



## Abiding Hope Nature School-summer camp 2024

Welcome to AHNS summer camp; we are looking forward to sharing this time with your child(ren). Camp runs Monday June 3rd through Friday August 2nd and we are closed the week of May 27th. We will be closed on **Wednesday June 19th** in observance of Juneteenth day and **Thursday July 4th**. We are open the same hours as the school year - 7:30-5:30 M-F.

For returning families, camp will look different than last year. We will have water days on Wednesdays and Thursday only. These are the days your child should come to camp in their swimsuit and bring a change of clothing for after water play. We do not mind if they get wet/messy/muddy in their clothing if you do not. They would need a change of clothing however for after this type of play. Water days consist of pools, sprinklers and water games. We will be getting dirty daily however these days, we will add in water.

Each week will have a theme and the classroom teachers will have art projects/games/books according to these themes. Each classroom will have time on their respective playground, west side of the building (perfect for games) and the north west side of the property. Our older classrooms will go on nature walks around our property and trails within the surrounding neighborhood. Our school age children will also walk to nearby parks. Infants join in the fun when their schedule allows them time.

Needless to say, we are outside (weather permitting) the majority of the day so please make sure you send a water bottle and hat daily. You are required to apply sunscreen prior to drop off each day. Staff will reapply sunscreen throughout the day. We supply sunscreen, Rocky Mountain Sunscreen for kids SPF 50, or you may supply your own. We will have sunscreen available daily for you to apply at drop off in case you forgot before leaving home.

We change our classroom names for summer camp as follows:

<u>School year name</u>	<u>Summer camp name</u>
Littles 1	Chipmunks 1
Littles 2	Chipmunks 2
Twiddles	Hedgehogs
Tweens	Squirrels
Threes 1	Deer 1
Threes 2	Deer 2
Pre-k	Elk 1
Pre-k/JK	Elk 2
School aged kids	Moose 1

You will receive an email in May regarding which classroom your child will be in for summer camp.

You will need to submit your vacation weeks to Debbie at [debbie@abidinghope.org](mailto:debbie@abidinghope.org) by **April 15th, 2024**. If you do not submit your vacation to Debbie by this deadline, you will be charged all nine weeks of camp. There will be no tuition adjustments after April 15th.

You will receive an email from Eryn Hall March 25th with the forms you need to submit. These are due **April 15th** as well. All forms will be on our website: [www.abidinghopenatureschool.org](http://www.abidinghopenatureschool.org), for your convenience.

New families to AHNS are required to fill out emergency information and turn in current health appraisal and immunization records; they must be signed by a physician. Examples of these forms can be found on our website [www.abidinghopeschoolnatureschool.org](http://www.abidinghopeschoolnatureschool.org) under the Parents: Forms & Information tab. You may email these forms to [debbie@abidinghope.org](mailto:debbie@abidinghope.org) or fax them to 303-972-0424.

Currently enrolled and returning families need to update emergency contact information that we currently have on file, including an updated health appraisal and immunizations. Examples of these forms can be found on our website [www.abidinghopeschoolnatureschool.org](http://www.abidinghopeschoolnatureschool.org) under the Parents: Forms & Information tab. You may email these forms to [debbie@abidinghope.org](mailto:debbie@abidinghope.org) or fax them to 303-972-0424.

Children that have allergies or need medication must have a health plan that is signed by the doctor and **faxed to 303-972-0424 by May 29th**. Any medication needs to come in the original container and be at camp by the first day your child attends. The physician must sign all forms before the child can attend camp. We have a nurse consultant who visits monthly and checks all health plans, medical paperwork, and meds. You can have your doctor fax paperwork (health plans, medical statement, and immunization) to **303.972.0424**.

The following are items needed to ensure your child has the best time at camp.

- A labeled hat and water bottle - we are outside a lot!
- A labeled backpack with a complete change of clothes including socks + underwear as well as a towel.
- Comfortable clothes + shoes that can get wet and messy.
- Lunch must be peanut nut/tree nut free.\*
- A labeled crib sheet + blanket for rest/nap. Elk + Moose groups do not rest. Per licensing, children 4 and younger must rest for 30 minutes.
- Do not let your child bring personal items to camp.

\*Many children have food allergies related to peanuts/nuts and by-products of peanuts/nuts. Please avoid these items to ensure the safety of all of our children. Also, check ingredients for traces of peanuts and nuts and/or processed in a facility with nuts. If your child eats peanut butter sandwiches, please use soy or sunflower butter and label the item as such. If you would like lunch ideas, please ask! If a child brings a food that is in question, we will substitute a nut free food. If your child has severe food allergies, your child will need to bring his/her own snack.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 720-823-9294 or send an email to [erynh@abidinghope.org](mailto:erynh@abidinghope.org)