

Howell Woods ELC

Nature Explorers Camp 2022 Agenda

Monday (Day 1)

7:30am – 9:00 Morning Care (Optional)

Parents can drop campers off earlier
Games / activities in the classroom

9:00 – 10:00 Morning Circle

Introduction to Howell Woods
Go over rules/expectations of the day
Ice Breakers - Let's get to know everyone!

10:00 – 10:30 Snack

Provided by camper

10:30 – 12:00 Low Ropes Course

The low ropes course is designed to focus on leadership skills. It incorporates teamwork, strength, agility, communication, and quick thinking.
Activity: Campers will work together to complete various tasks and obstacles!

12:00pm – 1:00 LUNCH BREAK!

Get your grub on!
Please pack a bagged lunch with an icepack.
Your child will have an hour to eat, but most children will only need 30 minutes; therefore there will be extra time for self-exploration / free time!

1:00 – 2:30 Split into Groups

Indoor – Camp Journals

Campers will create their own camp journals using recycled materials!

Outdoor – Tie-Dye

Campers will have a chance to tie-dye their camp shirts however they like!

2:30 – 3:00 Camp Journal Entry

Campers will complete a daily journal entry in their journals. Each day will have a different journal prompt!

3:00 – 3:30 Snack

Provided by Howell Woods staff

3:30 – 4:00 Closing Circle

Reflect on today's activities through group discussion
Activity: Bead Ceremony - Give out beads to others
Questions, comments

4:00 – 5:30 Afternoon Care (Optional)

Parents can pick up campers later
Games / activities in the classroom / picnic shelter

*** Your child may want to bring a backpack to take with them when we are away from the building equipped with medical necessities (inhaler, epi-pen), bug repellent, water bottle, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, binoculars (we have some if your child doesn't).
PLEASE WEAR CLOSED TOED SHOES!!!

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Nature Explorers Camp 2022 Agenda

Tuesday (Day 2)

7:30am – 9:00 Morning Care (Optional)

Parents can drop campers off earlier
Games / activities in the classroom

9:00 – 10:00 Morning Circle

Camp day introduction/schedule
Go over rules/expectations of the day
Ice Breakers & Games

10:00 – 10:30 Snack

Provided by camper

10:30 – 12:00 Terrific Trees

Campers will learn how to identify many of the trees and plants in our area by growth, habit, form, bark, and leaf shapes.

Activity: Campers will go on a hike using their i-Dials to identify local species.

12:00pm – 1:00 LUNCH BREAK!

Get your grub on!
Please pack a bagged lunch with an icepack.
Your child will have an hour to eat, but most children will only need 30 minutes; therefore there will be extra time for self-exploration / free time!

1:00 – 2:30 Split into Groups

Indoor – Birds of Prey

After an intro on raptors, campers get to dissect owl pellets to take home!

Outdoor – Signs of Wildlife

Campers will get to create their own animal track mold to take home!

2:30 – 3:00 Camp Journal Entry

Campers will complete a daily journal entry in their journals. Each day will have a different journal prompt!

3:00 – 3:30 Snack

Provided by Howell Woods staff

3:30 – 4:00 Closing Circle

Reflect on today's activities through group discussion
Activity: Bead Ceremony - Give out beads to others
Questions, comments

4:00 – 5:30 Afternoon Care (Optional)

Parents can pick up campers later
Games / activities in the classroom / picnic shelter

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Nature Explorers Camp 2022 Agenda

Wednesday (Day 3)

7:30am – 9:00 Morning Care (Optional)

Parents can drop campers off earlier
Games / activities in the classroom

9:00 – 10:00 Morning Circle

Camp day introduction/schedule
Go over rules/expectations of the day
Ice Breakers & Games

10:00 – 10:30 Snack

Provided by Camper

10:30 – 12:00 Intro to Geocaching

Geocaching is a treasure hunting game where you use a GPS device (or a smartphone) to hide and seek containers with other participants.
Activity: Campers will learn the basics of using hand-held GPS units to find hidden items on the Howell Woods property.

12:00pm – 1:00 LUNCH BREAK!

