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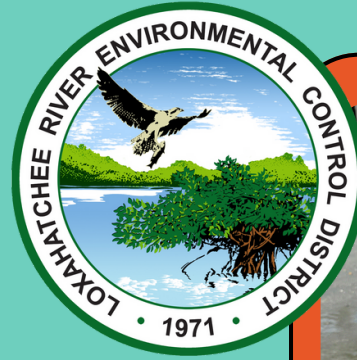
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MISSION



The River Center is a program of the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District.

Our mission is to foster a sense of environmental stewardship for the Loxahatchee River's diverse watershed with quality educational programs, exhibits, and meaningful events.

Our Aquatic Adventure Summer Camp is designed for children in 1st through 12th grade. We strive to provide an enriching outdoor experience to help children gain confidence outdoors, explore local habitats and ecosystems and to connect with the natural world around them.

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Activities include kayaking, snorkeling, seining, dip netting, fishing, paddle boarding, environmental games and activities and more! Activities vary by age level.





REFUND POLICY



Mar. 4th to April 30th

A full 100% refund can be offered.

May 1st to May 9th

A refund minus \$60 cancellation fee

May 10th to May 31st

A refund minus \$110 cancellation fee

Anytime after May 31st

Refunds will not be honored except for a medical or family emergency*

*Families are eligible for a 50% refund after May 31st if River Center staff is able to refill their spot within 3 business days of cancellation. After that period, regardless if the spot is filled, no refunds will be honored.

- No refunds will be made for individual days of camp.
- All requests must be made in writing.
- You will forfeit your right to a refund if your child does not show on the first day of camp, and you have not called prior.
- Children dismissed from camp for disciplinary actions will not receive a refund.
- In the event of a cancellation, River Center staff will notify families on our waitlist. Camper's cannot switch spots with an unregistered individual.



REFUND POLICY



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Medical Or Family Emergencies

- Refund requests due to family emergency or illness will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Medical refunds must be accompanied by supporting medical documentation.
- Extra curricular activities such as sports, vacations, or related events are NOT considered emergencies.

Foul Weather Plans



- Camp runs rain or shine. We have foul weather activities planned in the event of rain and thunderstorms.
- Some planned activities will not be re-scheduled due to weather.
- In the event of hurricanes or tropical storms, refunds will be offered to campers for days missed due to the storm. Days will be determined by River Center Staff.

QUICK INFO



Camp Hours

- On Monday of your child's first session all paperwork must be turned in to the camp staff. If these forms are not completed and turned in on Monday, your child may not participate in the camp program.
- The program runs from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
 - Campers will be dropped off at 9:00 a.m. and must be picked up by 4:00 p.m.
 - **Extended Care:**
 - Those parents who purchased extended care may drop off their camper as early as 8:00 a.m. and picked up no later than 5:00 p.m.
 - Please be prompt when dropping off and picking up your campers; late campers will miss opportunities and delay transportation to off-site activities.
 - Please be courteous and respectful to staff members that will be monitoring your campers throughout the week.

Directions

- **Address:** 805 N. US Highway 1, Jupiter, FL 33477

Click HERE for Google Map

- Directions from I-95 :
 - Take Exit 87A East for Jupiter.
 - Take Indiantown Road East for about 4.5 miles.
 - Make a Left Turn onto US HWY 1 North.
 - The entrance to Burt Reynolds East will be on the right-hand side at the blinking traffic light.
 - The River Center is a light blue building with a metal roof.



STAFF CONTACTS

River Center Camp Co-Director (Main Contact):

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River Center Cell Phone

561-339-3107

TRANSPORTATION

Dropping off your camper

- You or your designee is responsible for transportation to and from camp.
- Please complete the Child Release form, to indicate who will be allowed to pick-up your child.
- A password is necessary for pick-up.
- Emergencies happen; please be prepared with a back-up person to pick-up your child.
- Camp Starts promptly at 9am.
 - 8am for Teen Community Service camp.
 - **If you are going to be late, please notify the River Center as soon as possible.**
- **Please sign your child in and out everyday of camp.**



Camp Transport

- The Camp Director and River Center staff will transport campers in a 15-passenger van and in the River Center vehicle.
- There are seat belts for all passengers and must be worn when inside the vehicle.
 - Drivers have valid Florida Driver's License and will be responsible to transport campers safely.
- We will arrive back to the River Center every day no later than 3:30pm.
- Booster seats cannot be provided. Parents are asked to supply them for their children if needed.

