My Experience at Nature Museum Summer Camp
Drop Off

My grown-up will drop me off every day at camp. After I’m signed-in, I will go to a big tent or the lawn. I will see my counselors and the other campers. Sometimes it will be loud with all the other kids. This is okay! I will use my inside voice and I will see my grown-up later when they come to pick me up at the end of the day.
Saying Goodbye

(just for now!)

In the morning, my grown-up will drop me off at camp. I know that my grown-up will come back later to pick me up. I can take a minute to say “See you soon!” to my grown-up. They will only be able to stay for a few minutes before it’s time for me to start my camp day! I know that I will have a fun day at camp, and I will tell my grown-up all about it when they come to get me at the end of the day!
My Counselors

When my grown-up drops me off, I will stay with my counselors. They wear red shirts. They are here to keep me safe and have fun! I can ask them for help whenever I need it. I will listen to their words and they will listen to mine.
The other kids at Nature Museum Summer Camp are campers too. They are also here to have fun and to learn. When I talk to them, I will be kind and keep hands to myself and they will do the same. Sometimes I will be part of a big group of campers and sometimes I will be part of a small group of campers. We can all be friends and we can play together during play time.
T-Shirts

On the first day of camp, all the campers wear their camp shirt. We can wear them every day of camp if we want!

The 4 year-old campers have purple camp shirts.

The 5 to 6 year-old campers have green camp shirts.

The 7 to 8 year-old campers have blue camp shirts.

The 9 to 11 year-old campers have orange camp shirts.
Outdoor Play

When we play on North Lawn, I can climb, dig, run, and use an outside voice. I should ask my counselor if it is okay to climb or swing on something before I do it. This is so I know it will be safe. We play outside a lot at Nature Museum Camp!
Indoor Play

Sometimes, we play and explore inside the Museum. When we’re inside, we can use walking feet and inside voices. We stay with our counselors and with our group. Sometimes, we go to Museum exhibits! There are different rules for different exhibits and my counselor will tell us what the rules are.
Butterfly Haven

In the Butterfly Haven, there are animals like butterflies, button quail, and turtles. Butterflies will be flying around me. I can look at these animals, but I cannot touch because I do not want to hurt them! If a butterfly lands on me, I can ask a counselor to shake it off for me. If I feel scared, I can stand by a counselor or ask to leave the room. Butterflies will not hurt me!

It is warm and the air is a little wet when you walk through the door. I can use a quiet voice and walking feet in the Butterfly Haven. I will stay by my group and will not leave without one of my counselors. I will not climb on anything in the Butterfly Haven. Climbing is not safe in the Butterfly Haven.
In the Wilderness Walk, I will see many different animals. These animals used to be alive. They are there for me to look at, not touch. If I reach my hand over to touch the animals, I will hear a very loud noise that tells me to stop. I will use walking feet and an inside voice. I can ask lots of questions in the Wilderness Walk (and all the time!)
Water Wednesdays

On Wednesdays, 7-11 year-old campers walk over to the beach! I can wade in the water or play in the sand. If there is a lifeguard, I can go swimming if I want. I might get sandy and wet, but that is okay! I can change into clean, dry clothes when I get back to the Museum.

On Wednesdays, 4-6 year-old campers stay near the Museum to play with water. I can play in the sprinkler or splash in the kiddie pools on North Lawn. I might get muddy and wet, but that is okay! I can change into clean, dry clothes when it is time to go inside.
Meeting Critters!

Sometimes, we get to meet some of the Museum animals. These could be snakes, rats, pill bugs, beetles, or even turtles! These animals are safe and friendly so I do not need to be afraid. When I meet these animals, I can touch gently if my counselor says it is okay. I can use a quiet voice. If I do not want to touch the animal, that is okay too!
On the last Thursday of my camp session, I will get to show off all my favorite parts of camp to my family. During open house, I can show them how I play outside, sing silly camp songs and create beautiful art. I can even show my family around North Lawn or the pond. My family will also get to meet my new camp friends and counselors.