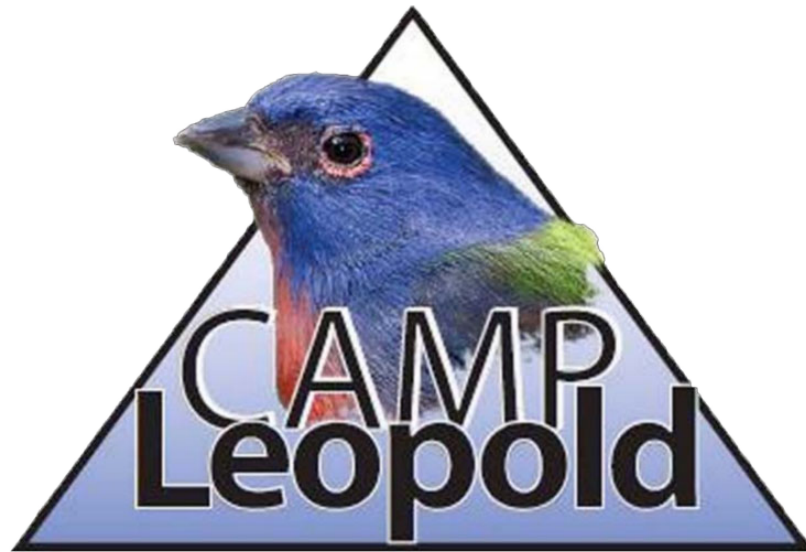


Camp Leopold

2023-2024



Parent Handbook

To the AMAZING parent/ guardian of your future Camp Leopold Camper,

Thank you for the time, and effort you're putting into allowing your student to attend Camp Leopold! We deeply appreciate you and look forward to the partnership that will be formed between you, your teacher/coordinator, and our staff during this process. This Parent Packet will provide you with all the materials needed to ensure that you and your student are well-prepared for a positive and memorable experience at Camp Leopold.

Here at Camp Leopold we strive to give every student the experience of a lifetime within the outdoors. Our curriculum was curated to support your students' school testing strategies to give them a more hands-on way of looking at science within nature. Your coordinator has put in so much effort to make sure your student has the best chance at success at Camp Leopold. Your coordinator has created a schedule that is perfect for your student's trip. Our activities that are available to your coordinator include: Blood Runs Cold (with LIVE Reptiles and amphibians), Forest Ecology, A Wetlands Adventure, The Great Migration (with LIVE waterfowl), Zoomin' Ziplines, Canoe Exploration, Creatures of the Woods, Team Challenge / Low Ropes Course, Birds of A Feather, Field Chemistry, Beyond the Seeing Eye (using microscopes), Climbing Wall, Spineless Wonders (with LIVE insects), Human Impact, Scarecrow and the Plow, Night Walk (walk at night with an instructor), Celestial Navigation, and CampFire.

Thank you for making this experience possible for your student! If you have any questions, please reach out to Jami Lisenby, the Camp Leopold Director. She can be reached via email at campleopold@scwa.org, or via cell at (803) 305-8927.

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General Camp Information

FOOD

Please do not send your child with food, chewing gum, or candy. We provide breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert, as well as snacks during your child's stay at Camp Leopold. Food in suitcases and in the cabins will attract unwanted visitors. Food from home can cause hard feelings among the other campers and will make living conditions unhealthy for the Camp Leopold Staff and Chaperones. **If your child has dietary restrictions and plans to bring food from home, please contact the Camp Leopold Director.**

PHONES

During the camp stay, campers will not be permitted to make calls. CELL PHONES NEED TO BE LEFT AT HOME. We ask parents to only call the camp in an emergency situation. If your child is sick, we will notify you of your child's health status and arrangements will be made to speak to your child. Camp Leopold is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged equipment.

CAMP STORE

We have a small gift shop located in the Dining Hall that is open at the end of each program. **MONEY:** Cash, credit card, and checks are all accepted forms of payment. Available items range from \$5-\$20. Campers can buy T-shirts, Duck calls, stickers, water bottles, etc.

MEDICATIONS

School staff are responsible for managing all medication(s). Medications must be given to school staff prior to camp arrival. Students are not permitted to keep medications with them while at Camp Leopold. All medication will be stored in a locked container unless being administered by appointed school staff.

