

2023 Summer Camp Family Orientation

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Campers will learn how to respect and take care of living things and the environment by:

1. Incorporation of knowledge about South Florida's ecosystems and conservation in all EYCC programs.
2. Participation in sustainable practices such as recycling, water conservation, and leave no trace.



Our mission is to foster awareness, appreciation, and concern for Florida's wildlife and environment through outdoor recreation and conservation education.

Campers will gain “Life Skills” that include communication, teamwork, responsibility, respect, and friendship-building by:

1. Adhering to our policies on the rights and dignity of others and our Neutral Zone Policy.
2. Living in a cabin with other campers and helping to maintain their communal living space.
3. Ensuring that they are a productive member of the group by following instructions, participating in activities, and assisting others.

Campers will become confident in paddle sports, shooting sports, fishing, and wildlife discovery by:

1. Participation in paddle sports, archery, and fishing daily.
2. Ensuring all activities are skills based and are taught by certified instructors.
3. Participating in free time called *Campers Choice* so campers can enhance their skill with more practice.

Registration

Online registration opens February 1st, 2023 and is based on grade completed in the Fall 2022 – Spring 2023 academic year.

Before Registration Opens

- Create your account on our online registration portal and click “Add New Camper” to add camper information.

Once Registration Opens

- Log into your account and select “New Registration” and register your child for camp.
- Pay attention to week availability as you register!

After You Register

- You will receive an automated response from Sales Force confirming that your registration was submitted. Your registration status at this stage will indicate “pending” or “waitlisted.”
- Once we approve your registration you will receive an automated approval email. Then you will receive a separate email with the Parent Information Packet, invoice, and other paperwork from Dawn Herron.
- *Failure to respond by deadlines provided may result in your child losing their spot.*
- The Parent Information Packet contains all the detailed information for summer camp. It will also explain camp policies and procedures in detail.

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2023 Parent Information Packet

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Health

Disease Prevention

Please contact us if your child has any condition that may affect them while at camp.

- Campers and Staff will wash their hands before and after meals.
- Campers and Staff will avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Campers and Staff will cover their coughs and sneezes.
- Staff will clean high contact surfaces twice a day.

Disease Prevention Policies

Camp STRONGLY recommends that parents consult their family physician about the communicable disease risks associated with the summer camp setting.

- Campers showing signs and symptoms of illness will not be admitted to camp.
- Campers showing signs and symptoms of illness during camp will, unfortunately, be sent home.
- If a camper is notified that a staff member or camper has tested positive for COVID-19, parents of exposed campers will be notified. (This will most likely be given to all parents in that child's cabin and program).
- Campers will be given a mask to wear if they are showing signs and symptoms of illness.

First Aid

- Staff who supervise campers are First Aid, CPR, AED certified.
- Camp Nurse will treat minor injuries on site.
- Life threatening injuries or conditions will be taken to the ER of the nearest hospital.

Check In and Check Out

General Policies and Procedures

- You (or your designee) are responsible for transportation to and from the facility.
- The person dropping off and picking up your child must be 18 years old.
- Unanticipated emergencies do arise, so please be prepared to have another responsible adult available to pick-up your child from camp.
- Please do not bring pets to check in or check out.
- If you use the restroom prior to getting in the car line for pick up or drop off, there are restrooms on the way to EYCC that make perfect rest stops. Speed limit is 30mph when you enter camp.

Directions To Camp

Thlake Blvd. Go west to Seminole Pratt Whitney Road blinking light...will take about 10 minutes to go three miles to JMW Corbett Wildlife Management Area. After check station you will see a wooden fence on the right. Follow that fence line to the entrance of the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp.

Southern Blvd. Go west to Seminole Pratt Whitney Road. Turn right and go three miles to JMW Corbett Wildlife Management Area. After check station you will see a wooden fence on the right. Follow that fence line to the entrance of the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp.

