



A LETTER FROM THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR

To all of the Teachers, Administrators, and Enthusiastic Supporters:

Thank you for your interest in programs at Paradise Farm Camps. Our organization has been opening children's eyes to the wonders of the outdoors and the possibilities of their own potential since 1875. It is my firm belief that all children deserve the opportunity to connect with the natural world around them, and that through this connection, as well as the personal connections we make one to another, we begin to see the potential within ourselves to affect positive change in this world.

With those beliefs as a starting point, all of our programs are designed around three objectives. First, to create a safe space where children can feel empowered to explore the natural world. Second, to engage students to find their place in that world, thus fostering a sense of stewardship. Finally, to encourage students to work cooperatively with their peers in that exploration.

At camp our programs are many and varied. Some focus on studying and exploring different ecosystems, others on teamwork and cooperation, and still others focus on developing that sense of place in the natural world through fun and adventure. However, despite their many differences, all of the programs will help your students see the potential both within themselves and within the natural world around them.

It is my sincere hope that this booklet answers the questions you have. As you begin to plan your program please know that I am here to work with you every step along the way.

Sincerely,

James Mora
Education Director

Mission Statement

Children's Country Week Association is a youth development organization dedicated to serving the Delaware Valley region since 1875. We operate Paradise Farm Camps and are the proud stewards of 600 acres of scenic natural resources located within the heart of Chester County. Using our unique surroundings, we encourage children to open their eyes to the wonders of the outdoors and the possibilities of their own potential.



Teacher's Checklist for Success

DAY PROGRAMS

Before Your Trip

- Get an approved date from district and PFC, invite administrators to join the trip.
- Receive contract from PFC.
- Schedule busses for approved date.
- Sign contract, request deposit check, and request certificate of insurance.
- Start collecting chaperones, 1 for every 12 students.
- Distribute permission and photo release forms.
- Decide with your team which activities you are interested in.
- Return "Program Planner" to PFC.
- Receive schedule from PFC.
- Split Students into appropriate number of groups based on schedule.
- Prepare students for the activities they will be doing, including what they should bring & wear.
- Assign chaperones to groups.
- Request check for balance.
- Print off driving directions to camp.

Day of Trip

- Give all students a name tag to wear.
- Meet Education Director at program site and give him final count, and any relevant info about students.
- Take tons of pictures and have lots of fun!



OVERNIGHT PROGRAMS

Before Your Trip

- Set a date with PFC.
- Fill out appropriate district forms for approval, invite administrators to join your group.
- Receive contract from PFC.
- Schedule busses for both pick up and drop off.
- Sign contract, request deposit check, and request certificate of insurance.
- Set cost for students and decide on fundraising.
- Distribute permission and photo release form and packing list.
- Start recruiting chaperones, 1 for every 6 for the overnight. Chaperones need clearances.
- Host a parent info and Q&A night.
- Decide with your team which activities you are interested in.
- Return "Program Planner" to PFC.
- Select Meal Menus & let PFC know of any food allergies.
- Receive schedule from PFC.
- Recruit Nurse and discuss med procedures.
- Collect permission slips & money.
- Split Students into appropriate number of groups based on schedule.
- Prepare students for the activities they will be doing and learning during their stay.
- Create bunk groups
- Assign chaperones to groups.
- Request check for balance.
- Ensure all participants have appropriate materials to pack, assist as needed.
- Print off driving directions to camp.

Day of Trip

- Give all students a name tag to wear.
- Meet Education Director at program site and give him final count, and any relevant info about students.
- Set up central location for nurse.
- Share contact information between teachers and chaperones.
- Take tons of pictures and have lots of fun!

CAMP PACKING LIST

Day Trips

- Lunch
- Close toed shoes sneakers
- Water Shoes old boots
- Sunscreen/Hat
- Sweatshirt/Jacket
- Water Bottle

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- Radios/MP3 Players/iPods
- Cell Phone
- Food, Candy, Gum (*overnight*)
- Drinks other than water(*overnight*)
- Hair dryers, curling irons, etc.
- Money
- Pocket knives
- Jewelry and other valuables
- Anything not allowed at school.