All medications must be sent in the original bottle, and include your child's name, the name of the medicine, dosage, instructions on how the medicine is taken and the prescribing doctor's name on each bottle. Please place medications and instructions in a zip lock bag with the child's name printed in bold letters on the outside. Medications will be administered at each meal time or at the time that each dosage is required.

BIRTHDAYS AT CAMP LEOPOLD

With prior notification, any camper who has a birthday while attending camp will be honored with a special birthday treat, birthday wishes, and songs from the entire camp.

Keep this page for your records.

Camper Expectations while at Camp Leopold

Cabin Guidelines

1. Rowdy, inappropriate, or reckless behavior is not permitted. Any damages will be billed to your parents and/or your school, so please be respectful of the cabins.
2. Keep cabins clean (flush toilets, trash in cans, keep belongings tidy under or next to your bunk).
3. No food or drink is allowed in cabins! We don't want to attract hungry, wild visitors to your cabin!
4. The cabin chaperone is in charge; students must follow their rules and direction. Schedules will be coordinated for shower times, lights out time, and thermostat controls.
5. You are responsible for packing up all belongings and cleanup before you leave.
6. Respect other students' space and personal belongings.

Camper Behavior Policy:

Our behavior policy is designed to help children develop self-control and assume responsibility for their actions.

Behavior Guidelines while at Camp Leopold:

- I will be honest and respectful (of my peers, my camp staff, and myself).
- I will follow directions and rules at camp.
- I will act appropriately towards any camper or staff member.
- I will respect the property and belongings of Camp Leopold, other campers, and staff members.
- I will use/practice appropriate conduct and language.
- I will stay within camp boundaries.
- I will do my best to HAVE FUN!!!

General Guidelines – Respect and Safety

1. Stay with your group and instructor at all times. If you need to leave the group at any time, remember to have an adult with you and use the 3-Person buddy system at all times.
2. Listen to your instructor at all times. They will make sure you stay safe and have fun!
3. Do not enter the maintenance sheds, kitchen, or staff lodge.
4. Do not run around camp. There are lots of roots, rocks and holes, so walk carefully!
5. Swimming is not permitted at any time! Do not go near the water's edge unless you have an adult with you or permission from the Camp Leopold Educator.
6. Don't spray bug spray, sunscreen, or perfume/cologne inside of any buildings.
7. Respect the environment. We are entering the homes of many animals and other organisms—let's act as guests in their home. Don't litter, destroy vegetation, kill or torture animals (including frogs and lizards). Please pick up any trash when you see it and turn off lights when leaving a building.
8. Respect others. Listen when others are talking. Use positive encouragement towards each other.
9. Respect the rules of the camp while you are here. If you see anything unsafe, please let an adult know right away.
10. HAVE FUN!!! ☺

Camp Leopold Packing List – What to Bring

IMPORTANT: Please check the weather before your child’s visit to Camp Leopold and ensure they have appropriate clothing for the time of year. Most of our activities are outdoors, rain or shine, so proper preparation is critical in your child’s enjoyment and comfort while at camp. Please come prepared with old clothes for outdoor use that you are not concerned about getting heavily soiled.

<u>CLOTHING</u>	<u>PERSONAL</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Several pairs of underwear ● Several pairs of socks ● 3-4 Short sleeve shirts ● 1-2 Long sleeves shirt ● 2-3 Shorts ● 1-2 Pairs of jeans ● 2 Sweaters/hoodies ● 1 Pair of pajamas ● Rain coat and cap (a poncho is good) ● Baseball cap/sunhat ● 2 pairs of sneakers (will get dirty) ● Mud boots/rain boots (optional) <li style="text-align: center;"><u>ADDITIONAL WINTER CLOTHING</u> <i><u>(only for December-February field trips)</u></i> ● Winter jacket ● 1-2 Additional sweaters/hoodies ● Additional socks ● Mittens/gloves ● Hat and scarf, earmuffs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reusable water bottle ● Toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) ● Bath towel and washcloth ● Hairbrush/comb ● Bedding for twin-size bunk bed (Pillow, sleeping bag or fitted sheet & blankets) ● 2 plastic bags to store child’s wet and dirty clothes (marked with child’s name) ● Insect repellent ● Sunscreen ● Chapstick <li style="text-align: center;"><u>OPTIONAL</u> ● Inexpensive camera and film ● Sunglasses ● Flashlight ● Money for gift shop (see below)

PLEASE DO NOT BRING: Candy, gum, snacks, knives, weapons of any kind, fireworks, radios, TV’s, electronic games, cell phones, or animals. Please don’t bring nice clothing/shoes—only old clothes should be brought, as new clothes will be ruined by heavy outdoor use! Students are not permitted to bring their own sports equipment, and in the event they do, Camp Leopold is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged equipment.

