



Welcome to Camp Discovery!

We are thrilled that you will be joining us for a day of fun, exploration, and active learning through Nature at Camp Discovery experience! In this packet, you will find essential information for students, teachers, group leaders and parents, so feel free to print and share any of these materials.

Please keep in mind that open communication and collaboration are vital to ensuring an impactful and rewarding experience for your group. Our activities are designed to reinforce classroom concepts while supporting students in making healthy choices for themselves and the world around them.

Significant planning goes into making every Camp Discovery experience meaningful. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions related to the individual needs or goals of your group.

We look forward to sharing Camp Discovery with you and your students!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanna Weitzel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joanna Weitzel, Executive Director

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TEACHER CHECKLIST

Please follow this list to make sure everything is completed in preparation for your program. Your cooperation and participation will help to assure a safe and positive experience for everyone.

(4) FOUR WEEKS OR MORE BEFORE FIELD STUDY

- _____ Send home **Note to Parents and Camp Discovery Liability and Media Release Forms** for signatures.
- _____ Send home **Camp Discovery Liability and Media Release Forms** for teachers and chaperones.
- _____ Make arrangements to provide students adequate food/drinks/snacks during their visit. Camp Discovery does not have water fountains or vending machines, so water bottles are suggested.
- _____ Request invoice from Camp Discovery to submit for **Purchase Order** (if necessary).

(2) TWO WEEKS PRIOR

- _____ Deliver or mail signed **Camp Discovery Liability and Media Release Forms** to Camp Discovery for all students, teachers and chaperones attending.
- _____ Deliver or email **Class Rolls to Camp Discovery** of students and teachers attending each day.

(1) DAY BEFORE FIELD STUDY

- _____ Review **Camp Discovery Policies & Expectations** with students, teachers and chaperones.
- _____ Remind participants to **dress appropriately for the weather that day** as activities will be outside. Participants are suggested to bring water bottles, sunscreen and/or mosquito repellent.

DAY OF FIELD STUDY

- _____ **REMINDER!** Participants without a signed Release **WILL NOT** be allowed to attend.
- _____ Bring final payment or submit final numbers for Purchase Order.

AFTER FIELD STUDY

- _____ Ensure payment for purchase order is made to Camp Discovery within 10 days of program date.
- _____ Complete online **Field Study Evaluation** for Camp Discovery.
- _____ Mail signed **Letter of Support** (required by a leader from any schools receiving financial assistance).

CONTACT INFORMATION

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GUEST POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS

Being outdoors is what we're all about! The guidelines below are in place for the safety of everyone at Camp Discovery and we ask that everyone follow them during the visit.

1. **Camp Discovery is a big place (104 acres).** Please stay with your group at all times, we don't want anyone getting lost, and you might miss something interesting if you are off by yourself!
2. **Be prepared for seasonal and mild inclement weather,** bringing jackets, rain jackets or sweatshirts as needed. Closed toe shoes are a MUST! No flip flops PLEASE.
3. You may play some running games while you are at Camp Discovery, but when you are on sidewalks, steep hills, or on the trails, **please walk - it's safer and you'll see more!**
4. You will need to have your hands free for doing activities on the trail, so **leave cell phones, iPads and all unnecessary items in your bus or classroom.**
5. We want you to have a good time and a safe time while you are here. Please **enjoy plants, animals, rocks and sticks using a hands-off approach,** unless instructed otherwise. We'll have plenty of hands-on time; just need to be sure it's safe for everyone! Poison ivy and fire ants are a part of the natural world.
6. Try to walk carefully so as not to disturb the rocks, logs, and leaves that provide homes for little things. Every living creature has a purpose for its existence. We ask that you **please respect our plants and all "creepy crawlies."**
7. Camp Discovery is a beautiful place to learn and live in harmony with nature and other people. Let's be **kind to each other and the plant and animal life surrounding us.** We should appreciate natural beauty, learn from it, and respect its purpose in nature.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child is scheduled to attend a field study at Camp Discovery in Blythewood, SC on (DATE) _____. Please complete the "Camp Discovery Release" form attached to this page and return to your child's teacher by (DATE) _____ in order for your child to attend.

Please read the following information prior to your child's field trip date to ensure your child is prepared for their visit and use this letter for reference on the day of the field trip.

On the day of the field trip, your child **MUST**

- Wear sturdy walking shoes (NO SANDALS or FLIP FLOPS)

Your child is suggested to bring the following:

- Light-colored clothing, hat, and sunscreen for warm weather
- Sweatshirt, jacket, rain jacket for cool or wet weather
- Medication (if needed) – please label and give any necessary medication to your child's teacher to carry throughout the field trip.
- Water bottle- water will be available and a water bottle is recommended for each child. Please label it with their name.

Camp Discovery is a special place to engage and inspire students through unique hands-on learning experiences in the natural world. The Camp's experiential and project-based lessons provide enriching, innovative, and meaningful real-world investigations that allow students to explore through direct experience in forests, fields, creeks and streams – the perfect outdoor classroom.

We are looking forward to a day of fun, exploration, and active learning through Nature with your child! Thank you!!



Camp Discovery Release of Liability and Media Consent

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PLEASE PRINT

Participant _____ Student Teacher Chaperone Other

Parent Name (if student is <18) _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone(s) _____

School Name _____ Teacher _____

➤ **This release form is valid for participation in any Camp Discovery programs one year from date of visit.**

Participants over the age of 18 will receive the Camp Discovery newsletter and an occasional program announcement or request. We assume that participants may wish to learn about the wide range of programs and services offered. Anyone may unsubscribe at the bottom of any e-mail, and we never sell or use our information with an outside third party

LEGAL DISCLOSURE

Safety is our first priority. We take every step to create the safest environment possible at Camp Discovery. However, certain risks do apply. Please read below carefully.

I, we, the parent/parents/legal guardians of the above participant, for and in consideration of my child's participation in a public program under the supervision of Camp Discovery, hereby agree and promise not to hold Camp Discovery, nor its officers, employees and agents who are assisting, responsible for any loss, damages or personal injuries that our child may receive as a result of such participation.

This waiver of liability expressly includes any activity related to or occurring during any Camp Discovery program and responsibility for any loss, damages, or personal injuries that your child may receive therefore. I understand that there are some risks inherent in the activities that are included in the camp program, but willingly assume these risks in order to participate. I also agree to instruct my child to follow all instructions and procedures in order to maintain a maximum level of safety. I give my permission for any emergency medical care or treatment by a physician, surgeon, hospital, or medical care facility that may be required.

We respect your privacy. By signing, you understand that while participating, the media and/or Camp Discovery may take photos, video, or audio of participants in action and you grant permission to Camp Discovery to use the image/voice of said participant in news and promotional material, unless otherwise noted in limitations below.

Signature of Participant or Legal Guardian (if participant is under 18)

Date

LIMITATIONS: If the participant has any limitation / medical / allergies/ behavior precautions which affects full participation in activities, or you do not wish to allow photos or video of said participant to be used, please state below:

