found

We do our best to prevent the disappearance of items. If labeled, misplaced items found on campus will be given back to the camper. Guardians should check the lost and found at designated camp drop-offs for any missing items. Camp Curiosity, Curiosity Shoppe, and Toddler Center are not responsible for missing, broken, or stolen personal belongings that are brought to our campus.

Visitors

Visitors are **NOT** permitted on campus without prior permission and must report immediately to the Camp Office upon arrival. Any persons not authorized in advance to be on our campus for a dedicated or required purpose will be asked to leave the premises immediately. We want Camp Curiosity to remain safe for all and we need your cooperation to make this happen.

Substance & Weapon Policy

Our campus is a drug-free, alcohol-free, and weapon-free zone. We do NOT permit smoking, alcohol, illegal drugs, or weapons of any kind on our grounds.

Emergencies

In the case of an emergency, guardians will be notified by the office of the situation as soon as safely possible. In the event of a fire emergency, need for immediate shelter, building evacuation, or relocation from the campus, office personnel will keep parents/guardians informed as to when camper pick-up

becomes available. For the safety of our staff and campers, during an emergency, we ask that guardians follow the information and instructions given by our office.

Assumption of Risk

We do our best to provide the safest camp environment possible. Even with all precautions being taken, we can not guarantee that we will have a risk-free environment. Please be aware of the risk you are assuming by participating in camp activities.

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