



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the City of Chandler Summer Nature Camps! The program runs on a weekly basis from June 4 to June 29 and July 9-13, 2012. Camp hours are as follows: from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. for full-day participants; 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for morning half-day and 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. for afternoon half-day participants. In this packet you will receive program guidelines, a policy acknowledgement form and an emergency information card. If you do not have a current emergency information card for your child on file at the EEC, please take the time to accurately complete the form and return to it camp staff. This information is required by the child's first day of camp. Also, be sure to let staff know of any allergies your child has or any special behavioral concerns.

**Please note: Staff cannot administer any medications. The City of Chandler will not store medication and is not responsible or liable for any medication your child requires.**

Please let us know if you have any questions. You may reach either of us at (480) 782-2890.

Thank you for your cooperation, and enjoy camp!

Sincerely,

*Angela Lillie*

Recreation Coordinator I

*Lynn Bailey*

Nature Camp Program Director

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City of Chandler Recreation

# 2012 Summer Nature Camp Parent Packet



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Angela Lillie  
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# 2012 SUMMER NATURE CAMP



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the City of Chandler Environmental Education Center (EEC) Summer Nature Camps! Staff has worked very hard to create an educational, enjoyable and memorable program of crafts, games, and activities for your child(ren). To ensure the success of the program and the safety of our campers, we ask that all parents and campers read through and familiarize themselves with the information provided below.

There will be five weeks of camp, spanning June 4-July 13, 2012. Our general theme is Arizona Through the Years. This coincides with the Centennial Celebration of both Arizona and the City of Chandler. Each week has its own unique theme, so your child could enroll in one or all of the weeks and still enjoy separate experiences.

The title for week one, June 4-8, is Geologic Formations and Dinosaurs. During this week we will come to understand how the area we live in formed, and learn information about rock types, the Sonoran Desert, the Grand Canyon, the red rocks of Sedona, and other unique geologic formations of our area. We will begin constructing a timeline that will take us from the very beginnings of Earth's formation and into the time of the dinosaurs. We will explore the three eras the dinosaurs ruled and discuss types of giant lizards.

The second week of camp, June 11-15, is titled First Peoples and Native Americans. This week we will explore the challenges of living in the desert environment that the early tribes encountered. We will focus on the Hohokam and discover a bit about their customs, traditions, food, clothing, housing and entertainment. We will marvel at their skill at designing an irrigation system that allowed them to grow enough crops to feed their people and to trade with others. Crafts will include some traditional Native American items. Our timeline will continue through the time of the First Peoples of the area.

Week three, June 18-23, brings us to discovering about the Pioneers and Early Settlers. Topics will include methods of transportation and trails, pioneer life, reasons to go west, and challenges the early settlers faced. The crafts will showcase early American items. The timeline will continue through the early settlement years.

The fourth week of camp, June 25-29, is all about The Wild West. If your child wants to make crafts, play games and activities and learn a bit about the frontier times and towns, this is their week. We will discover legendary outlaws and lawmen. Some famous towns of the old west are right here in our state and we will hear about some of the important events in these towns. This week's experience will nearly complete our camp timeline as this topic brings us up to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The week of July 2-6 is a great week to spend celebrating our nation's independence. There is no camp scheduled this week.

We will return for our fifth and final week of camp July 9-13. This week is titled Arizona Today and Tomorrow. We will explore the state we live in – including our state symbols and natural environment. We will look to the future by discovering ways of being “green” and the principles of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. There may also be some designing and engineering using our imaginations as we plan for the future world our children will live in.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US EACH FRIDAY FROM 4:00 – 5:00 PM FOR AN OPEN HOUSE-TYPE CELEBRATION OF THAT WEEK'S CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES.

Though each week of camp is unique unto itself, our overriding policies and guidelines are not. Below you will find a list of Policies and Guidelines that we ask all parents, campers and staff to follow:

### **Parent/Participant Policies and Guidelines**

The following guidelines must be adhered to in order for the staff to provide a safe and fun program. We ask that you read these guidelines thoroughly with your child and then sign the attached Policy Acknowledgement form indicating your agreement to abide by the policies. Should you have any questions, contact Camp Director Lynn Bailey or Recreation Coordinator Angela Lillie at (480) 782-2890.

#### ***Drop-Off Location***

For Summer Camp, staff at the EEC will allow parents to utilize the bus drop-off location, just south of the main facility entrance. Feel free to use this area to park and pick-up and/or drop off your camper. Please do not park your vehicle there for more than 5 minutes, as there will be a high volume of parents coming and going through that location. For an accurate depiction of this location, please see the attached map.

#### ***Early Drop-Off - Late Pick-Up***

Campers are NOT allowed to enter or exit the building unattended. Parents are to walk their children in and out of the building during drop-off and pick-up. Participants must not be dropped off earlier than 7:30 a.m., and must be picked up no later than 5:30 p.m. Morning-only campers will follow the same drop-off time, but must be picked up by 12:00 p.m. Campers in the afternoon-only program should be dropped off no earlier than 1:00 p.m. and picked up no later than 5:30 p.m. We will enforce this policy by charging fees in order to cover the additional supervision time. Participants dropped off earlier or picked up later than the above stated times will be charged a flat \$5 fee for the first 15 minutes and \$5 for every five minutes thereafter. **After three incidents of early drop-offs or late pick-ups, your child will be removed from the program with no refund.** If you will be dropping your child off after 9:00 am for the morning session or after 1:30 for the afternoon session, be aware that the campers and staff may be out in the park on an exploratory hike. You will be asked to remain with your child until the group returns or arrangements can be made to meet up with the group in the park.

