



Everglades

Youth Conservation Camp

2022 Parent Information Packet

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Campers will learn how to respect and take care of living things and the environment by:

1. Incorporation of knowledge about south Florida's ecosystems and conservation in all EYCC programs.
2. Participation in sustainable practices such as recycling, water conservation, and leave no trace.



Our mission is to foster awareness, appreciation, and concern for Florida's wildlife and environment through outdoor recreation and conservation education.

Campers will gain "Life Skills" that include communication, teamwork, responsibility, respect, and friendship-building by:

1. Adhering to our policy's on the rights and dignity of others and our Neutral Zone Policy.
2. Living in a cabin with other campers and helping to maintain their communal living space.
3. Ensuring that they are a productive member of the group by following instructions, participating in activities, and assisting others.



Campers will become confident in paddle sports, shooting sports, fishing, and wildlife discovery by:

1. Participation in paddle sports, archery, and fishing daily.
2. Ensuring all activities are skills based and are taught by certified instructors.
3. Participating in free time called *Campers Choice* so campers can enhance their skill with more practice.

Check In and Check Out

General Policies and Procedures



You (or your designee) are responsible for transportation to and from the facility.



The person dropping off and picking up your child **must** be 18 years old.



Unexpected emergencies do arise, so please be prepared to have another responsible adult available to pick-up your child from camp.



Please do not bring pets to check in or check out.

Arrival at Camp

Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd is a dirt road once it reaches the JW Corbett WMA. The road conditions vary due to weather or amount of usage. EYCC does not own or maintain the road. Please use caution and drive slowly.

Please drive no faster than 10 mph when entering camp property.

Park only in designated areas

Check-In

Schedule

2:30 p.m. Leadership Campers and siblings

3:00 p.m. Mariners, Seafarers, and Explorers

3:30 p.m. Pathfinders, and Anglers Plus

4:00 p.m. Eco-Equestrian, Trail Blazers and Anglers

4:30 p.m. Wildlife Adventurers and Wetland Wanderers

What to Bring

Missing Forms, Medications, Luggage, Camp Store Money (cash only), Your Camper(s) 😊

Check in Stations

1. Sign In
2. Health Screening
3. Nurse (Medication Drop off)
4. Camper Info. Confirmation
5. Camp Store
6. Instructor Meet and Greet
7. Group Leader Meet and Greet in their Cabin

Check in Policies

- No early drop off unless your child has a sibling checking in at an earlier time.
- No late drop off. Please plan accordingly.
- Campers can be accompanied by two adults maximum.

Check-Out

Schedule

Friday 3:00pm – 5:00pm



What to Bring

Photo Identification is required at check out.

Check out Stations

1. Parents will form a car line at the designated spot.
2. EYCC Staff will ask for your photo ID and your child's name.
3. Parents will follow the car line to the checkout station. At the checkout station parents will sign our pickup form, receive their camp store balance, and their child's medications.
4. Parents will proceed in their car to the pickup station where an EYCC staff member will assist them and their child with loading their luggage.