Get your grub on!
Please pack a bagged lunch with an icepack.
Your child will have an hour to eat, but most children will only need 30 minutes; therefore there will be extra time for self-exploration / free time!

1:00 – 2:30 Split into Groups

Indoor – Radical Reptiles

Campers will have a chance to learn more about our resident reptiles, including meeting them!

Outdoor – The Micro World of Nature

Using hand lenses and microscopes, campers will get to view nature in a new perspective!

2:30 – 3:00 Camp Journal Entry

Campers will complete a daily journal entry in their journals. Each day will have a different journal prompt!

3:00 – 3:30 Snack

Provided by Howell Woods staff

3:30 – 4:00 Closing Circle

Reflect on today's activities through group discussion
Activity: Bead Ceremony - Give out beads to others
Questions, comments

4:00 – 5:30 Afternoon Care (Optional)

Parents can pick up campers later
Games / Activities in the classroom / picnic shelter

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Thursday (Day 4)

7:30am – 9:00 Morning Care (Optional)

Parents can drop campers off earlier
Games / activities in the classroom

9:00 – 10:00 Morning Circle

Camp day introduction/schedule
Go over rules/expectations of the day
Ice Breakers & Games

10:00 – 10:30 Snack

Provided by Camper

10:30 – 12:00 Beginner Fishing

Campers will learn all the basics of fishing, from how to tie knots, set up a fishing pole, and cast!

Activity: Campers will have a chance to fish at our Savanna Pond.

If your child has their own fishing gear, they may bring it this day!

12:00pm – 1:00 LUNCH BREAK!

Get your grub on!

Please pack a bagged lunch with an icepack.

Your child will have an hour to eat, but most children will only need 30 minutes; therefore there will be extra time for self-exploration / free time!

1:00 – 2:30 Intro to Kayaking

We will go over kayak/canoe safety precautions, including how to enter and exit a kayak/canoe, basic paddling techniques, how to determine safe water, etc.

Activity: Campers will get to kayak and canoe at Sand Hole Lake (while wearing life jackets)!

Campers may want to wear a swimsuit or light weight clothing and waterproof shoes (sandals, crocs, water shoes etc. are approved for this day)

Bring a towel and extra set of clothing!!!

2:30 – 3:00 Camp Journal Entry

Campers will complete a daily journal entry in their journals. Each day will have a different journal prompt!

3:00 – 3:30 Snack

Provided by Howell Woods staff

3:30 – 4:00 Closing Circle

Reflect on today's activities through group discussion

Activity: Bead Ceremony - Give out beads to others

4:00 – 5:30 Afternoon Care (Optional)

Parents can pick up campers later

Games / Activities in the classroom / picnic shelter

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Nature Explorers Camp 2022 Agenda

Friday (Day 5)

7:30am – 9:00 Morning Care (Optional)

Parents can drop campers off earlier
Games / activities in the classroom

9:00 – 10:00 Morning Circle

Camp day introduction/schedule
Go over rules/expectations of the day
Ice Breakers & Games

10:00 – 10:30 Snack

Provided by Camper

10:30 – 12:00 Camp Group Hike

We will go on a group hike within Howell Woods Habitat
Diversity Trail System

Activity: Campers will use all knowledge and tools during
hike, as well as collecting natural materials to use for
SunPrint paper craft afterwards.

12:00pm – 1:00 LUNCH BREAK!

Get your grub on!

Please pack a picnic lunch with an icepack.

Your child will have an hour to eat, but most children will
only need 30 minutes; therefore there will be extra time
for self-exploration / free time!

1:00 – 3:00 Split into Groups

Indoor – Intro to Citizen Science

Campers will have a chance to learn more about citizen
science and participate in a statewide project called
ecoEXPLORE!

Outdoor – Howell Woods Property Tour

Campers will get to take truck ride and view parts of the
property seldom seen by others!

3:00 – 3:30 Camp Journal Entry

Campers will complete a daily journal entry in their
journals. Each day will have a different journal prompt!

3:30 – 4:00 Closing Circle

Reflect on today's activities through group discussion
Bead Ceremony - Give out beads to others
Questions, comments

4:00 – 6:00 End of Camp Cookout

We will provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks
Please bring your favorite side dish to share!

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER BREAK!!!