

NEED TO KNOW

Discovery Camp I, June 14-19, 2021

- Let us know if there are any changes to the medical information you filled out when you registered.
- If your child is sick, **do not bring them to camp.**
- **ARRIVE** at Tremont between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM on Monday, June 14.
- **PICK UP** your child promptly at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 19.

Do not travel to camp if you or any of your campers:

- Are sick with symptoms of COVID-19 (even if [fully vaccinated](#) against COVID-19 or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past).
- Have suspected or diagnosed COVID-19 (even if you don't have symptoms)
- Have been around someone with suspected or diagnosed COVID-19 in the past 14 days (even if they did not have symptoms).

People who have recovered from COVID-19 within the past 3 months, or are [fully vaccinated](#), do not need to self-quarantine and can travel after an exposure, unless they have [symptoms](#) of COVID-19.

In case of an accident or illness, parents will be notified if children require medical attention beyond what Tremont is able to provide. If we are unable to reach you in an emergency situation, the director will make a decision regarding appropriate action and continue to attempt to contact you or another responsible person as indicated on the medical form. Your child's camping experience depends in part on their wellbeing. Please send only a healthy, illness-free child to camp.

SAFETY

We are proud to report that we have an outstanding safety record when it comes to kids and the outdoors. However, we do take the concerns of parents very seriously and have provided some insight into risk factors during summer camp. Please call or visit our web site if you're interested in learning more about precautions we take to ensure your child has a safe experience. [For COVID-specific concerns, please see our frequently asked questions here.](#)

ARRIVAL

We will do our best to be efficient as we meet each one of you, review your health form, collect any medications needed at camp and answer any questions you may have regarding your camper's stay. Please have these medications ready for check-in. You will then have the opportunity to help your camper move into the dormitory, tour the site, and say your good-byes. Our sales area will be open on the first and last day of camp.

CAMPER T-SHIRTS

When you check in, you will be given a coupon to purchase a summer camp t-shirt in our gift store at a discounted price. The coupon may only be used in the store on arrival day (store open until 4:30 PM) and departure day (store open until 3:30 PM).

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MEDICATIONS

*We request that you please do **not** take your child off any regularly prescribed medications during their week at summer camp.* The unfamiliar setting of camp can be a challenge, and allowing your camper to continue their medication regimen will help set them up for success!

PHONE CALLS

Because telephone calls intrude and interrupt the magic of the camp experience, we are not able to field telephone calls between campers and parents. Rest assured, not hearing from your child is a sign that they are having fun and are fully involved in the life of camp! The best way to stay in touch with your child is by writing letters and postcards. **If there is an emergency**, you can contact us by calling our office Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. When our office is closed, you can leave a message on our answering machine and we will get it first thing in the morning. If it is urgent to contact us immediately when our office is closed, call the National Park Service Dispatch at 865-436-1294.

MAIL

Every camper loves mail. Start writing those letters now! Rather than writing how much you miss your camper (which is of course true, but could make them homesick), consider instead sharing how proud you are of them for spending a week away from home!

Send mail to:

(Camper's name)
Discovery Camp I
Tremont
9275 Tremont Rd
Townsend, TN 37882

LOST AND FOUND

When picking up your child on the last day of camp, please make sure they return home with every item they brought with them. Following the end of camp, we are only able to keep items for a brief period due to the large amount of lost and found items left behind. If you wish any items to be returned to you, you must notify us immediately following the end of camp and we'll send you instructions to arrange for a UPS pick up. We are unable to return medications via mail!

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