

Dear Parents, Grandparent, Guardians, and more

Thank you for choosing Miami County Park's Summer Eco-Splorers Program for your child. We are going to have fun exploring everywhere in the parks!

A week before the scheduled start of your week you will receive a reminder email or phone call. If you can **NOT** attend please let us know, we always have students on a waiting list that would love to join us!

If for any reason you must contact your child during the program, please call the education office at **(937) 667-1286** or alternatively our main park office at (937) 335-9547. The naturalist with your child will then be notified of the emergency.

The liability form **must** to be signed, completed, and brought with your child the first day of the program.

During the week the Eco-Splorers will visit different habitats, get wet, get muddy and so much more. Please dress in old clothes and sturdy shoes, sandals are great BUT make sure they the kind that straps on **(no flip flops please)**

On **Friday** we invite families of each child come and join us, this is not mandatory. Every Friday will have a special schedule to include family members. We will have water games, art exhibits, boat races and more. This is the chance for your children to show what they did during the week.

NOTES FOR WEEKS:

- **EACH WEEK:** Please bring a snack and a refillable water bottle. Please send bug repellent and Sun-block with or put it on at home!
- **EACH WEEK:** Please wear sensible shoes (no-backless shoes or sandals, like flip flops), dress in old clothes, and bring a back-pack to transport snack and more. Include raincoat if it looks like rain.
- Please **do not bring** any electronics they will just get lost or broken.
- **Living Wild** will give us a chance to cook food over the fire so please send the following things: *Wednesday* – something to go on a stick (hotdog / veggie dog), *Thursday* – something to boil in water (eggs / hotdog), *Friday* – something in foil (potato's / apples / anything you want). Remember on Friday to bring enough for everyone coming!
- **Eco-Tots: Living Wild.** Please bring a snack we can cook over the fire on Friday.
- **Water Week (Eco-Splorers and Eco-Tots)** We will get wet everyday!! Please dress appropriately

DROP OFF LOCATIONS: The first day please walk the children to me or another naturalist so we can meet you and your child! *(These locations will also be severe weather pick-up spots)*

Charleston Falls Preserve: Meet at the education entrance @ the barn

Garbry Big Woods Reserve: Meet at the bathrooms behind the lake @ Burr Oak shelter

Stillwater Prairie Reserve: Meet at the lower parking lot @ the maintenance barn and house (NOT SHELTER)

If you have any questions feel free to call me at **(937) 667-1286 extension 104** or email at **fboyens@miamicountyparks.com!** Thank you for choosing **ECO-SPLORERS!**



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