Check out Policies

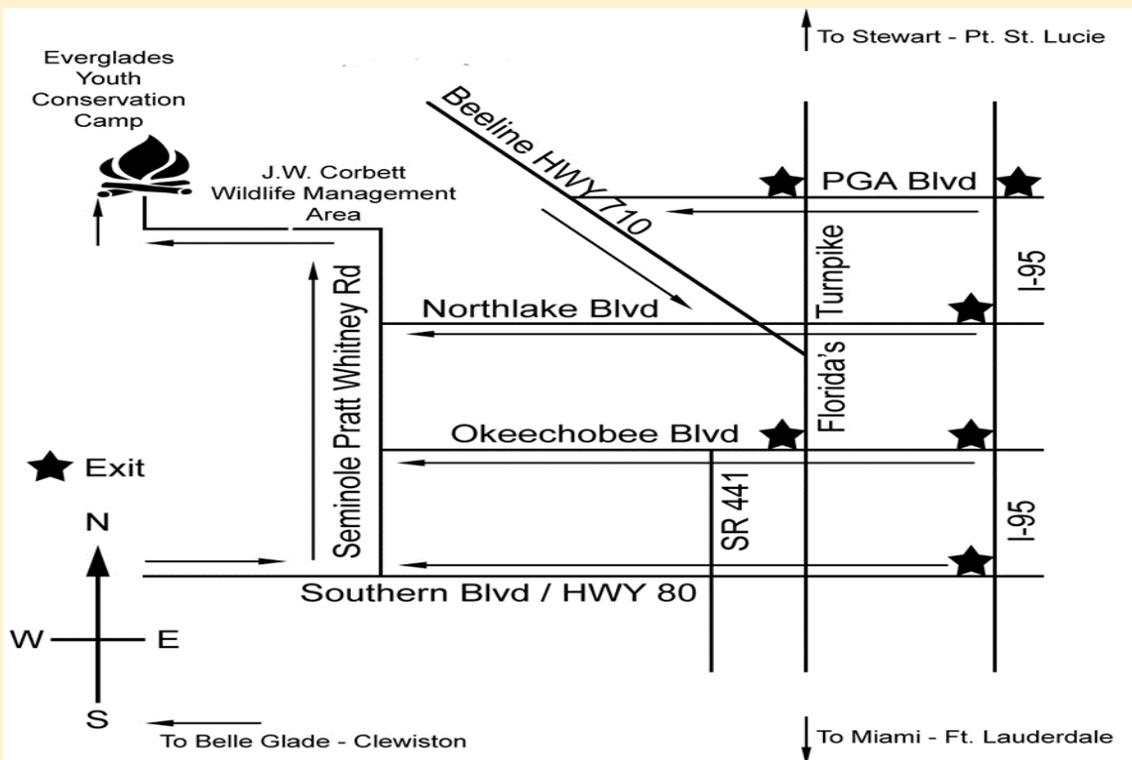
- Please remain in your car for your safety.
- Please do not come earlier than 2:30 pm.
- Remain behind the designated boundary until check out opens. Coming in early and parking causes traffic congestion.
- No late check out. A late fee of \$10/10 minutes late will be enforced.
- Only individuals who are authorized by the parents will be allowed to pick up campers.

Directions to EYCC

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 NORTHLAKE BLVD: Go west to Seminole Pratt Whitney Road. 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 passing the 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 OKEECHOBEE BLVD OR SOUTHERN BLVD: Go west to Seminole Pratt Whitney Road. Turn right and go North. Continue to 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 passing the check station you will see a wooden fence on the right, follow that fence line to the entrance of the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp.





Health



Disease Prevention

Please contact us if your child has any condition that may affect them while at camp.



Campers and Staff will wash their hands before and after meals.



Campers and Staff will avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth.



Campers and Staff will cover their coughs and sneezes.



Staff will clean high contact surfaces twice a day.

Disease Prevention Policies

The Camp **STRONGLY DISCOURAGES** parents of children with a high risk of developing serious medical complications if they are infected with COVID-19 or other respiratory illnesses from registering your child for summer camp. This also applies if you have a high-risk person in your household who is not attending camp.



Campers showing signs and symptoms of illness will not be admitted to camp.



Campers showing signs and symptoms of illness during camp will, unfortunately, be sent home.



If the camp is notified that a staff member or camper has tested positive for COVID-19, parents of exposed campers will be notified. (This will most likely mean all parents in that child's cabin and program).



A camper will be given a mask to wear if they are showing signs and symptoms of illness.

It is recommended by the Florida Department of Health that you stay away from others if sick, or if you cannot do so, try to maintain at least 6ft distance from others and wear a mask to reduce the spread of virus from coughing or sneezing



Health



Medications

- Medications will be kept secure in the Health Center.
- All medications including vitamins and other supplements and over the counter medications must be given to the camp Nurse during check in. Please make sure they are in their original containers.
- Parents should notify the camp if they need to update their medication list prior to summer camp.
- Campers will go to the Nurse to receive their medications.
- Staff and The Nurse will ensure that your child takes their medications at the appropriate time.
- We recommend that if your child has ADHD medication, they should take it during camp.



