

Welcome to WildCare's Spring Wildlife Camp!

Dear Wildlife Camp Families,

Welcome to Wildlife Camp at WildCare! We are looking forward to exploring the seasons with your child and expanding their awareness of the natural wonders around us. Please take the time to read **all** of the following information.

If you have any questions, please contact us at education@discoverwildcare.org.

Camp Guidelines and Reminders:

- Please be prompt with your arrival and departure times. WildCare does not provide childcare before or after camp.
- Please be sure to check in with camp staff each day when dropping off your child. If your child is going to be late or absent, please call **and** text Casey Pearce, Camp Manager, before the start of camp at 216-352-1431. If you are unable to reach Casey, please call Eileen Jones 415-472-9394.
- Please keep your child home if they are showing any signs or symptoms of illness.
- Apply sunscreen before camp.
- Children should wear sturdy, comfortable tennis or hiking shoes and layered clothing, appropriate for the weather. All clothes should be appropriate for art and outdoor activities. If there is rain in the forecast, waterproof jackets are recommended. Please label all clothing items.
- Bring a labeled backpack or bag for sunscreen, snacks, lunch, and extra clothes.
- Bring a healthy snack and a hearty lunch that **does not include any nut products**.
- Lost and found: articles left after the weekly camp session will be held for 2 weeks only. After 2 weeks, items will be donated to a local organization.

Some things to think about with your child:

What makes seasons happen?
What do animals do in different seasons?
What is a wild animal?

Code of conduct:

- WildCare campers and staff are expected to treat all people and animals with dignity and respect at all times.
- Children are expected to behave in a manner that allows for all campers to have fun. This includes following directions and actively participating.
- Please leave electronics at home. Cell phones must be turned off and stored in your child's backpack during camp hours.
- Any child that hits, kicks, runs away from the camp group, uses foul language, or otherwise disrupts camp in such a manner that impedes the fun or safety of the other campers will be asked to leave.

Spring Camp is located at 76 Albert Park Lane, San Rafael, CA 94901



Packing list for camp:

- Backpack (labeled with child's name)
- Large, full water bottle (one quart)
- Healthy snack
- Hearty lunch (nut free)
- Sunscreen
- Hat with a brim
- Closed-toed shoes
- Inhaler or EpiPen – if you listed these medications on your form
- Extra clothes

WildCare is a Wildlife Hospital and Nature Education Center that has existed in our San Rafael location for over 50 years. WildCare's mission is to advocate for wildlife and create a more sustainable world. We actively pursue this mission through nature education, wildlife medicine, advocacy, and community outreach.

WildCare is home to 16 non-releasable educational wild animals that engender compassion for our wild neighbors, spark curiosity about our natural world, and influence a lifetime of environmental stewardship.

Health and Safety

We want every camper to have a fun and safe experience. Because this program is often outdoors, there are some hazards your child could encounter. Hazards include poison oak (long pants strongly recommended), mosquitos, bees, wasps, and ticks. **Please check your child thoroughly at the end of each excursion day for ticks.** If your child has an allergy, please be sure to include this information on their Emergency Form.

Nut Free! Please leave all peanut and nut derived food items at home. While we are unable to completely eliminate the possibility that peanut or nut products may be present on site, we require our campers, staff, and volunteers to not include such products in their lunch and snack.

COVID-19: In order to prioritize the health and safety of our campers and staff, we ask you **keep home a camper who is showing any signs or symptoms of any contagious illness.** Any participant may wear a mask if they choose but it is not required. If any concerning symptoms or positive COVID tests have been present in your household, please contact Camp Manager Casey Pearce at 216-352-1431.

Directions to WildCare | 76 Albert Park Lane, San Rafael, CA 94901

From the South: Take the Central San Rafael exit from Highway 101, Left onto 3rd St., left onto B St., Cross 2nd St. and continue down B St., left onto Albert Park Ln.; park across from the footbridge

From the North: Take the Central San Rafael exit from Highway 101, right onto 3rd St., left onto B St., cross 2nd St. and continue down B St. to the next left onto Albert Park Ln.; park across from the footbridge

WildCare's Spring Wildlife Camp will be held at WildCare's original site. As we transition, our Wildlife Ambassador animals will be kept at our transition site at 251 North San Pedro Road in San Rafael to be near our hospital staff in case of emergency, and to meet the requirements of our permitting. Our live ambassador animals will come to visit camp so your camper won't miss out on their amazing wildlife experiences. We thank you for your understanding during this time of transition.

