



## Camp Check-In/Out

- **Check-in/out is located at Blandford Farm** (3145 Milo St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49534). Drop-off starts 15 minutes before camp begins and pick-up is no later than 10 minutes after camp ends.
- Campers and parents must check-out with their Camp Instructor at the end of each day. Campers will only be allowed to leave with designated drivers listed on the Camper's registration.

## What to Bring

- **WEAR WEATHER-APPROPRIATE CLOTHES (I.E.: RAINCOATS, BOOTS, OR SUN HAT) AND CLOSED TOED SHOES.** Dress for outdoor activities that get you dirty and wet, whether rain or shine!
- **CAMPERS MUST BRING A LUNCH AND SNACKS;** help us reduce waste by packing in reusable containers or [consider a zero-waste lunch](#). **NEW THIS YEAR:** to meet your camper's specific dietary and health needs Blandford asks that you provide your camper with a snack for their active day at camp.
- **APPLY SUNSCREEN AND INSECT REPELLENT AT HOME (BEFORE ARRIVING AT CAMP).** The general recommendation of the American Academy of Pediatrics is to limit the use of DEET (10% or less) products on kids.
- **PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CAMPER'S ITEMS.** BNC will make every effort to return all lost and found items but cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items. Unclaimed items will be donated.

## Behavior Expectations

Blandford Nature Center staff work hard to ensure every camper has a fun, safe, and rewarding time during camp. Please review the following expectations with your child to help create a great camp experience:

- **RESPECT OTHER CAMPERS.** Take turns, listen, maintain body boundaries, use polite words, and make friends.
- **RESPECT BLANDFORD STAFF.** Follow directions the first time.
- **RESPECT NATURE.** Leave plants and animals as you find them. Take only memories.
- **BE SAFE AND STAY WITH YOUR GROUP AT ALL TIMES.**
- **BE ACTIVE AND PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES.** Ask questions, be engaged and try new things!



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If a child's behavior is disruptive to the program or to the experience of others, instructors will follow the behavior action steps. *Disruptive behavior includes: bullying, inappropriate language, unwillingness to work cooperatively with group, and destruction of nature center grounds.*

**Behavior Action Steps include the following:**

**STEP 1:** Disruptive behavior will be discussed with camper, instructor and Director of Programs & Services with an agreed upon solution.

**STEP 2:** If the discussion in step one is unsuccessful, the Director of Programs & Services will notify parent of the concerns and discuss appropriate, positive solution.

**STEP 3:** If disruptive behavior continues after camper/staff/parent conference, the camper will be sent home.

**If a child's behavior is aggressive or violent (hitting, kicking, biting or using any object as a weapon) toward either staff or other campers, or if the child attempts to run away from the group, the child will be sent home immediately.**

No refund will be given when a child is sent home for behavior reasons. Blandford Nature Center wants all children to be successful at camp; options for returning to camp after being dismissed can be discussed with the Director of Programs & Services.

Please contact us with any questions, concerns or special needs you or your child may have regarding Summer Day Camp.

We look forward to seeing you in the woods this summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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