



## **Meadows Place Nature Camp Policies and Procedures**

*This camp is not a licensed day care.*

### **2026 Camps**

#### **June 8-12 - Nature Explorers (incoming 3rd-5th Grade)**

Get ready to discover the world right outside your door! Nature Explorers is a hands-on summer camp experience bound to leave your boots muddy and hands dirty. Campers will investigate local plants, animals, and habitats, and see how real scientists explore the natural world. From bug safaris to pond exploration, every day brings a new discovery in the natural spaces around our town! Nature Explorers is the perfect summer adventure for kids who are endlessly curious about the natural world.

#### **July 13-17 - Outdoor Survival Skills and Citizen Science (incoming 6th-7th Grade)**

Think you have what it takes to survive in the wild? Designed for incoming 6th and 7th graders, our Outdoor Survival Skills camp throws campers into real wilderness skill-building from day one. From fire starting and shelter construction to map and compass navigation, campers will gain practical outdoor skills while also contributing to real citizen science in the field. If your camper is ready for challenge, excitement, and genuine fun, this camp is for them.

#### **July 27-31 - The Wild Hunt (incoming 3rd-5th Grade)**

Calling all adventurers! The wild is full of secrets, and this summer your camper is going to find them. Each day is a new mission to discover the plants, animals, and natural wonders hiding in the habitats around town. Campers will investigate animal tracks, scat, food sources, and other clues that reveal just how connected we all are to the natural world. Part scavenger hunt, part field science, all adventure — The Wild Hunt is the ultimate summer challenge for nature-loving kids.

### **Hours of Operation & Location**

**Nature Explorers Summer Nature Camp (6/8-12/2026):**

Mon – Fri 9am – 4pm w/ extended care hours

**Outdoor Survival Skills and Citizen Science Summer Nature Camp (7/13-17/2026):**

Mon – Fri 9am-2pm w/ extended care hours

**The Wild Hunt Summer Nature Camp (7/27-31/2026):**

Mon - Fri 9am – 4pm w/ extended care hours

**Location:**

Discovery and Nature Center

11938 Amblewood Dr. Meadows Place, TX 77477

**Registration Deadline**

Camps have a maximum enrollment of 20 campers and are on a first come first serve basis. Registration is required at least 1 week prior to camp. Early registration is encouraged to ensure placement. Please contact [recreation@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:recreation@cityofmeadowsplace.org) for more information.

Lunch and snacks are **NOT** provided. Please provide a packed lunch every day, as well as extra snacks if needed.

**Fees:**

**Nature Explorers Summer Nature Camp (6/8-12/2026):**

Resident: **\$160/Child** Non-Resident: **\$175/Child**

**Outdoor Survival Skills and Citizen Science Summer Nature Camp (7/13-17/2026):**

Resident: **\$110/Child** Non-Resident: **\$125/Child**

**The Wild Hunt Summer Nature Camp (7/27-31/2026):**

Resident: **\$160/Child** Non-Resident: **\$175/Child**

**Add-ons:**

\$30 for Early Drop-off OR Late Pickup

\$50 for Early Drop-off AND Late Pickup

**Refund Policy**

A 10% administration fee will be applied to all refunds. If the request is made 11 calendar days or more before the start of the camp, you will be eligible for a refund of 90%. Refunds will not be issued if the request is made within 10 calendar days of week registered. If your child leaves early or is not able to attend due to illness, behavior problems or camper/parent request, there will be no refunds or prorated fees.

## **Discipline Policy**

If a camper is disrupting the program, creating unsafe conditions, or displays disrespect to staff and/or peers, the camper may be removed from the program. Typically, we follow a 3-occurrence system to help determine dismissal.

### **Discipline Procedure:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Major Occurrence**-warning from staff and parent/guardian will be contacted to discuss behavior

**2<sup>nd</sup> Major Occurrence**-2<sup>nd</sup> warning from staff and parent/guardian will meet with Camp Director to discuss problematic behavior. Possible suspension for remainder of camp day or remaining week of camp.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Major Occurrence**- Camper will be withdrawn from the program and will not be allowed to return. Parent/guardian will be contacted.

**Meadows Place Summer Nature Camp has a zero-tolerance policy for violence.** If your child engages in a violent act causing harm to another or self, they may be immediately suspended or dismissed from camp. **No refunds will be given for discipline related suspension or dismissals.**

## **Drop Off and Pick Up:**

Discovery and Nature Center  
11983 Amblewood Dr. Meadows Place, TX 77477

If any changes to drop off and pick up locations are needed those will be communicated to parents on a case-by-case basis.

## **If Your Child Walks Or Rides A Bike To Camp**

**Children who arrive to camp without a parent must stay through camp until the end of day, unless a written note is provided by a parent for that day. The safety of our campers is of utmost importance. We want to ensure you know where your camper is always.**

## **If You Bring Your Child to Camp**

Morning Drop off time is 8:50am to 9am. Staff will greet campers in front of the Discovery Center to check them in. Campers brought before 8:50am that are not part of our Early Drop Program will need to stay at their car, supervised by the adult who brought them.