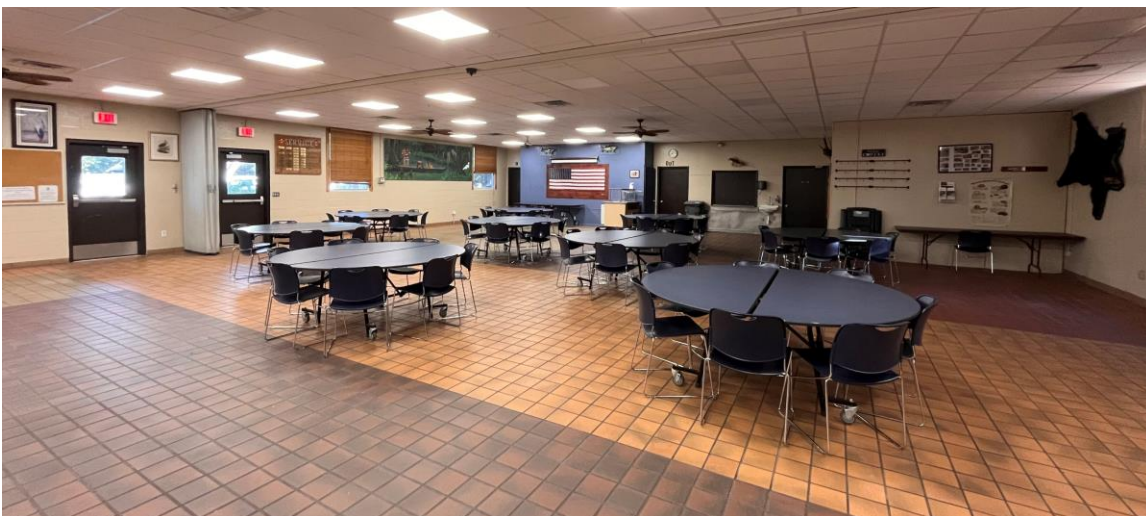
Check In Schedule

- 10 a.m. Leadership Campers and siblings
- 10 p.m. Marliners and Seafarers
- 1 p.m. Pathfinders and Outdoor Archers
- 2 p.m. Explorers and Anglers Plus
- 3 p.m. Wildlife Adventurers, Wetland Wanderers, Anglers

Camp Life

Food Service

- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served in our Camp Dining Hall (pictured below). Snacks are also available throughout the day.
- The camp menu is written with the assistance of a certified professional food manager.
- We can accommodate most dietary restrictions. If your child is on a strict diet, please contact the camp director prior to arrival.
- Once you and your child arrive at camp, you will be sent to meet with the kitchen staff to discuss any dietary restrictions for confirmation.



Housing

- During Camp, your child will be living in one of our 10 air-conditioned cabins on site. At least two counselors are assigned to each cabin with the campers.



Camp Life

Daily Schedule

- We strongly recommend that you go over this schedule with your child so that they know what to expect when they arrive. This is also a great opportunity to talk to your child about any concerns they may be having about coming to camp. This will greatly reduce the risk of homesickness.

7:00 am	Wake up / Bathroom
7:30 am	Flagpole Ceremony
7:35 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	Activity Sessions
12:30 pm	Lunch / Camp Store / Cabin Time
2:30 pm	Activity Sessions
5:30 p.m.	Campers' Choice Activity
6:30 p.m.	Return to Cabin and Clean-up for Dinner
6:50 pm	Dinner / Camp Store
7:30 pm	Evening Program
9:00 pm	Start Showers
10:30 pm	Lights Out for Cabins 3, 4, 7, 8
11:00 p.m.	Lights Out for Cabins 1, 2, 9, 10

- Campers spend about 3 to 4 hours each day engaged in program activities with the rest of the day allotted to general outdoor skills.
- Evening activities can range from game nights, movie nights, or campfire singalongs. Every Thursday night there will be a camp dance in the dining hall. The list of dance themes will be located in the Parent Information Packet.



Camp Life

Programs

This year EYCC will be offering 10 different programs listed below. More information about each program can be found on our website.



Anglers (3rd – 4th grade) Teaches campers the basics of freshwater fishing including knot tying, tackle types, fish behavior, and the best catch and release practices.



Wildlife Adventurers (3rd – 5th grade) This program is all about animals and has loads of activities and outdoor experiences focusing on Florida wildlife.



Wetland Wanderers (3rd – 5th grade) Campers in our Wetland Wanderers program will explore the wonders of Florida's wetland ecosystems through hikes and freshwater snorkeling.



