

Everglades

Youth Conservation Camp

Overnight Secondary School Programs Policies and Procedures

Arrival at Camp

Written directions to the camp is provided. The speed limit on the camp road is 15 miles per hour. The road is narrow and must accommodate two-way traffic. Please park only in designated areas and unload your gear from the parking area. *Please note: Seminole Pratt Whitney Road is not owned by the camp. Consequently, we have no control over the condition of this road. We do call on a regular basis to request the grading of the road; however, weather conditions combined with the amount of traffic during this time period does cause the road to deteriorate quickly.*

Upon arrival the lead teacher should meet the EYCC staff to get directions for the group. Participants will need to transport their own gear from the parking lot to the cabins.

Groups will participant in an orientation prior to taking gear to the cabin.

Transportation

The school is responsible for transportation to and from the facility. Buses can be accommodated at the facility.

Medical and Health

All the staff at EYCC is first aid and CPR certified. It will be the responsibility of the teachers with the group to administer any medications brought to camp for their students.

The camp endeavors in every respect to provide a supervised and safe learning experience. However, it must be realized that a portion of the responsibility for this task also lies with you and the children. Minor injuries and ailments are treated by EYCC staff. Major medical issues will be handled by calling 9-1-1 or transporting the child to Palms West Hospital.

Should emergency hospitalization be required, admission is arranged at Palms West Hospital. Parents are notified by the lead teacher for the group.

Meals

Our philosophy is to provide nutritious foods that are both satisfying and in sufficient quantity to sustain participants for a strenuous day. The camp menu is written with the assistance of a certified professional food manager. Three meals are provided each day and served family style to campers. All participants have the same meal time. Snacks of fruit and granola bars are also provided. We are able to accommodate vegetarians and some dietary restrictions. If any child is on a strict diet, you may need to supplement items from home. If you have questions, please call the summer camp director at (561)624-6929 prior to arrival. We need to be made aware of all dietary issues prior to arrival.

Cabin Life

Participants sleep in air-conditioned cabins that accommodate 20 people. The school must provide enough adults to supervise children in the cabins. (ex.: If you have 25 children with 10 boys and 15 girls, then you will need 2 male chaperones for the boy's cabin and 2 female chaperones for the girl's cabin.) Bedding and towels are not provided. We recommend sheets with a blanket or a sleeping bag.



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Camp Store

Visitors are permitted to visit the camp store after dinner. Campers may purchase sodas and candy along with a number of camp items at this time. The store also has a supply of various toiletries. We do not accept checks or credit cards at the camp store.

Lost and Found

For any items that may have been lost during the week, please check the table at the pavilion. Please examine your child's belongings before leaving. Ask the group leader about missing items.

Telephones

Cell phones are not permitted for children. Adults will need to turn cell phones off during programming.

Sample Schedule for One Night Adventure

Day 1

10:00 a.m. Arrival and Orientation

Time	Dynamics of the Everglades	Archery	Wetland Explorations	Adaptations Artistry	Kayak to Conduct Water Quality Testing
10:30-12:30					

12:30 p.m. Lunch and Cabin Time

Time	Dynamics of the Everglades	Archery	Wetland Explorations	Adaptations Artistry	Kayak to Conduct Water Quality Testing
1:30-3:30					
3:30-5:30					

5:30 p.m. On your Own (School staff supervision required for students)

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Animal Encounter

8:00 p.m. Campfire

Day 2

7:00 a.m. Flag Ceremony / Breakfast

Time	Dynamics of the Everglades	Archery	Wetland Explorations	Adaptations Artistry	Kayak to Conduct Water Quality Testing
8:00-10:00					
10:00-12:00					

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Closing

1:00 p.m. Departure

Sample Schedule for One Night Adventure

Day 1

10:00 a.m. Arrival and Orientation

Time	Dynamics of the Everglades	Archery	Birds Eye View	Adaptations Artistry	Kayak Skills
10:30-12:30	A	B	C	D	E

12:30 p.m. Lunch and Cabin Time

Time	Dynamics of the Everglades	Archery	Birds Eye View	Adaptations Artistry	Kayak Skills
1:30-3:30	B	C	D	E	A
3:30-5:30	C	D	E	A	B

5:30 p.m. On your Own (School staff supervision required for students)

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Presentation

8:00 p.m. Campfire

Day 2

7:00 a.m. Flag Ceremony / Breakfast

Time	Dynamics of the Everglades	Archery	Birds Eye View	Adaptations Artistry	Kayak Skills
1:30-3:30	D	E	A	B	C
3:30-5:30	E	A	B	C	D

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Closing

Time	Wetland Explorations	Fishing	Kayak to Conduct Water Quality Testing	Swamp Stomp
1:30 – 3:30	Red	Blue	Yellow	Green
3:30 – 5:50	Blue	Yellow	Green	Red

5:30 p.m. On Your Own (School Staff provides supervision)

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Evening Presentation

8:00 p.m. Program

Day 3

7:15 a.m. Flag Ceremony / Breakfast

Time	Wetland Explorations	Fishing	Kayak to Conduct Water Quality Testing	Swamp Stomp
1:30 – 3:30	Yellow	Green	Red	Blue
3:30 – 5:50	Green	Red	Blue	Yellow

12:00 p.m. Lunch / Closing

1:00 p.m. Departure

Descriptions of activities

Dynamics of the Everglades

Students will hike the 1.3 mile Hungryland Trail to compare and contrast the living and non-living components of three ecosystems using a variety of measurement tools. As scientists in the field they will use a data collection sheet to analyze all the information collected along the trail.

Bird's Eye View

Students will gain an understanding of habitat dynamics, as well as the factors which influence bird populations and bird migration. Students will use binoculars as they hike around the facility to identify birds and their behaviors.

