



Hand in Hand

February 2024

Stories from Nature Detectives

During our recent C.S.I. Homeschool Days, students focused on different elements of investigative techniques including fingerprinting, exploring bias, splatter analysis, search patterns, scene sketching, and more. We also took time to be nature detectives. The students explored scat and tracks, measured buck rub marks on trees, looked around groundhog holes, and found evidence of the Yellow-bellied sapsucker, one of seven woodpeckers that can be found at Camp Mack. As you can see, the students found many series of holes in the bark of a Red Pine tree and then found a line of holes on this Sugar Maple. The Sugar Maple held the bigger surprise. The sap was running and in the top of the tree, both days, the students were able to observe this Yellow-bellied sapsucker pictured making a series of holes. Education at camp is all about asking questions, investigating, and finding answers to your inquiries. We are thankful to the sapsucker for their appearance in solving the mystery of the small holes in the trees. From there we compared it to the hole that the Pileated woodpecker had made on the light pole. Take time to be a nature detective today and keep asking those questions. —Jessie Kreider, Program Director



CONNECT AT CAMP

Mar. 9—10	Mother Daughter Retreat	Apr. 20	Target Sports GAD
Mar. 11/13	Homeschool Day	Apr. 28	Wildflower Walk
Apr. 1—5	Spring Break Day Camp	May 5	Summer Camp Open House
Apr. 15/17	Homeschool Day		

Please register 2 weeks in advance for events at www.campmack.org

Summer Camp FAQ cont.

How old are counselors?

Counselors (cabin leaders) are ages 18—70, with the average age being around 35. They are young adults, parents, pastors, and others with a passion for working with kids and spreading the love of God.

I'm not sure we can afford camp

We have a variety of payment options to make camp affordable. We offer camperships (scholarships) that can cover up to half of the camp fees. We also offer a first time camper discount and payment plans. Check with your church and see if they will cover a portion of the camp fee.

My child has food allergies or dietary restrictions

We are able to accommodate most food allergies and dietary restrictions. Please contact us if your child has multiple or rare allergies. Our Food Service Director, Vanessa, would be glad to answer your questions and set up a plan before camp.

How do I know my child is ready for camp?

- Camper is able to dress themselves and take care of hygiene.
- Camper can sleep in a room of 6-8 people without sleep aids such as music or lights.
- Camper can manage feelings of frustration or anger.
- Camper can follow verbal directions.
- Camper does not wander.

Email jessk@campmack.org with your questions about summer camp



Spring Break Day Camp

April 1—5

Grades: Kindergarten — 5th Grade

Cost: \$150 per child, Pre care/ after care available for an additional fee

Time: 8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

**Pre care available beginning at 6:30 a.m.; after care available until 5:30 p.m.*

Activities: Explore nature, play games, do crafts, enjoy free time, recess, small and large group activities, make new friends, and enjoy the scenery of Camp Mack.

Register: <https://www.campmack.org/retreats-and-events/#children>

**We are currently hiring adults to be group leaders (counselors) for day camp or to be assistants. Find out more at <https://www.campmack.org/employment/>*



2023—2024 Homeschool Days at Camp Mack

Ages 7—14 10 a.m.— 5 p.m.

\$25 per student (\$5 sack lunch optional)

March 11/13 (13th is FULL): Primitive Skills
April 15/17: Intro to Camping and Backpacking

See additional details at www.campmack.org/homeschool and register at www.campmack.org. Limit 20 students per session.