Health



First Aid



All EYCC Staff who supervise campers are First Aid, CPR, AED certified.



The Staff or Camp Nurse will treat minor injuries on site.



Campers with life threatening injuries or conditions will be taken to the ER of Westlake or Palms West Hospital.

The camp provides secondary, minor health and accident insurance during summer camp. The parent or guardian's policy is considered primary. Please provide a COPY of the parent or guardian's health insurance policy to cover the camper while at summer camp. Only if the camper is uninsured would the camp's policy become primary.

Evacuation Procedures

Emergency Information

- In the event of an emergency evacuation (i.e., hurricane, fire, etc.) of the camp facility, campers will be taken to:

**Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Regional Office**

8535 North Lake Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33412

- This location and additional information on where to locate your child will be recorded on the EYCC's answering machine and will also be available at our FWC Regional Office in West Palm Beach and our headquarters in Tallahassee.
- Please keep these emergency contact numbers for your records:

EYCC Office	(561) 624-6929
WPB Regional Office	(561) 625-5122
Tallahassee	(850) 404-6125

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Mental Health

General Considerations

Please let camp administration know if your household has experienced any major changes that may affect your child's behavior or mood at camp.

Please let us know if your child is at risk for suicide or other harmful behaviors.

Consult your child's doctor on whether it is safe for your child to go to summer camp if they are starting a new medication to treat depression, anxiety, or other mental disorders 10 days prior to their first day of camp.

Notify EYCC Administration if your child is starting a new medication to treat a mental disorder within 10 days prior to their first day of camp.

Mental Health

Homesickness

What is Homesickness?

Homesickness is the behavioral manifestation of **anxiety** caused by being in a new environment away from home.

Meeting new people, Change in routine, Trying new things outside of one's comfort zone, Fear of failure, Change in living environment, New boundaries and expectations, Strong attachment to parents or other family members, Concern over their family's or a family member's wellbeing.

Homesickness Prevention

- **Talk to your child** about what they can expect when they go to camp especially in the areas listed above. A sample conversation that you can have with your child to cover those topics is on the back of this page.
- Make sure that you frame camp in a **positive** light.
- **DON'T** tell your child that you can't bear to be away from them and that you won't survive without them.
- Send your child with **comfort items** such as a teddy bear or blanket.
- Pre-write **letters** for your child and hand them in at check in so that your child can get mail from you every day.

Take time to ask your child about any concerns they have. Maybe they really aren't ready for camp this year. It would be a good idea to prep for this conversation by watching this 2 min video on anxiety. It will help you to understand your child's perspective and to come up with good coping strategies.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfSbWc3O_5M

Our policy is to always let the parents know if their child is suffering from homesickness, but we strongly discourage allowing parents to talk to their child on the phone. This frequently leads to the child going home. We will always keep parents up to date on their child's wellbeing. 11

Mental Health

Homelickness Prevention

Sample conversations for sources of anxiety at camp by topic

Gauging your child's comfort level

How do you feel about going to summer camp? What are some things you are nervous about? What are some things you are excited about? (Notice these are open ended questions, not yes or no questions).

Meeting new people

Camp will be a great opportunity to meet new people. In fact, you will be sleeping in a cabin with around 16 people you have never met before. This is going to be so much fun because you'll be able to make new friends.

Change in living environment

Also, camp is not like home. The cabin may get a little messy sometimes and the kids might get a little rambunctious in the cabin. This is ok because camp is supposed to be fun and different from home.

Change in routine, Trying new things, Boundaries

Your schedule is going to look different at camp than it does at home (go over the general daily schedule with the child and talk about camp activities). Camp is a great opportunity to try new things. No one will be grading you on how well you do. Camp is all about trying your best and finding out what you like. There will be some rules at camp that will be different from home, but it's best that you follow their rules.

Concern for family and Attachment to Family

I am so excited for you to have this experience. You don't need to worry about me when you are gone. I will miss you of course, but I will be ok. You'll only be gone for six days. I will write you letters so that you can hear from me while at camp. I feel confident that your counselors will take care of you, and you can trust them.