LUGGAGE: Children will need to carry all their belongings from the bus to the cabins (about 300 yards away). Please limit luggage to just one suitcase, backpack, or duffle bag, plus one sleeping bag or bed roll. Don’t bring unnecessary items. Make sure all items are marked.

Directions to the Wildlife Education Center

The physical address of Camp Leopold is **8444 Old River Road, Pinewood, SC 29125**

I-77, I-26 & I-20 traveling South or East

I-26 traveling through Columbia turn North onto I-77

I-20 traveling through Columbia turn South onto I-77

From I-77 in Columbia turn at exit #9 onto Hwy 378/76 east (Garner's Ferry Road) toward Sumter. Follow 378/76 about 25 miles to Highway 261 and turn right. Follow 261 for approximately 12 miles and turn right onto Mill Creek Road. Follow Mill Creek Road for approximately 9 miles and cross the railroad tracks in Rimini, take the right fork onto Old River Road. Travel approximately 1.5 miles and turn left at the large SCWA Wildlife Education Center sign adjacent to the large wooden and iron gates – there is a sign adjacent to them that reads "Marshall Collins Gateway."

I-95 traveling South

Exit I-95 at milepost 115 (Highway 301) and go West (right). Follow 301 to the second traffic light in the town of Summerton. Continue straight through Summerton for 4.5 miles and turn left onto St. Phillips Church Road. Travel 2.5 miles on St. Phillips Church Road to Old River Road and turn right. Travel 3.1 miles on Old River Road and turn right at large SCWA Wildlife Education Center sign right at the large wooden and iron gates – there is a sign adjacent to them that reads "Marshall Collins Gateway."

I-95 traveling North

Exit I-95 at milepost 108. Turn left on Buff Road and travel 0.8 miles to Church Street (Hwy 15/301). Turn right on Church Street and travel 0.7 miles to traffic light. Turn left on Larry King Road (Gov. Richardson Road) and travel 4.5 miles. Then turn left onto St. Phillips Church Road. Travel 2.5 miles on St Phillips Church Road to Old River Road and turn right. Travel 3.1 miles on Old River Road and turn right at large SCWA Wildlife Education Center sign Old River Road and turn right at the large wooden and iron gates – there is a sign adjacent to them that reads "Marshall Collins Gateway."

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Required Camp Leopold Forms

The following are forms that need to be completed and returned to your student's teacher. While all of these forms are important, **students cannot attend Camp Leopold without having completed the "Camp Leopold Release & Permission" and "Camp Leopold Health History" forms.** Please carefully fill out and return the following forms to your student's teacher:

- o **Model Release Section:** This form is giving SCWA and Camp Leopold the ability to take "activity" photos of your child and use them to advertise and promote our school year camp. This section must be signed by a parent/guardian.

- o **Confidential Information:** It is very important to our staff that your child has the best experience possible while at Camp Leopold. If you're concerned about your camper experiencing an "uncomfortable situation" (ex: fear of lightning, bed wetting, picky eater, etc.), please provide us with up-to-date information that will enable the staff to be better prepared to help your child.

- o **Release & Permission to Participate in Camp Activities:** This form must be completed for every child attending Camp Leopold. This section acknowledges the risks associated with general camp activities and waives Camp Leopold liable from camp-related injuries. You may also choose any activities you wish to exclude your camper from while at camp.

- o **Health History Forms:** This form must be completed for every child attending Camp Leopold. (Educators will be responsible for managing, locking and administering medications for their students).

