

Thank you for registering your child(ren) for River Camp. The hours of camp and extra activities are detailed below:

***Drop off for the camp begins at 8:45:** Monday – Friday: 9 am – 4 pm

***A River Steward Ceremony will be held at 3:30 pm on Friday to honor those campers who participated in the program. Families are welcome to attend.**

Sign-in/out Procedure: Campers are to be dropped off at the Shoaff Riverlodge, 6401 St. Joe Rd. At drop off each morning you will pull up to the Riverlodge and a staff member will come out, ask screening questions and then your child(ren) may get out of the vehicle. We will direct your child(ren) to their counselor. The staff will be in the same location every day for pick up/drop off. Please let the staff member know at this time if there will be any changes to pick up throughout the week (see below). They will keep track of this information on a group roster. The children will go straight to their designated group where they will be checked in and recorded as present.

Pick-up: A staff member will come out to your vehicle and radio for the child being picked up.

If someone else is picking up your child from camp we ask you to please follow the procedures:

- Notify the staff person at drop-off that someone else will be picking up your child(ren). Please provide a description and name of that person.
- The person picking up your child will need a note signed by you to present to staff stating that they are picking up your child and a picture ID.

Health Guidelines

- At drop of each morning a staff member will ask the parent/guardian if the child has had a cough, fever, or shortness of breath in the last 72 hours. If the answer is yes, your child will NOT be allowed to attend until they have been symptom free for 72 hours.
- If a child develops a fever of 100 degrees or higher or consistent cough during camp a parent will be notified immediately to come pick your child up. Your child may return after being symptom free for 72 hours.
- Parents are responsible to let the Park Staff know immediately if your child has symptoms or has been diagnosed with a Communicable Disease.
- Parent/Guardian will be notified immediately if your child becomes ill or sustains an injury of a serious nature.
- Please do not bring your child if they feel ill, have a fever, coughing, vomiting or diarrhea.
- A child must be fever and cough free for 72 hours and 24 hours for vomiting and diarrhea.

Shoaff Park Paddle: On Thursday older campers (11& 12) will take a paddle adventure to complete a 4 mile (1.5-2 hour) paddle. This paddle will take campers downstream from Mayhew Bridge to Shoaff Park.

Supplies: Children should wear play clothes that can and will get dirty. Close toed shoes are required every day. Additional items (see supply list below) may be left at the Riverlodge through the course of the week or they may be taken with the child/children each day and returned the next day that they are required. All items left at the Riverlodge will be locked up in the building after hours.

Rules & Safety: We ask that you do not allow your child(ren) to bring any electronic devices with them to camp, including, but not limited to, cell phones, tablets, etc. If these items are brought to camp, we will ask the child to keep them put away in their bag at all times! The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen items so it is best if these items are kept safely at home. Other camp rules are listed below. These rules are for your child's safety and will be shared with the campers on the first day.

- In an attempt to keep everyone safe please adhere to social distancing at all times. This means keeping at least 6ft. distance from anyone who isn't in the same household as you.
- All staff will be wearing masks. Although NOT required all participants & attendees are strongly encouraged.
- We will have hand sanitizer present at camp and children will be encouraged to wash their hands often.
- Sharing equipment isn't permitted unless no other substitutes can be made. We'll have enough equipment on hand for everyone registered. Children will be assigned to a specific PFD (personal floatation device) that will be for their use only entire week.
- High touch areas may be sanitized throughout the camp at the discretion of the staff member.
- Once camp is finished each day, staff will sanitize all Parks equipment before the next day begins. It will be your own responsibility to sanitize any personal equipment if you deem necessary.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, please contact the Outdoor Recreation Supervisor, Eden Lamb, at 427-6008 or eden.lamb@cityoffortwayne.org.

Please understand that these precautions are being done in accordance with that the CDC and Board of Health has set forth in the five stages of reopening. We thank you for your patience, understanding and for being involved with River Camp, it will be a fun week and we can't wait to see you!

Supply List: please bring all supplies on Monday. These items may be left at the camp (they will be secured) or brought to and from the camp each day.

- Closed-toed shoes! (must be worn everyday)
- Water bottle or canteen
- Non-perishable lunch
- Snacks
- Sunscreen*
- Insect repellent
- Dry change of clothes (in case of rain)
- Swimsuit (if desired-for splash pad)
- Long pants** (for walking in the woods)
- Old sneakers or close-toed water shoes for water play
- Towel
- Any necessary medications with detailed instructions. You may be asked to complete a medication form if you wish for your child(ren) to take over-the-counter or prescription medication during camp hours.

- If you have a favorite PFD (Personal Floatation Device) – PFDs will be provided!

**Sunscreen: Please apply to your child(ren) every day PRIOR to arrival at camp and pack the bottle in his/her backpack for reapplication throughout the day.*

*** Long pants: Children do not need to wear long pants to camp; long pants should be packed in their bag to change into when/if their group takes a hike in the woods.*

Camp Rules: please go over these rules with your child(ren)!

Listen – to each other and the camp counselors!

Be respectful of each other!

Everyone travels in groups of at least 3 at ALL times!

Do not approach, follow or obey anyone that is not YOUR parent or a counselor/staff! Shoaff Park is open to the public; please stay with your group!

Campers must wear their bandanas every day in some way so that it's visible from afar; this is to help us identify our campers from other children who are visiting the park. *Please ask your child to leave his/her bandana at camp in his/her group's allotted space so that it is not left at home or lost.*



Other partnering agencies include:

Fort Wayne City Utilities, Fort Wayne Outfitters, Historic Fort Wayne, North East Indiana Water Trails, Tri-State Watershed Alliance