Behavioral Expectations

The Rights and Dignity of Others

Campers will recognize the common humanity of others and treat others with dignity. Please read our Neutral Zone Policy with your child.

Campers will refrain from harassing or bullying others and will report harassment or bullying to staff if they see it. Please make sure your child understands what harassment is and the different types of harassment.

Campers will respect each other's personal space and belongings.

Neutral Zone Policy

EYCC has campers coming from different cultural, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds. We strongly believe that camp is a great environment for people from different backgrounds to interact and embrace the similarities that make us all human.

To achieve such an environment, our campers must communicate in a way that promotes finding common ground.

Help us to foster an environment where children can focus on their commonalities rather than their differences by making sure your child understands that the following topics are not appropriate for camp:

Religion
Sexuality
Gender
Race
Politics

While EYCC believes that these are important topics, we do not feel that they are appropriate for the summer camp setting. *Discussions on such topics should be between the parents and the child at home.*

Instead, we can focus on other aspects of our lives that have influenced us such as: our family, places we've been, hobbies and other interests, hopes and dreams, memorable experiences, accomplishments, favorite music or books, our talents, etc....

Thank you for helping us to promote a positive camp environment.

Behavioral Expectations

General Policies

No Electronic Devices

No Make-Up/Hair Dryers

No items that can be used for practical jokes: shaving cream, extra toothpaste, stink bombs, etc.

No Tobacco/Alcohol/ Drugs/Vaping devices

No Weapons/Flammables/Explosives

If a camper does something extremely outrageous, they will be sent home from immediately.

Campers who continue to misbehave even after staff interventions and parent consultation will be sent home no later than Tuesday. In this case you will not be eligible for a refund.

Camp Life

Cabin: General Policies



- No food or drinks are allowed in the cabin. Please do not pack your child snacks or drinks.



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-Pack belongings in a suitcase or sturdy container no higher than 12 inches. Suitcases and containers must fit under the beds. We do not recommend sending your child with a trunk.



- No Personal sports equipment (including fishing poles, archery equipment or guns)



- Campers are allotted 5 minutes in the shower and 5 minutes to brush their teeth and get dressed. Campers are required to wear shower shoes.



- FWC will not be liable for the loss, theft or damage of camper items. Please respect the property of others.



- Campers will be placed in cabins according to their biological sex, grade level, and program.

Campers sleep in air-conditioned cabins that accommodate 14 - 16 campers in bunk beds. We recommend you pack twin sheets with a blanket or sleeping bag.

Camp Life

Daily Schedule

We strongly recommend that you go over this schedule with your child so that they know what to expect when they arrive. This is also a great opportunity to talk to your child about any concerns they may be having about coming to camp. This will greatly reduce the risk of extreme homesickness.

7:00 am	Wake up / Bathroom
7:30 am	Flag Ceremony
7:35 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	Activity Sessions
12:30 pm	Lunch / Camp Store / Cabin Time
2:30 pm	Activity Sessions
5:30 p.m.	Campers' Choice Activity
6:30 p.m.	Return to Cabin and Clean-up for Dinner
6:50 pm	Dinner / Camp Store
7:30 pm	Evening Program
9:00 pm	Start Showers
10:30 pm	Lights Out for Cabins 3, 4, 7, 8
11:00 p.m.	Lights Out for Cabins 1, 2, 9, 10

Camp Life

Food Service

- The camp menu is written with the assistance of a certified professional food manager.
- Three meals are served per day. Snacks are available throughout the day.
- We can accommodate most dietary restrictions. If your child is on a strict diet, please contact the camp director prior to arrival.
- If your child has dietary restrictions. You will be sent to meet with the kitchen staff during check in.

Thursday Night Dance

Dance Themes By Week

- Week 1: Pirates
- Week 2: Superheroes
- Week 3: Memes
- Week 4: Disney
- Week 5: America
- Week 6: Go Wild
(Wildlife)
- Week 7: Western
- Week 8: Luau

Each week we end our session with a Camp Dance. We encourage campers to bring an outfit to go with the theme for the camp dance. Please make sure that the outfit adheres to our dress code.



