

UW Botanic Gardens Summer Camp

Parent Information Sheet



Pick up/Drop Off

Drop off is at 9am and pick up is at 1pm for preschool campers and 3pm for full day campers. If you have signed up for after care (1st-6th grade campers only), children must be signed out by 5pm.

Approved Pick Up List

Anyone picking up a camper must be on their approved pick up list and show photo ID each time they pick up.

Late Pick-Up Policy & Fees:

- **PreK Camp:** If you are more than 10 minutes late to pick up (1pm), you will be charged \$1.00 for every minute after the end of camp. The rate will increase to \$3.00/min if you are more than 15 minutes late. The amount due will be charged to your credit card on file.
- **1st-6th Grade Camp:** If you are more than 10 minutes late to pick up your child at the end of camp (after 3pm) then we will enroll your child in aftercare until you arrive. The cost for one day of aftercare is \$16; this amount will be charged to your credit card on file.
- **After Care Late Fees:** If you are late to pick up your child from aftercare we will charge you \$1 for every minute after 5pm. At 5:15pm the rate increases to \$3/minute. The amount due will be charged to your credit card on file.

Getting to Camp

Camp is located at the Washington Park Arboretum: 2300 Arboretum Drive E, Seattle, 98112

Please find a parking spot and walk your child to the greenhouses where we will begin each day.

- **From Downtown** - Drive east on Madison Street, away from Puget Sound. Follow it through Capitol Hill and the Central District into Madison Valley. Turn left on Lake Washington Boulevard. To reach the Graham Visitors Center, follow Lake Washington Boulevard through the Arboretum and stay straight to continue on E. Foster Island Road. Turn right onto Arboretum Drive East to reach the Graham Visitors Center. To continue past the Arboretum toward Montlake Boulevard, follow the road to the left and stay straight at the three-way intersection with the SR-520 off ramp. Take the first right up a small hill and then turn left into the Graham Visitor Center parking lot.
- **From I-5** - Take exit 168 for SR-520 East/Bellevue-Kirkland. Merge onto SR-520 and take the first exit, Montlake Boulevard. Continue straight through the signal. Take a slight right at E. Lake Washington Boulevard, then a slight left at Lake Washington Blvd. E. Turn left onto E. Foster Island Road at the stop sign, then turn right onto Arboretum Drive East to reach the Graham Visitors Center. Take the first right up a small hill and then turn left into the Graham Visitor Center parking lot.
- **From SR-520 West** - After crossing Lake Washington, take the first Seattle exit onto Lake Washington Boulevard S. Turn left off the ramp. Turn left at the 4 way stop sign onto Lake Washington Blvd. Take the next left onto E. Foster Island Road. Turn right onto Arboretum Drive East to reach the Graham Visitors Center. Take the first right up a small hill and then turn left into the Graham Visitor Center parking lot.

Parking

Park at the Graham Visitor Center, in the gravel lots on Foster Island Drive or in camp overflow parking on Arboretum Drive. Please make sure you are parking on the side of the road with your tires still entirely on the pavement and are not blocking any fire lanes, loading zones, or trails. Camp overflow parking is available along Arboretum Drive in designated areas only.

What to Bring

We will be outside in the Arboretum rain or shine. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. There is a place for campers to leave extra clothes while they explore.

- Dress in layers to accommodate our ever changing Seattle weather
- Lunch + 2 snacks (1 morning and 1 afternoon snack), refrigeration is not available.
- Backpack to carry gear (no single strap/shoulder bags)

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- Shoes/sandals with a heel strap (Teva/Keen style sandals are OK) – **NO FLIP FLOPS!**
- Full water bottle
- Hat and sunscreen (**for 2nd half of day- children should arrive with sunscreen already applied**)
- Good Idea Extras: change of clothes, rain coat, warm layer

What not to Bring

Toys or books, weapons or pocket knives, electronics (cell phones, cameras, gaming systems)

Summer Camp Policies

Safety: Children must be able to stay with the camp instructors and follow safety guidelines set. This includes, but is not limited to: respecting the other children, the teachers, the materials, and safe boundaries.

Toileting: Children must be potty-trained (no pull-up diapers) by the start of camp, able to ask to use the bathroom and successfully go with minimal assistance. *Preschool Camp - We understand that at this age accidents do happen! We ask that children are able to follow these guidelines the majority of the time.*

Camper Code of Conduct:

As a camper at the University of Washington Botanic Gardens Camp...

I will respect myself

- I will take care of my health by drinking a lot of water to stay hydrated, eating my lunch and snacks, wearing sunscreen, washing my hands, and communicating with guides if I am feeling unwell, hurt, or confused.
- I will challenge myself to try new things while maintaining a positive attitude.
- I will stay with the group at all times so I don't get lost.
- I will not eat leaves or berries I find in nature UNLESS my guide specifically tells me I can.

I will respect others

- I will use my best listening skills when others are sharing and when adults are giving me instructions.
- All of my words and actions will have a positive impact on others.
- I will work through disagreements with other kids by using my words and will seek help from staff if I cannot resolve a problem by myself.
- I understand that any behavior that could hurt others—their bodies or their feelings—is unacceptable here at camp.

I will respect the environment

- I will clean up after myself and leave an area I use even better than the way I found it.
- I will treat all nature with respect; I will not damage plants by picking, pulling, climbing, or stepping on them. I will not hurt wildlife by chasing, throwing, scaring, or killing it.

If a camper is unable to follow these rules...

1. They will receive a **verbal warning** from camp staff to remind them what the rules are.
2. After a warning, if that behavior/action persists, they will be removed from their camp group and sent to the camp office for a meeting with the Camp Coordinator. The Camp Coordinator will notify parents/guardians. The camper will be put on a **behavior contract** for the rest of the week.
3. If behavior/actions do not improve, the camper will be **sent home** at the parents'/guardians' expense.
4. The camp staff reserves the right to send home any camper if it is decided that removal from camp is in the best interest of the program and campers. Immediate dismissal may result from severe infractions.

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