

2022 Camp Rushford Registration 11-13 and 14-17 Year Olds

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
	11-13 yr	11-13 yr	14-17 yr	14-17 yr	11-13 yr	11-13 yr	11-13 yr
Dates	July 3-8	July 10-15	July 17-22	July 24-29	July 31-Aug. 5	Aug. 7-12	Aug. 14-19
Boys	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
Girls	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available

2022 Pack Forest Registration 11-13 and 14-17 Year Olds

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4*	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
	14-17 yr	14-17 yr	14-17 yr	14-17 yr	14-17 yr	11-13 yr	11-13 yr
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*Pack Forest will have an Outdoor Adventure Week during week 4.

Frequently Asked Questions from the DEC website

Q10: May a child who is 10 years old now but will be 11 in September attend camp this year? What about my 13-year-old who is turning 14 this year?

A: Yes; for Youth Camp, all children must be 11 years old by December 1, 2022. For Teen Week, campers must be 14 years old by December 1, 2022.

Q11: May a child attend Teen Ecology Week (for 14 to 17-year-olds) even if they didn't attend the program for 11 to 13-year-olds?

A: Yes; a camper is not required to attend the youth program to be eligible to attend Teen Ecology Week.

Q12: What is the deadline for camp registration?

A: We accept applications throughout the summer, as long as space remains. Campers are also put on wait lists if their first choices are unavailable. After registration opens up, the beds fill up fast!

Q19: When does camp start and end?

A: Camp starts at 3:00 PM on Sunday afternoon and ends with a ceremony at 4:30 PM on Friday afternoon. All campers are encouraged to arrive on time on Sunday to ensure a smooth check in process. This is important so that campers have time to meet with the camp staff, including the Health Director and Cook, to discuss their concerns and needs.

Q20: Who is responsible for the camper's transportation?

A: Transportation is the parent/guardian's responsibility; DEC does not provide transportation.

Q21: Is it a problem when a child needs to leave camp early?

A: No; the child's parent or guardian should let the camp director know when the child will be picked up to ensure that they are ready on time. The parent or guardian must sign out the child at the time of pickup.

Q25: Can you accommodate a child who is on medication?

A: Yes, but all medication must be in its original container and properly marked. Upon arrival, the child's parent or guardian must speak with the health director and provide medication(s). An EMT or a nurse is on staff at all times.

Q26: How does a child receive medications at camp?

A: The health director holds "med calls" at each meal and at bedtime.

Q27: Can a child with a food allergy be accommodated?

A: Yes; the child's parent or guardian ***must notify our camps program at least two (2) weeks ahead*** of their arrival at camp to ensure that we have the necessary food(s) on hand for the camper. Our camp cooks can easily accommodate vegetarian and nut-free diets. For other diets, please contact the Summer Camps Administrator to discuss your child's needs. Additionally, the camper should meet with the camp cook at check in to confirm their dietary restrictions and needs.

Q28: What emergency procedures are followed in case of an accident or illness at camp?

A: All staff on duty carry radios with them, whether at camp or out in the field. The radios link staff to the camp's directors and/or directly to the regional radio system, which can summon help immediately. All off-site trips have been approved by the DEC Camps Administrator and the NYS Department of Health.

Q31: What is a typical day like at camp?

A: Each day is a little different, and each camp is a little different. Generally, campers get up at 7:00 AM and have an early bird activity like a polar bear swim or fishing, and then it's off to breakfast.

After breakfast, there are activities until lunch. These may include playing environmental games, participating in an environmental lesson, hiking or using sampling equipment to study insects. For example, one popular environmental lesson and game is "Oh Deer!" in which students participate in a game while learning about population biology.

After lunch, there are more activities, such as hiking, canoeing, archery or field trips. Preparations for an overnight hike or hunter education classes are other possibilities. The afternoon session is followed by dinner.

A guest speaker such as a wildlife biologist, forest ranger, or conservation officer may visit during the afternoon or evening to talk with campers. In addition, taking a night walk, star gazing, playing games or listening to stories around a campfire might round out the day. Each camp is a little different, and each week is a little different! You can view example schedules for an [11-13 year old camp](#) and the [14-17 year old camp](#) online

Q37: Does a child need any spending money at camp?

A: No; all money and valuables should be left at home.

Q38: Are cell phones and other electronic devices allowed at camp?

A: No; cell phones, electronic devices, digital games, MP3 players and similar items are not allowed at camp and will be confiscated by staff until the camper is leaving for home. Confiscated items will be returned to the camper during check-out.

Q39: What should a child take to camp?

A: Once a camper is registered, they will receive all the necessary forms and documents, including a packing list and Parent/Camper handbook. You may also download the [Parent/Camper handbook](#) (PDF). This includes a list of items the campers should bring as well as a list of forbidden items.

Q40: What are the cabins like?

A: Cabins are rustic and have bunk beds. Approximately ten (10) people sleep in each cabin, including a counselor and possibly a camp volunteer or second counselor. A general bath house is located within 200 feet of each cabin. Cabin size and style varies from camp to camp.

Q41: Is laundry service available?

A: No. Campers should bring enough clothing to last the entire week. However, there is a washer and dryer at each camp that can be used for emergencies if "accidents" happen.

Q42: What food is offered at camp?

A: Meals consist of wholesome foods prepared by experienced cooks. There are plenty of options for everyone. Meals might include things like:

- Dinner: Taco night with rice and beans, a cookout with burgers (including veggie burgers), baked ziti, stir fry, BBQ chicken and vegetable sides
- Lunch: build your own sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, pasta salad, quesadillas, and mac and cheese
- Breakfast: breakfast burritos, tofu scramble, build your parfait bar, pancakes, waffles, French toast, and granola

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