Camp Life

Clothing Recommendations

- Pack extra underwear and socks.
- Don't send expensive attire with your child(ren) to camp.
- We are wet most of the day so quick dry clothing are the best type.
- Loose fitted shorts are best. Skin-tight shorts cause chafing.
- Label your child(ren)'s cloths so we can make sure unclaimed items get back to your child(ren).
- Pack three changes of clothes for each day of camp. Pack one long sleeve shirt and one pair of pants for campfire.

Clothing Policies

- No Halters, tanks, sleeveless shirts, or crop tops.
 - No Inappropriate statements or symbols.
 - No spandex, tights, or yoga pants.
 - Shorts must be long enough to cover private areas. Shorts must be loose enough that private areas are concealed.
 - Swim wear must include swimsuit, swim shorts, and swim shirt
 - All shoes must be closed toe and closed heel. Campers must have a pair of wet shoes, dry shoes, and a pair of extra shoes. No boots or crocs.
- Our policies are designed to protect your child from the sun and other environmental hazards while also ensuring your child is comfortable at camp.

SUPPLY LIST

Clothing - All Programs

- 8 -10 shorts (3 to 5 inch inseam minimum)
- 8 – 10 t-shirts (No halters or minis/ T-shirts with inappropriate print advertising alcohol, tobacco products, profanity or sex are not permitted)
- 1 - 2 pairs of jeans or long pants (low slung/tight jeans are not recommended)
- 1 - 2 long sleeve shirts
- Underclothing (6 - 8 pairs)
- Raincoat or poncho

Swimwear

- 2 bathing suits
- Short or long sleeve rash guard or dri-wick shirt
- Nylon or board shorts (3 to 5 inch inseam for girls to wear over bathing suit bottom.)

Footwear

- 2 - 3 pair Tie-on Sneakers (all old- one to get wet)
- Water shoes (for swimming, paddle sports, showering)
- 10 or more pairs of socks (at least ankle high)



CROCS, Rain Boots, Flip Flops, Sandals, and Cowbo... approp... ar for our summer camp.

Headgear

- Hat – strongly recommended
- Sunglasses w/retainers (to keep sunglasses from ending up in the pond) – inexpensive pair
- Face Mask (Buff, surgical mask, or any cloth covering)



Bedding and Towels

- Twin bed sheets and blanket and/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; face stick and spray are easiest to apply and reapply)

Other gear

- Laundry bag
- Water bottle (**required**)

Optional

- Writing paper/envelopes/stamps
- Camera
- Books/Magazines (camp appropriate)
- Flashlight

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ITEMS FOR SOME CAMP PROGRAMS

Eco-Equestrian Campers

- Long pants for riding (jeans, riding pants)
- High-top shoe with a heel (riding boots, hiking boots)

Explorers Campers

- Sleeping bag
- Mess kit with silverware
- Flashlight
- Backpack

Mariner Campers

- Extra Sunscreen
- Dive booties or sneakers (something w/ thick soles)
- Snorkel equipment (mask, snorkel, and fins **req**



Camp Life

Camp Store Cards

- Camp store cards are purchased during check in (cash only).
- Parents can purchase cards worth \$5, \$10, or \$20.
- Campers can use their store card to purchase items during store hours.

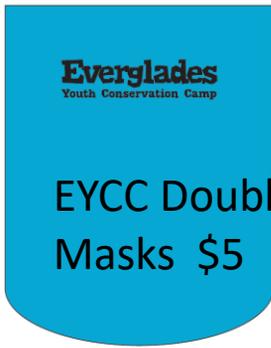
Store Hours

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Daily
7:30 pm – 8:00 pm Daily
Thursday Dance Night
Friday Fun Day