#### ***Behavior Management - "3 Strikes, You're Out"***

Since we are here to have fun in a safe manner, we take behavior problems seriously. We log all behavior incidents. If incidents are serious enough or are continuous, staff will talk to the parent/guardian, either on the phone or in person. Each time the staff has to talk to parents about serious or continuous problems will be considered a "strike." After three strikes, participants will be asked to leave the program, and will not be given a refund. This policy is set in place in order to prevent problems for participants and staff and ensure the safety of everyone in the program. We have a **zero** tolerance policy on bullying and any discussions or actions of a sexual nature. These infractions will result in immediate dismissal from camp with no refund.

#### ***Refunds***

If a participant wishes to cancel enrollment in the Summer Program, please contact Lynn or another office staff at (480) 782-2890, **no later** than 5 p.m. on the **Thursday before** your child's camp week in order to receive a full refund. Refund requests after 5 p.m. Thursday will result in a 50% reimbursement. No refunds will be issued after the start of the

scheduled camp. The City of Chandler does not “prorate” any programs. If your child misses a day due to illness or for **any other** reason, you will not be refunded for the day(s) missed.

**Health**

If your child is experiencing a fever, cough, muscle aches, runny nose or sore throat, be considerate of others, and please keep him/her at home that day. If a child comes to camp with these symptoms, the parents will be contacted and required to pick up the child.

**Attendance**

Parents need to sign in and sign out for their children upon drop-off and pick-up. Parents will put their signature next to their child’s name. Staff has the right and duty to ask for identification from parents if there seems to be a discrepancy in name. Carpool arrangements are encouraged, but please let camp staff know **before** pick-up if someone other than the child’s parent or guardian will be picking them up. Also, let the camp director or one of the instructors know if your child needs to be picked up in the middle of the day, as it helps us have them ready to go.

**What to send to camp and what not to send to camp**

Parents, please send your child to camp with a refillable water bottle, hat, and sunscreen. Children must wear closed-toed shoes – no flip flops, sandals, or croc-type shoes are allowed. Please do **not** send personal items – especially toys – to camp. We also ask you to not send carbonated beverages or gum to camp for your children’s lunches and snacks, as these can cause a big mess. Since there is a vending machine in the lobby that dispenses soda, we ask that you please instruct your child not to purchase soda from the machine. During each lunch hour we show a Disney-type animated movie, which helps campers relax after an active morning. We also offer a 10-minute snack time in the morning and in the afternoon, so do pack extra for snacks. Some of our outdoor games involve splash balls and other water relay games so if you wish, you may include a towel and change of clothes in your child’s backpack.

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## 2012 SUMMER NATURE CAMP Policy Acknowledgement



I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/ legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the policies/guidelines as explained above. My child and I will adhere to these policies/guidelines for the duration of the program. I attest to the fact that my child is of the appropriate age to attend this camp: between the ages of 7 and 10.

Child’s birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Drop-off and Pick-up personnel:**

Please list all potential drivers that will be signing in/out your child, including first name, last name, and phone number.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/ legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
give permission for him/her to be picked up from the Summer Nature Camp 2012 at the Environmental  
Education Center by the following people:

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FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	PHONE NUMBER(S)

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**CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
                            LAST                            FIRST                            (PLEASE PRINT)

# 2012 SUMMER NATURE CAMP EMERGENCY CARD



(One form per camper)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

give permission for emergency medical service to be administered to my child. **I understand that the City of Chandler does not carry accident insurance for these programs. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Chandler from all losses or injuries sustained during my child's participation. I also give my permission for any photo/video taken of participants to be used by the City of Chandler.**

**I understand my signature grants my permission for my child's attendance.**

Parent/ Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Information

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of an emergency where I cannot be reached, please contact: (PLEASE PRINT)

### First Contact:

### Second Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

List any physical problems/conditions or allergies:

\_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

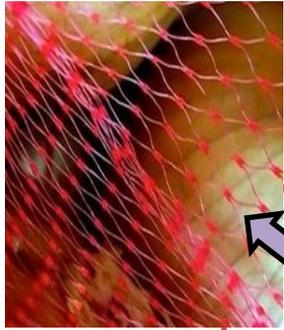
**STAFF CANNOT ADMINISTER ANY MEDICATION. THE CITY OF CHANDLER WILL NOT STORE MEDICATION AND IS NOT RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY MEDICATION YOUR CHILD REQUIRES.**

**CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

LAST

FIRST

(PLEASE PRINT)



**Please help the Environmental Education Center (EEC)  
by saving the following recyclables from your home  
for use in our Summer Camps starting in June:**

- Mesh produce bags
- Magazines of any kind / subject
- Clean, round ice cream container lids
- Plastic Coffee-mate container lids



**Collected items may be dropped  
off at the EEC starting NOW  
and through the duration of Camps.**

**Thank you!**



**QUESTIONS?**

Call the EEC:

480-782-2890



# MAP



ADDRESS: 4050 E. CHANDLER HEIGHTS RD.  
ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF  
CHANDLER HEIGHTS & LINDSAY

PHONE: 480-782-2890

