

Roaring Brook Nature Center's Summer Programs and Keeping Safe!

Please read the following and let us know if you have any questions or concerns by emailing our Education Coordinator at kstryeski@thechildrensmuseumct.org.

What should your child bring with them in their backpack?

- **Plenty of water** in a bottle/ thermos that students can open and close without adult assistance
- **Hand sanitizer** that is at least 60% alcohol with student's name easily featured on the bottle
- **Nut-free snack** that students can open and eat without adult assistance. All snack trash will be sent back with the child in their lunchbox or in a bag provided by the parent
- **Bandana or mask** that is in a baggie or container labeled with the child's name. Child needs to be able to put the face covering on and off by themselves
- **Please DO NOT send bugspray or sunscreen** with your child. If you would like your child to have sunscreen and bugspray, please apply this to your child **BEFORE** coming to the program.
- If your child requires an Epi-Pen please send in a labeled, clear baggie with your child's name on it and please make sure the necessary paperwork is accompanying the Epi-pen

New COVID-19 Related Measures

In light of COVID-19, Roaring Brook Nature Center is taking enhanced health and safety precautions as set forth by the State of Connecticut and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"). We are using our best efforts to act responsibly and reasonably to do what is within our power to prevent the spread of disease.

Travel Advisory:

There is a 14-day self-quarantine period for all persons arriving from specific states that are showing a new daily positive COVID test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents or a state with a 10% or higher positivity rate over a 7-day rolling average. This list is updated regularly as the situation develops across the country. At this time, children who have traveled to one of these states will be prohibited from our summer programs until they have self-quarantined for at least 14 days.

Please visit this website for information on the executive order and to see the current state list:

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Travel-In-or-Out-of-CT>

Here are a few changes to the program:

Drop-off and Pick-up:

We recommend arriving at least 15 minutes early for drop-off. Drop-off and pick-up are going to all be done outdoors. Upon entering the parking lot please get into ONE line of cars. There will be designated pickup and drop-off locations for your child(ren) that are based on their age group. If you have children in more than one group, please remain in the line of cars and drop-off or pick-up each child separately at their designated location. Once your child(ren) are dropped-off or picked-up you can carefully exit the line and parking lot. If you can, please stay in the car and have your child enter and exit from the PASSENGER SIDE ONLY!

Daily Health Screening:

We will perform a contact-less temperature and visual health screening on all children upon arrival to ensure the health and safety of all involved. Anyone showing a fever of 100 degrees or higher, or those with any respiratory distress or coughing, will not be able to attend. If a child becomes ill during the program, a parent will be called for immediate pick up.

Visitors:

We are limiting the adults in the building to staff only therefore, no visitors, parents or caregivers will be allowed in the building. We are sorry for any inconveniences this causes, but by doing drop-off in the parking lot we are hoping that students will be able to wave goodbye and feel comfortable with your departure. If you are uncertain how your child will react to this or if you are concerned about your child feeling some separation anxiety, please let us know prior to the first day of the program.

Illness or Exposure to Illness:

Parents must keep children home if they are sick, or if the children have been exposed to others who are sick. Please contact us immediately if your child has any symptoms of COVID-19 or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19. If a child has had COVID-19 or has been exposed to COVID-19, the child should not return to the program until after they have satisfied the applicable isolation or quarantine guidelines issued by the CDC.

Group Size:

We are limiting the number of individuals per class to no more than 10 children and 2 teachers.

General Health and Safety Measures:

Students are required to wear mask while in common areas of the building (i.e. bathrooms), but the times spent in these areas will be minimal. We will be implementing regular and frequent hand-washing for all and will be observing social distancing to the extent possible. We have developed a schedule and protocol for intensified cleaning and disinfection per CDC guidelines.

Acknowledgment and Release

The Nature Center has taken enhanced health and safety measures to protect your children, your family, staff, and any others who come on site. We have described some of them above. We expect all families to comply with these new measures.

Despite our efforts, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. The Nature Center has put in place measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Nature Center cannot guarantee that you and your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Nature Center's summer programs could increase your child(ren)'s or your risk of contracting COVID-19.

By having your child(ren) attend the Nature Center, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.