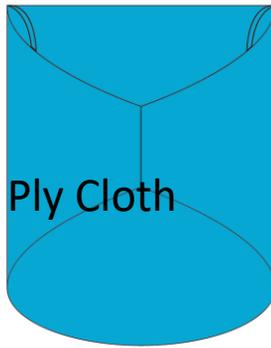


ITEM	PRICE
Camp T-shirt	\$10
Short sleeve dri-wick shirt	\$12
Long Sleeve dri-wick shirt	\$15
Candy	\$2
Soda/Gatorade	\$2
Slushy	\$1
Toiletry Items	\$1
EYCC Water Bottle	\$4
Tote for water bottle	\$4
Bandanas	\$2
EYCC Buff / Face Cover	\$5
Hats (ball caps, Outback, Bucket)	\$4
Sunglasses	\$2
Playing Cards	\$1
Friendship / Paracord Bracelets	\$1
Word Search with Pencil	\$1
Paper pads with pencil	\$.50
Drawstring Bags	\$5
Tattoos	\$.50
Individual Stickers/ Sticker Sheet	\$1/\$5
Crank Flashlight	\$5
Poncho	\$1.50
Postcard	\$.50

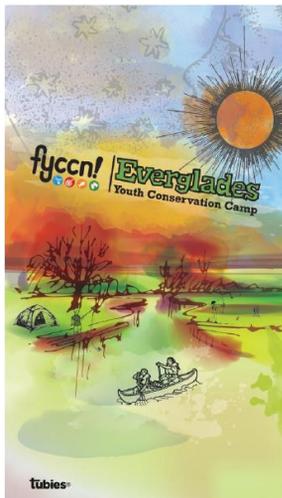
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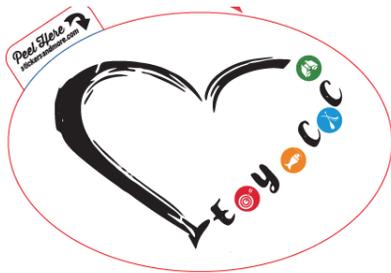
Front



Back



EYCC Tubies (buff) \$5



EYCC Sticker \$1



EYCC Sticker Sheet \$5



EYCC Rash Guards
Short Sleeve \$12
Long Sleeve \$15



EYCC Shirts \$10

Shirt Color (Gildan)

Imprint Color

Photo Packages

We are excited to announce we are once again partnering with **Waldo Photos** to power our photo delivery this summer!

Waldo offers an optional service that uses facial recognition to find all the photos your camper is in, and sends them straight to your phone via the Waldo app. No more digging for hours to find the photos you want! You even get notifications when new photos are found.

To Enroll

Go to <https://waldophotos.com/> or text EYCC22 to 735-343 and follow the prompts.

50% of your purchase goes towards funding camper scholarships!

With your paid subscription, you will have all your camper's photos delivered to you and have access to view and download the rest of the camp's photos from that session. You can even invite 6 other family members to also receive your camper's photos for free!

Waldo also offers a Gallery to scroll through and view all the photos for free, available here: www.waldophotos.com/galleries. Enter Join Code: eycc21

In both the Waldo App, and the Gallery, you can download photos, purchase prints, and share photos to Facebook

Need help? Email campsupport@waldophotos.com

Tip: for Uploading Your Child's Picture

Take a facial picture of your child just before coming to camp to upload into the Waldo system

Make sure your child is not wearing a hat, sunglasses, or anything that blocks his/her face.

Upload a picture with just one child in the photo.

Refund Policy

- All refund requests must be made in writing and must arrive **no later than one week prior** to your child's first day of camp.
- A **refund application** (emailed upon request) must be completed by the parent and submitted to the camp's director within one week of requesting a refund.
- Refund requests received after July 29, 2022 will be denied.
- If the request for refund is received prior to June 1, 2022, a **\$50 fee will be assessed** for each week your child was registered. (Camp tuition is \$375 per week so you will be refunded \$325 per week.)
- All refund requests **after June 1, 2022** will be subject to an automatic 50% refund only.
- A refund request made after June 1st due to a **family emergency** or illness will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- If you request a refund for a **medical reason**, it must be accompanied by medical documentation.
- Refunds are not made when campers are sent home for **disciplinary reasons** or if a camper or parent chooses to leave for reasons other than illness.
- Refunds are provided from the FWC office in Tallahassee and **may take several weeks** to be processed.