Explorers (5th– 6th grade) Our Explorers program focuses on camping skills: fire building, pitching tents, campfire cooking, knot tying, trip planning, and more.



Anglers Plus (5th – 6th grade) Anglers Plus builds on our basic freshwater fishing program to include more advanced freshwater fishing skills.



Pathfinders (6th – 8th grade) Campers participate in the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Hunter Safety Certification program, which includes learning about outdoor ethics, wildlife conservation, habitats, wild game, and hunting skills.



Outdoor Archers (6th – 8th grade) Gives campers the opportunity to hone their archery skills through range games and activities.



Seafarers (7th – 8th grade) The Seafarers program is an introduction to the basics of saltwater fishing.



Mariners (7th – 8th grade) The Mariners program is all about marine exploration through snorkeling, kayaking, seine netting, and conservation education.



Leadership Campers (high school) This two-week program teaches campers how to be effective leaders and teachers while assisting staff around camp.

This year we are offering three offsite programs where campers will have the opportunity to leave camp for a short period each day to explore different sites around Palm Beach.

- **Anglers Plus:** Goes offsite for half a day T - TH to go bass fishing.
- **Seafarers:** Goes offsite T – TH to different saltwater fishing locations (*Jupiter Peer, Phil Foster State Park, and Black Dog Fishing Charter.*)
- **Mariners:** Goes offsite T-TH to different marine locations (*MacArthur Beach State Park, Peanut Island, Coral Cove.*)

Camp Life

Camp Store

- Camp store cards are purchased during check in (cash only).
- Parents can purchase cards worth \$5, \$10, or \$20.
- Campers can use their store card to purchase items during store hours.
- Any remaining funds will be returned to the parent during check-out.

ITEM	PRICE
Camp T-shirt	\$5
Short sleeve dri-wick shirt	\$10
Long Sleeve dri-wick shirt	\$10
Candy	\$2
Soda/Gatorade	\$2
Slushy	\$1
Toiletry Items	\$1
EYCC Water Bottle	\$4
Bandanas	\$2
EYCC Buff	\$5
Hats (ball caps, Outback, Bucket)	\$4
Sunglasses	\$2
Playing Cards	\$1
Friendship / Paracord Bracelets	\$1
Word Search with Pencil	\$1
Individual Stickers/ Sticker Sheet	\$1/\$2
Flashlight	\$5
Poncho	\$2



Everglades Youth Conservation
Camp Store Card
\$5

Camper Name _____

Camper Cabin _____

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Photo Tour

EYCC is a 250-acre facility that offers our campers an array of fun outdoor activities. Browse the photos below to get a better feel of camp. You can find more site photos of EYCC on our website.



General Area

These pictures represent some of the general areas around camp, including the pavilion and some of the grounds around the cabins.



Photo Tour

Classroom Building



Campfire Island

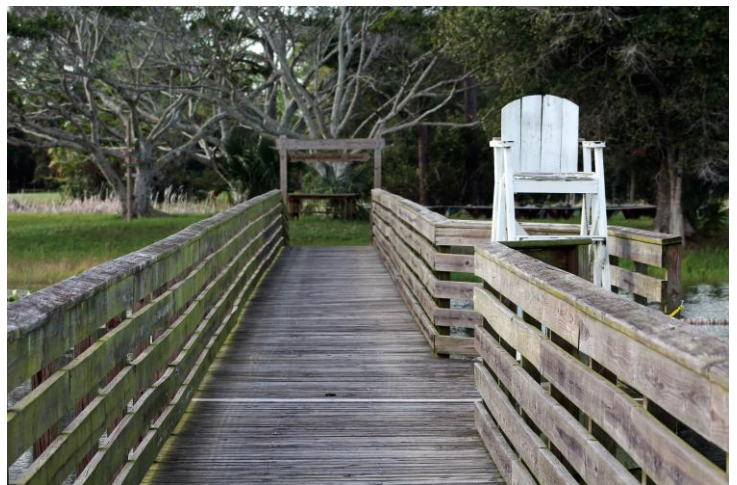


Photo Tour

Fishing Area



Waterfront



Photo Tour

Archery Range



Shooting Range