## **Early Drop Off and Late Pick Up Program**

Early drop off starts at 8:00am. Staff will greet campers at the Discovery Center. Campers must be pre-registered for this portion of the camp program.

Late pickup program runs until one hour past the end of the normal camp day. Campers must be pre-registered for this portion of the camp program.

## **Late Arrivals**

You must sign in your camper(s), and then leave them with the supervisor in charge. Please contact (281) 642-7701 as early as possible if your camper will be arriving late.

## **Camper Pickup Procedure**

Campers must be picked up by someone who is listed as an official pickup person for your child. Staff are required to check ID at the door before releasing a camper to leave with any adult. If a camper needs to leave during the camp day (doctor's appointment, family activity, etc.) camp staff must be notified **NO LATER THAN** the morning of the specified day. Camp activities often involve movement to other areas around the city. To coordinate camper pickups effectively, we must know when you intend to pick up your camper.

## **Late Pickup & Fees**

Campers must be picked up no later than the end of the camp day. Late fees will be assessed for any campers staying beyond the end of the camp day. A \$10 fee will be assessed for the first 1 to 15 minutes late, after 15 minutes, an additional \$1.00 per minute will be assessed. Failure to pay additional fee by the next camp day may result in termination of care.

Camp staff will contact parent/guardian if camper is not picked up within 15 minutes of the end of the camp day. A consistent pattern of late pick-ups may be grounds for dismissal from program.

## **Accidents and Emergencies**

In the event of an accident, first aid will be administered and an incident report will be completed. Parent/Guardian will be notified as soon as possible after the child's immediate need has been met. In case of an emergency, 911 will be called and parent/guardian will be contacted.

## **Swim Policy**

*Campers **must** be able to swim the length of the pool before swimming in the deep end or using the diving board and/or slide of that pool. A swim test will be done prior to entering the water each pool day. If your child does not pass the swim test and is deemed unfit to swim alone, they will be required to wear a life jacket. All campers **MUST** follow all pool rules.*

## **Prohibited Items at Camp**

Parents are asked to help keep personal items at home: Books, toys, trading cards and electronics. (Occasionally there may be a special event or opportunity to bring an item, but you will be made aware.) All campers are to be individually responsible for their personal items. Keeping track of personal items will be supported by camp staff, but responsibility is upon the camper. ALL weapons or gun style items must remain at home.

## **Sun Exposure**

Our staff is vigilant and wants to help our campers protect themselves from excessive sun and heat exposure. The following are recommended to help keep your camper safe:

- Wear a hat!
- Wear protective clothing – light colored and loose.
- Wear waterproof sunscreen to camp each day – minimum SPF 15 and apply 30-60 minutes before exposure. Remember ears, tops of feet, and the neck. Use sunscreen in hazy, cloudy, and foggy weather. Reapply sunscreen regularly.

Our staff help reapply sunscreen regularly to campers.

## **Dressing for a Day at Camp**

### ***A Few Tips to Make it a Great Day***

- Dress your child(ren) in comfortable clothing that can get dirty!
- **LABEL EVERYTHING WITH FIRST AND LAST NAME!**
- We require all campers to wear gym shoes every day. They are safe for running and the variety of camp activities we enjoy.

- Please send a bag/backpack daily, clearly marked with first and last name.
- The bag should contain underwear and clothing to change into after swimming, a towel, a hat, and sunscreen. The sunscreen must be labeled with camper name, and we suggest it be in a Ziploc type bag. Please apply sunscreen to your camper in the morning and we will reapply throughout the day. Due to allergies and sun sensitivities you must send sunscreen each day.
- Dress appropriate for weather (i.e. windbreaker, sweaters, sweatshirts for cold windy days-packed if not worn; and a raincoat for rainy days- we have indoor facilities, but we move about camp).
- DON'T FORGET YOUR WATER BOTTLE!
- If you choose to send insect repellent it must be in lotion form and labeled with your camper's first & last name.

## ***Medications***

Except under unusual circumstances medication should not be sent to camp. If medication is to be administered at camp or held at camp for emergency purposes (i.e. Epi Pens, inhalers, Benadryl), please follow these guidelines:

**Prescription and nonprescription medication shall be given only with a completed written authorization form. Staff cannot and will not administer medications without this authorization. All medications must be in their ORIGINAL CONTAINER with the current prescription label or direction label attached.**

Medication must be labeled with the child's name. No loose or unpackaged meds will be given.

## **Allergies**

Any camper with known allergies that could lead to a severe reaction must bring an appropriate treatment kit to camp. Food allergies must be indicated on the registration form.

## **Proactive Communication**

If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending camp on a specific day, prior to that day please let us know via email. If your child wakes up ill, please let us know your child is not attending as soon as possible via email. **Email** [recreation@cityofmeadowsplace.org](mailto:recreation@cityofmeadowsplace.org).

We will do our best to communicate issues that occur at camp to you in the most timely manner. We would appreciate the same from camp families.