

# Centerville-Washington Park District Hidden Meadows Day Camp Fact Sheet

## All Summer Staff:

- Must be 18 years of age (2 assistant counselors - age 16 or 17)
- 9 week commitment (1 week training, 8 weeks of camp)
- June 11 – August 10
- 2 days off (one additional day earned each summer)
- Optional Staff Training (paid) – Saturday, June 9 from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. at Washington Township Rec Center, Rec West
- Must work a shift at the Americana Festival on July 4

*Hidden Meadows is a nature-based day camp for children ages 5-12, with the exception of weeks 2 and 6, which are designed for 3-9 year olds. Campers can come for half-day or all-day camp. During weeks 2 and 6 we have both AM campers and PM campers, but not all-day campers. The goal of the program is to introduce children to nature and design active, nature-based games, activities, and crafts to help increase their comfort and knowledge of the outdoors. Each week, counselors will have a new group of 8-10 children for which they will have planned a fun week of activities based on the weekly theme.*

## Hidden Meadows Day Camp Counselor:

- 11 Counselors
- 2 Coordinators

### 5 All Day Positions (37 hours/week)

9:00 - 4:30 pm      Monday, Thursday, Friday  
8:00 - 4:30 pm      Tuesday, Wednesday

### 6 Part Time Positions

**Half day 6 weeks:** Week 1,3,4,5,7,8

**All Day 2 weeks:** Week 2,6

**Weeks 1,3,4,5,7,8**      (19.5 hours/week)  
9:00 - 12:30 pm      Monday, Thursday, Friday  
8:00 - 12:30 pm      Tuesday, Wednesday

**Week 2,6**      (37 hours/week)  
9:00 - 4:30 pm      Monday, Thursday, Friday  
8:00 - 4:30 pm      Tuesday, Wednesday

### 2 HMDC Coordinator Positions

8:00 am – 4:30 pm      Monday - Friday  
(40 hours/week)

# 2012 Camp Information

Studies show that those who play outside on a daily basis demonstrate increased creativity, better problem solving skills, more focus and flexibility, and better cooperation in groups. Hidden Meadows Day Camp offers eight weeks of camp for kids to experience the outdoors and take advantage of these benefits. Each week brings new opportunities to make friends, explore Grant Park, play games, and make fun crafts. In addition, campers will be treated to guest speakers, animal shows, and activities related to the weekly theme. Snacks are provided, but everyone needs to bring a filled water bottle. All-Day campers should also bring a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration. All campers receive a T-shirt during their first week. Camp will be held rain or shine.

## 2012 Themes

**Just Add Water** – Sometimes you just need to add water to create a whole lot of fun. Campers spend the hot summer days exploring creek beds and playing water activities that will keep them smiling all day.

**Born to be Wild (ages 3-9)** – This fun week for ages 3-9 will get campers in touch with their wild side as they go in search of the wild residents of Grant Park. Learn how animals are born and grow through daily hikes, games, and crafts.

**Mad Science University** – Do your children like to mix things together to see what happens? Campers discover what makes the natural world tick by conducting fun experiments, studies, and games based on nature science and then use that knowledge to build their own scientific creations. Camp will not be held on July 4th in observance of the holiday.

**Serious Survival** – Have what it takes to be a wilderness survivor? Campers learn tricks of the trade enabling them to feel at home in nature allowing them to conquer challenges they may find along the way. Campers will go head to head to see who is a serious survivor.

**Amazing Aquatics** – Local water sources can be home to many forms of aquatic wildlife and hold clues to historic events. Explore the streams and ponds of Grant Park to find what kind of exciting things can be found. Aquatic investigation, crafts and activities will be sure to amaze campers this week.

**Treasure Seekers (ages 3-9)** – Are your children between the ages 3-9? Do they want to know what treasures are hidden in nature? Campers will uncover the secrets and mysteries of the park through guided exploration of secluded areas while enjoying treasure hunts that will open their eyes to the natural world.

**Woodland Olympics** – In honor of the 30th Olympiad, we will create our own Olympic Park and celebrate this historic event with fun-filled games and wacky competitions focused on nature and the spirit of the games.

**Nature Quest** – Campers will learn a variety of nature related topics while completing a series of challenges. Each day will bring new information and experiences aiding in obtaining the ultimate quest.