

**RENSELAER COUNTY
DYKEN POND ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION CENTER**

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Lisa Hoyt, Director

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

Your child is registered for Dyken Pond Center's SUMMER OUTDOOR LEARNING ADVENTURE (SOLA). Enclosed please find health forms and a Parent / Guardian Authorization form to be filled out and returned ASAP so we can review them prior to the start of camp. A physical is not required, but the immunization history is required by New York State. Please include any special concerns, health problems or behaviors that we should be aware of.

Here are a few things about the program you need to know:

1. The program is from 9 AM until 3 PM each day. Please be on time.
2. Bring a lunch each day with camper's name on the bag/box. Campers will be responsible for bringing their trash home. We put all lunches in coolers. We do NOT recommend packing milk, yogurt or mayonnaise on hot summer days.
3. We provide a morning snack and drink. **BRING A PLASTIC REUSABLE CUP.**
4. Wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty.
5. **NO SANDLES.** Wear shoes and socks.
6. Bring a backpack. Useful items to keep in it include a raincoat, sweatshirt and a water bottle.
7. Dress for the weather. This is an outdoor camp. We stay outside in a light rain and will be inside during any thunder or lightning storm. It can get chilly if we are caught in a rain shower, so pack an extra layer of clothes. Umbrellas are not allowed.
8. Bug spray and sunscreen should be applied at home. Counselors will not apply.
9. Parents are welcome to stay on the first morning for a brief overview and to connect with other parents for carpooling.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call. This is our 21st year of camp and the staff is looking forward to seeing many familiar faces and meeting new campers. We hope your child is eagerly anticipating this unique experience. Please return forms directly to the Center at the address above.

**PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF ALL FORMS, AND RETURN THEM
AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE CAMP STARTS.**

Sincerely,

Lisa Hoyt
SOLA Director
Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center