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Day Camp Information

Thank you for registering your child in the Ancestral Knowledge's Woods Wise Day Camps. Below is all the camp information you need for the summer.

Where: [Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church](#) Parking lot 40 Ridge Road • Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Drop off and Check in: 8:45-9am (check in starts at 8:30am on Monday and 8:45 Tuesday-Friday)

Pick up 4pm - 4:15pm. **starting at 4:16pm there is a late fee of \$15 per day per child.**

Aftercare: 4:16 – 5:45pm fee \$60 for the week, [sign your child up for aftercare.](#)

Please print and complete all of the required forms and waivers below. **Bring completed forms with you** when you check in **on the first day of camp.** (*we do not accept mail in or emailed forms*)

- **Every Week** your camper attends we need a new [AK field Form](#) (*filled out separately for each camper*)
- **We need the following forms to be completed ONCE for the whole summer no matter how many camps you attend**
 - [AK release waiver](#)* (*Multiple campers can be on the waiver*)
 - [Camper Health History Form](#)*** (*filled out separately for each camper*)
 - **If your camper does not attend a Maryland public school** please complete [AK Medical Information Form](#) and attach a copy of the camper's immunization records. (*filled out separately for each camper*)

How to be prepared for Camp

- Keep an extra pair of shoes and socks in the car just in case they need to change into something clean at the end of the day.
- Come with an open mind toward exploring, learning and getting dirty!
- Dress for the weather
- Wear clothing and shoes that can get very dirty and wet (*close toed sandals and shoes only*)
- **Apply any sunscreen or bug repellent before you check them in**
- Bring a backpack with the following items packed
 - two 24oz Water bottles (*full and refillable*)
 - Bag lunch each day
 - Knife *non-folding* (**We have the perfect knives available at check-in for \$20**)
 - Blind fold (*extra tee-shirt or bandanna works*)
 - Pack of color pencils 12-24 colors
 - Pack of #2 pencils and sharpener
 - three, one gallon Ziploc bags

Important Tick Information

Ticks wait for host animals from the tips of grasses and shrubs (not from trees). When brushed by a moving animal or person, they quickly let go of the vegetation and climb onto the host. **Ticks can only crawl; they cannot fly or jump.** Ticks found on the scalp have usually crawled there from lower parts of the body. Some species of ticks will crawl several feet toward a host. Ticks can be active on winter days when the ground temperatures are about 45° Fahrenheit.

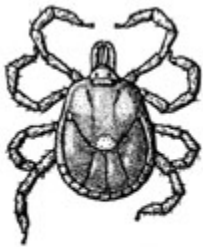


Top view of Hard Tick
(American Dog Tick)

American Dog Tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*)

One of the most frequently encountered ticks is the American dog tick, also sometimes known as the wood tick. The larvae and nymphs feed on small warm-blooded animals such as mice and birds. The adult American dog tick will feed on humans and medium to large mammals such as raccoons and dogs.

Unfed males and females are reddish-brown and about 3/16-inch long. Females have a large silver-colored spot behind the head and will become 1/2-inch long after feeding or about the size of a small grape. Males have fine silver lines on the back and do not get much larger after feeding. Males are sometimes mistaken for other species of ticks because they appear so different from the female.



Female Lone
Star Tick

Lone Star Tick (*Amblyomma americanum*)

The lone star tick is primarily found in the southern half of Illinois, although it can occasionally be found further north. Larvae, nymphs and adults will feed on a variety of warm-blooded hosts, including people. The larva is very tiny, only a little larger than the period at the end of this sentence. The nymph, the most common stage found on people, is about pinhead-sized. Adults are about 1/8-inch long and brown. The adult female has a white spot in the middle of her back. Because they are so similar in size, the lone star tick is sometimes misidentified by laypersons as the blacklegged / deer tick (see below).



Blacklegged
(Deer) Tick

Blacklegged Tick, also known as the Deer Tick (*Ixodes scapularis*)

All three active stages of the blacklegged / deer tick will feed on a variety of hosts including people. After the eggs hatch in the spring, the very tiny larvae feed primarily on white-footed mice or other small mammals. The following spring, the larvae molt into pinhead-sized, brown nymphs that will feed on mice, larger warm-blooded animals and people. In the fall, they molt into adults that feed primarily on deer, with the females laying eggs the following spring. Adults are reddish-brown and about 1/8-inch long (or about one-half the size of the more familiar female American dog tick).

Preventing Tick Bites and Disease

- Wear protective clothing such as long-sleeved shirts, long trousers, boots or sturdy shoes and a head covering. (Ticks are easier to detect on light-colored clothing.) Tuck trouser cuffs in socks. Tape the area where pants and socks meet so ticks cannot crawl under clothing.
- Apply insect repellent containing 10 percent to 30 percent DEET primarily to clothes. **Shoes socks and pants are the best places to apply repellent. Apply to clothing and allow to dry before wearing.** Use repellents containing permethrin to treat clothes (especially pants, socks and shoes) but not skin. Always follow label directions; do not misuse or overuse repellents. Always supervise children in the use of repellents.
- Check yourself, children and other family members two to three times each day for ticks. Before bed and after waking up are good times to check for ticks. **Be sure to check the whole body including the areas the sun doesn't shine, behind ears and along hair lines. Continue checking a few days after entering tick infested areas.** Most ticks seldom attach quickly and rarely transmit disease organisms until they have been attached four or more hours. If your pets spend time outdoors, check them for ticks, too.
- If ticks are crawling on the outside of clothes, they can be removed with masking tape or cellophane tape. A ring of tape can be made around the hand by leaving the sticky side out and attaching the two ends. Ticks will stick to the tape which can then be folded over and then placed in the trash.
- **Remove any tick promptly.** The mouthparts of a tick are barbed and may remain embedded and lead to infection at the bite site if not removed promptly. **Do not burn the tick with a match or cover it with petroleum jelly or nail polish. Do not use bare hands to remove the tick because tick secretions may carry disease.** The best way to remove a tick is to grasp it firmly with tweezers as close to the skin as possible and gently, but firmly, pull it straight out. Do not twist or jerk the tick. If tweezers are not available, grasp the tick with a piece of tissue or cloth or whatever can be used as a barrier between your fingers and the tick. Ticks can be safely disposed of by placing them in a container of soapy water or alcohol, sticking them to tape or flushing them down the toilet. If you want to have the tick identified, put it in a small vial of alcohol.
- Wash the bite area and your hands thoroughly with soap and water and apply an antiseptic to the bite site.
- If you have an unexplained illness with fever, contact a physician. Be sure to tell the physician if you have been outdoors in areas where ticks were present or traveled to areas where tick borne diseases are common.