



Nature Day Camps Fact Sheet 2019

Camp Overview:

Hidden Meadows Day Camp (HDMC) is a nature-based week long camp (half-day or all-day) for children ages 5-12, weeks 3 and 7 are designed for 3-9 year olds (preschool weeks) at Grant Park.

Sugar Valley Day Camp (SVDC) is new this year and will be full day weekly featuring nature focused camp themes for 5-12 year olds at Bill Yeck Park.

The goal of both of these camps is to introduce children to nature through active, nature-based games, activities, and crafts that help increase their comfort and knowledge of the outdoors. Each week counselors will have planned activities based on the weekly theme for groups of 8-10 children. A counselor's main responsibility is to plan and facilitate a fun experience for all children! Both camps encourage children to learn about nature and make new friends while exploring, playing games, listening to guest speakers.

All Summer Staff:

- Must be 18 years of age (assistant counselors - age 16 or 17 may be considered)
- 11-week commitment
 - Training: May 28th-31st 9am-4pm
 - Hidden Meadows Day Camp (9 Weeks: Monday – Friday) June 3 – August 2
 - Sugar Valley Day Camp (4 Weeks: Monday – Friday) July 1 – August 2
 - *Must work a shift on **Thursday, July 4 and Saturday, August 3**
- Three (un-paid) days off may be requested. Any additional requested time off will be reviewed. Requests should be made prior to May 31. **All requested days off must be approved.** (one additional day earned each summer)
- All counselors will work at least one week of Before Care (8:00-9:00 a.m.) and After Care (4:00-5:30p.m.)

HDMC and SVDC Camp Counselors:

- **10- All Day Positions** (40 hours/week)
 - 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
 - 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday (*Staff Meetings*)
 - * Preschool weeks (weeks 3 & 7) include an unpaid lunch break between a.m. and p.m. camp sessions
- **8- Half Day Positions** (20 hours/week *with the exception of preschool weeks*)
 - 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
 - 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday (*Staff Meetings*)
- *Mandatory Preschool weeks (3 & 7)* (40 hours/week)
 - 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
 - 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday (*Staff Meetings*)
 - *Counselors will have an unpaid lunch break between a.m. and p.m. camp sessions

HMDC and SVDC Camp Coordinators:

Mandatory availability beginning May 20 – August 7

- 2 –All Day Positions (40 hours/week)
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday *Each day includes a 30-minute unpaid lunch break

Additional Paid Opportunities for Counselors:

- Special events and other opportunities will be offered to summer staff for additional hours outside of your normal work hours. These will be given to you during training week.