BASIC INFORMATION



Camper's Name: _____

Camper's School: _____

Camper's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PHOTOGRAPH/MODEL RELEASE

This photograph release form is a release for Camp Leopold and the South Carolina Waterfowl Association to take pictures of children participating in Camp Leopold's Environmental education activities. Your child's image may appear on our website, brochure, social media, or camp video for advertisement and information purposes. I hereby give the South Carolina Waterfowl Association and Camp Leopold the absolute, irrevocable right and permission to use the photographs or video taken of my child at camp for promotional use. I hereby release and discharge South Carolina Waterfowl Association and Camp Leopold from any and all claims, actions, and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of said photographs, video, brochures, including without limitations, any and all claims for invasion of privacy and libel. This release shall benefit the assign, licenses, and legal representative of as well as parties for they took said photographs or video. I represent that I am the parent/ guardian and of legal age of twenty-one years or older, that I have read the foregoing and fully and completely understand the contents thereof.

I represent that I am the parent/guardian of _____, the above named camper.

I hereby consent to the foregoing on his/her behalf.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

CONFIDENTIAL CAMPER INFORMATION

You can help us care for your child by completing this form. The confidential camper information you provide will help to better meet your child's needs.

Please list any physical challenges, anxiety, or any concerns you may have for us to help make your child's visit a special visit:

RELEASE & PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMP ACTIVITIES

I give permission for my child to participate in all Camp Leopold activities, with the exception of noted excluded activities. As a parent/guardian I fully recognize and understand that there are certain injury risks associated with being in a natural environment such as camp, and there is a risk of being injured in such activities.

PLEASE LIST ANY CAMP ACTIVITIES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXCLUDE YOUR CHILD FROM DURING THEIR CAMP VISIT:

In consideration of the privilege of camp attendance, it is expressly agreed that all use of services and facilities shall be undertaken at the participant's sole risk and that Camp Leopold and the South Carolina Waterfowl Association, or the employees thereof shall not be liable for any claims, demands, injuries, damages, or causes of action whatsoever to any camper arising out of or connected with the use of any of the services and facilities of the camp. Further, the camp, camp staff, or other South Carolina Waterfowl Association employees will not be liable for loss of personal property of the camper. I agree that my child may be given the following over-the-counter medications as needed, for age, weight, and the appropriate dosages while at Camp Leopold: Ibuprofen (Advil/Motrin), Acetaminophen (Tylenol,). If you decline either of the above medications for your child's care, please list them below.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Student Health History Form

Camper Name: _____ DOB: _____

____ Boy ____ Girl Preferred Phone #: (____) _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

About health care for short-term camper stays:

- At minimum, a staff member with Basic First Aid and CPR is at camp while campers are present.
- Campers should arrive ready to participate in the program. Should your camper be unable to participate, please let us know ahead of time in our "Release & Permission to Participate in Camp Activities" form.
- Campers should bring – and use – insect repellent (minimum 30% DEET) and sun screen (minimum 30 SPF).
- School staff are responsible for all medication. All medication is to be stored under lock unless being administered by appointed school staff.

1. Date (month & year) of your child's most recent tetanus immunization _____

2. Is this child allergic to any food or medication? Yes No

If YES, name the item and indicate the reaction. _____ Intolerance Anaphylaxis

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3. Does this child have asthma? Yes No

If YES, will your child carry a rescue inhaler during the camp session? Yes No

If YES, does your child need staff help to use that rescue inhaler? Yes No

If YES, what triggers your child's asthma? _____

4. We will call when there is a question about your child's health and/or in an emergency. Provide contact information for a custodial parent who will be available via phone while your child is attending our program.

#1 Name of Contact (Relation): _____ Phone: (____) _____

#2 Name of Contact (Relation): _____ Phone: (_____) _____

5. List the medications that your camper takes on a routine basis: This camper takes no routine medication.

a. Med: _____ Reason for taking this: _____

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6. What else should we know about your child? Please write additional information about your child's health that may impact your child's participation in our program:

Parent/Guardian Authorization

This information is correct and the child described has permission to participate in all camp activities except as noted on this form. I understand that the camp has limited healthcare on site and that staff will call the indicated parent/guardian (a) in an emergency, (b) if questions about my child's health may arise, and/or (c) when my child is unable to continue because of injury or illness. I acknowledge that the program will handle medication as described and that information on this form will be shared with staff on a need-to-know basis.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

