

## *2017 Exploration Camp Information*

**Description:** Rutgers Gardens offers a week long day camp for children who are interested in learning about the natural world by exploring plants, wildlife and varied environments throughout Rutgers Gardens. The Gardens camp balances scheduled activities with a relaxed environment that is fun, safe and educational. Our camp is geared for children from 9 – 13 years of age and those entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Staff:**

- Rutgers Garden's camp staff has a strong background in the natural sciences and gardening, and they enjoy sharing this knowledge with children in a fun, yet disciplined manner.
- The staff is also trained in First aid, CPR and various aspects of childcare and development in case any problems should arise.

### **Dates & Times:**

- August 7 - 11 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

### **Payment:**

- The camp fee for 2017 is \$350.00 per week.
- We accept MasterCard and Visa or checks/money orders made payable to Rutgers Gardens.
- Credit Card payments can be made on line at our website or by calling our office during business hours.

### **Discounts:**

- Early bird discount \$25.00 (if registered and paid in full by May 31)
- Rutgers Gardens Members (family, Sponsor or Benefactor levels) \$25.00

### **Registration Forms:**

- Registration forms can be printed from our website.
- All necessary paperwork must be mailed or delivered to Rutgers Gardens, 112 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901



### **Cancellation Policy:**

- You may cancel your child's camp registration up to **two weeks** before the first day of camp.
- We are not able to give refunds for cancellations with less than two weeks' notice.
- A \$25 administrative handling fee per child per camp week will be assessed for all cancellations. To cancel, please call (732)932-8451.
- If your child is unable to attend camp due to medical reasons, you may receive a refund (minus a \$25 handling fee) at any time prior to the start of camp by providing a doctor's note.
- Camps cancelled by the Garden because of low enrollment or Garden closure will be automatically fully refunded. The Garden reserves the right to cancel a camp due to low enrollment.

### **Location:**

- All camp activities take place at the Rutgers Gardens located at 112 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. We may be reached during the day through the Gardens office at 732-932-8451.
- The Gardens consist of 180 acres of planned gardens and natural landscapes including vegetable and flower gardens, a bamboo forest, streams and ponds, hiking trails and sweeping lawns.
- Our camp day will begin and end at the historic Log Cabin. The Log Cabin area will be our base camp for all programs, activities, meals and snacks.

### **Food and drink:**

- All campers should bring a lunch, marked with their name. Lunches will be refrigerated.
- A light snack will be provided each afternoon. Campers can bring their own snack if they prefer.
- Drinking water will be provided throughout the day. Campers will be encouraged to take water with them when we walk through the Gardens.
- Campers should bring a reusable water bottle.

### **Camper supplies:**

- Most of our camp activities will take place outdoors. Campers should come appropriately dressed for outdoor activity. Closed-toed shoes are required. A change of clothes can be brought for emergencies.
- Cell phones and personal electronics will not be allowed to be used during camp activities. The Rutgers Gardens will not be responsible for personal property.



- Any personal property brought to camp should be labeled with the camper's name.
- Campers will be given a string bag to use at camp.

**Camp Drop off and Pick up:**

- All campers should be brought directly to the Log Cabin where the camp staff will greet and sign them in. Parking is available at the cabin. Please be mindful of other children while driving in this area.
- Every person picking up must be listed on the authorization list to sign out their child/children when they are picking up. Please be sure our office has the completed form filled out prior to camp. If you need to make any changes to the form please contact the office.

**Health Procedures:**

- Rutgers Garden's camp staff is trained in First Aid and CPR and will administer first aid for minor injuries.
- Parents/Guardians will be notified by Gardens staff of injuries that require extensive first aid or additional observation by a physician.
- At no time will a registered nurse be on duty during the camp.
- Rutgers Gardens' staff does not administer any form of medication.
- In the case of a medical emergency, 911 and the Rutgers Police will be called. You will be contacted immediately.