Wetland Explorations

Students will gain an understanding of our wetlands work and the overall importance of watersheds to wildlife and humans. In addition, they will participate in a dip netting activity in our ponds to discover the small organisms that make up the base of the food web in the freshwater system.

Adaptation Artistry

Students will use information about adaptations to create an animal of the future. They will work in teams to decide how they think the future will be and what adaptations the animal will need in order to survive in the new environment.

Water Quality Testing

Students will kayak/canoe around the pond to various stations conducting water quality tests at the specific locations. Data will be collected, compared to others, and analyzed to determine the health of the water system.

Swamp Tromp

Students will hike through the marsh to learn about the importance of the wetlands, how the plants filter the water, and where the water goes.

Cost of Program

The cost of the program is \$75 per person for the one night adventure and \$150 per person for the two night adventure. The cost includes program, meals, and housing.

SUPPLY LIST

Please Note:

- Clothing should be modest and appropriate for a co-ed group of children.
- Please send old clothing and inexpensive items.
- Your child will come home with wet and muddy clothing.
- Do not send watches, necklaces or jewelry.
- Pack belongings in a suitcase or sturdy container no higher than 12 inches. Suitcases and containers must fit under the beds.
- Open toed/open heeled shoes are only appropriate for bathroom and water activities. CROCS and flip flops are not appropriate shoes for our facility.
- Label everything!

Bedding and Towels

- ___ Twin bed sheets and blanket or sleeping bag
- ___ Pillow with pillowcase
- ___ Hand towel and washcloth
- ___ 2 - 3 large beach or bath towels

Toiletries

- ___ Toiletry bag for bathroom
- ___ Deodorant
- ___ Shampoo, soap
- ___ Toothbrush (in holder) and toothpaste
- ___ Feminine hygiene products (if necessary)
- ___ Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- ___ Lip balm
- ___ Sunscreen (30+ UVB and UVA protection recommended)

Clothing - All Programs

- ___ Shorts or pants (Depending on weather)
- ___ Shirts (Long or short sleeved depending on weather)
- ___ Underclothing
- ___ Raincoat or poncho
- ___ Bathing suits (optional)

Headgear

- ___ Hat – Strongly recommended
- ___ Sunglasses – Inexpensive pair

Footwear

- ___ 2 - 3 pairs of tie-on, close-toe, close-heel shoes (All old- one to get wet)
- ___ Water Shoes (for swimming, canoeing, showering)
- ___ Socks

CROCS are not appropriate footwear.

Other gear

- ___ Laundry bag
- ___ Water Bottle or Canteen

Optional

- ___ Camera
- ___ Books/Magazines (Camp Appropriate)
- ___ Flashlight

DO NOT PACK

- Food or Beverages (Call if child is on special diet)
- Make-Up/Hair Dryers
- Fishing Gear (provided by camp)
- Cell phones
- Electronics (games; CD/MP3 players, etc.)
- Anything that can be used for practical jokes (shaving cream, extra toothpaste, stink bombs, etc.)
- Tobacco/Alcohol/ Drugs
- Weapons/Flammables/Explosive

Directions To Everglades Youth Camp

12100 Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd
West Palm Beach, FL 33412
(561) 624-6929

FROM I-95:

Exit at Northlake Blvd. Go west to Seminole Pratt Whitney Road blinking light...will take about 20 minutes). Turn right and go three miles to J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area (last two miles is a dirt road with no buildings). Turn left into J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area. After check station you will see a wooden fence on the right, follow that fence line to the entrance of the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp.

FROM THE TURNPIKE:

SunPass only (Easiest): There is an exit at Beeline Hwy/SR 710 (MM 107), but can only be accessed if you have SunPass. Exit at Beeline. Go northwest (merge right) to Northlake Blvd. Turn left and go west to Seminole Pratt Whitney Road. Turn right (at blinking light) and go three miles to J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area (last two miles is a dirt road with no buildings). Turn left into J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area. After check station you will see a wooden fence on the right, follow that fence line to the entrance of the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp..

South: Exit at Okeechobee Blvd (MM99). Turn Right/West and follow to Seminole Pratt Whitney Road (You will pass SR 441 and various shopping plazas, about a 25 minute drive through Royal Palm Beach). Turn right at light and continue north on Seminole Pratt Whitney past Northlake Blvd. (blinking light) and go three miles to J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area (last two miles is a dirt road with no buildings). Turn left into J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area. After check station you will see a wooden fence on the right, follow that fence line to the entrance of the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp.

North:

Exit at PGA Blvd (MM 109). Go west to Hwy 710 (Beeline Hwy). Turn left and go to Northlake Blvd. Turn right and go west to Seminole Pratt Whitney Road (blinking light). Turn right and go three miles to J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area (last two miles is a dirt road with no buildings). Turn left into J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area. After check station you will see a wooden fence on the right, follow that fence line to the entrance of the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp.

FROM HWY 80:

Go east/or west depending on your direction, to Seminole Pratt Whitney Road. (A big red barn is on the corner.) Turn North (you cannot turn any other direction). Continue on Seminole Pratt Whitney past Northlake Blvd. (blinking light), and go three miles to J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area (last two miles is a dirt road with no buildings). Turn left into J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area. After check station you will see a wooden fence on the right, follow that fence line to the entrance of the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp.

FROM HWY 70:

Go east to Hwy 710 (Beeline Hwy). Go south on 710 about 60 miles to Northlake Blvd. Turn right and go west to Seminole Pratt Whitney Road (blinking light). Turn right and go three miles to J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area (last two miles is a dirt road with no buildings). Turn left into J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area. After check station you will see a wooden fence on the right, follow that fence line to the entrance of the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp.