Make sure to label all clothing and personal items. Overnight campers may be allowed to bring fishing gear (rod/reel and tackle), please check with your teacher to see if fishing is an option.

Overnight Trips

- Bedding sleeping bag or bed roll
- Pillow
- 3 Changes of clothes for Outdoors
- 4 Pairs of socks
- 2 Pair Close toed shoes sneakers
- Water Shoes old boots
- Pajamas
- Sweatshirt
- Warm Jacket
- Rain Gear
- Swim Suit if planned
- Hat
- Insect Repellent
- Soap & Shampoo
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Comb/Brush
- Towel & Washcloth
- Notebook & Pencil/Pen
- Camera
- Flashlight
- Book for Personal Reading

GETTING TO CAMP

Coming From Rt. 30, 202 south, or the PA Turnpike:

- Take Rt. 30 West.
- Exit onto business Rt. 30/Lancaster Ave.
- Left onto Lancaster Ave.
- 1st Left onto Quarry Rd.
- Continue onto Valley Creek Rd.
- Right into Camp at Stop Sign.

Coming From Rt. 322 and 202 North:

- Take the rt. 322 bypass West.
- Right onto local Rt. 322 West.
- Bear right onto Valley Creek Rd.
- Continue on Valley Creek Rd. to the stop sign at Ravine Rd.
- Left into Camp at the stop sign.

Oversized Vehicles & Coach Busses:

- From Rt. 202 take Boot Rd Exit.
- West on Boot Rd.
- After 3 miles turn Left on Copeland School Rd.
- Right onto Ravine Rd.
- Continue straight into camp at stop sign.

PARENT DROP OFF

- All Parents dropping off their children should enter through the main gate at 1300 Valley Creek Rd.
- Parent Traffic through camp is one way only.
- Parent Chaperones can park in the "Event Parking" lot.
- All other parents follow signs and arrows up to the Gym.
- Please stay with your vehicle and allow your child to check in with their teachers.
- Continue to follow the traffic one way exiting at the 1250 Valley Creek Rd. Exit.

PARENT PICK UP

- All Parents dropping off their children must enter through the main gate at 1300 Valley Creek Rd.
- Follow traffic signs to the Gym.
- Give your child's name to a staff member to retrieve your child.
- Please stay with your vehicle as your child is directed to meet you.
- Check out with child's teacher before continuing to the 1250 Valley Creek Rd. Exit.

CAMP GUIDELINES

- Children must be supervised at all times.
- Please stay out of all areas designated as off limits by camp staff, including staff residences, maintenance facilities, and kitchen.
- No cutting, carving, or defacing of trees, structures, and camp buildings.
- When hiking at PFC please stick to designated trails.
- Please do not drive or park any vehicles in any grassy areas except designated parking sites.
- Alcoholic beverages and or illegal/illicit drugs are prohibited on the property
- Paradise Farm Camps is a NON-SMOKING facility.
- No discharging of firearms or explosives at PFC at any time.
- CCWA Paradise Farm Camps prohibits pet access except in the case of service or guide animals.
- Please place all trash and recycling in appropriate bins.
- Hunting, trapping, or feeding of wildlife by guests while at Paradise Farm Camps is not allowed.
- First Aid is the responsibility of the group. If licensee is required to have an on-site nurse, licensee must provide a copy of their current license to CCWA Paradise Farm Camps.
- Fire extinguishers are for emergency use only. A fine will be assessed for any improper discharge of fire extinguishers.
- CCWA Paradise Farm Camps management must be notified immediately of any emergency or desire to contact emergency services. Management is available by radio and phone 24 hours a day.
- CCWA Paradise Farm Camps reserves the right to search all persons, personal affects, and camp structures in the case that probable cause warrants such a search.
- CCWA Paradise Farm Camps will retain a written record of all incidents that occur on site, a copy of any record made will be given to Licensee.