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What to Wear:

- **Closed-toe/Closed-heel water shoe**
 - (no flip flops or crocs)
- **Socks**
 - (to prevent blisters from water shoes)
- **Rash Guard or Camp t-shirt**
 - (will receive a camp shirt on 1st day of camp)
- **Old shorts**
 - Save the new clothes for later
- **Swimsuit**
- **Sunscreen**
- **Hat**
 - Full brim is best!
- **Sunglasses**



Shirts

- Camp T-shirts are required and are included with registration.
 - Your camper will receive their shirt on the first day of camp. You may order an additional t-shirt if you feel it is necessary for your child's week-long experience. The camp T-shirt must be worn every day. Rash guards are strongly encouraged and should be worn when the children are participating in water activities.

Shorts

- Your child should wear comfortable old shorts.
 - Please remember your child will get dirty!! Please also remember that this is summer camp and your child should not come with any personal items, equipment, or clothing that you do not want to get dirty, broken, or lost.

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What to Wear continued...

Shoes



- **Closed-toe / closed-heel shoes (sneakers) are mandatory.**
 - Sneakers are essential at protecting your camper's feet.
- **Water shoes (also closed toe/closed heeled) are mandatory.**
 - These are required for beach and estuary activities. Socks with water shoes also reduces the risk of blisters forming. Water shoes are required to provide adequate protection for your child's feet.

Flip flops and Crocs are NOT permitted

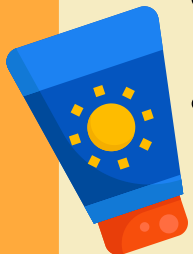
Bathing suits



- Campers will participate in water activities daily;
 - Bathing suits should be worn to camp everyday, unless it is a dry day. Rash guards or sun shirts are highly recommended.
- Bathing suits must be age appropriate and provide adequate coverage.



Sunscreen



- Please apply sunscreen prior to arrival at camp
 - This saves time in the morning at camp if the camper comes prepared.
 - Your child will be encouraged to reapply sunscreen throughout the day especially prior to water activities. Again, rash guards and hats will help reduce the risk of sunburn (and time needed to reapply).
- Your camper is responsible for applying the sunscreen.**
- Please use reef safe sunscreen when possible.

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What to pack in the backpack:

- **Reusable water bottle**
- **Lunch**
- **Change of clothes**
 - (including underclothing)
- **Mask/Snorkel**
 - (no fins please)
- **Rash guard**
- **Towel**
- **Plastic bag(s) or Wet bags** for wet items
- **Medication**
 - (please bring in original prescription container with written instructions about when and how to dispense to your child.)
- **Closed-toe/Closed-heel shoes**
 - (sneakers)



Change of clothes

- You should send a change of clothing, underclothing, shoes and socks with your child in a backpack.
 - On your child's itinerary, it will say if it is a "Dry Day" or a "Wet Day"
 - This is to help prepare you for what to pack each day.
- Bring a towel and underclothing so your child may dry off after water activities.
 - Put these items into a labeled bag or backpack that your child can carry. It is recommended to put a plastic bag in your child's backpack each day so the wet bathing suits and towels can be separated from any dry items in the backpack.
 - **LABEL EVERYTHING!**



PREPPING

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Backpacks

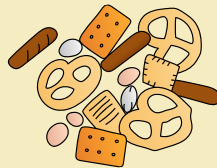


- **Campers are responsible for moving their own packs, lunches and gear.**
 - Staff and volunteers must carry their own gear plus all the equipment for activities. We are not able to carry your child's things for them.

Lunches & Snacks



- Lunch must be packed in reusable containers daily.
 - Please make sure your child has a reusable water bottle, they can carry around all day.
 - The camp will provide water and snacks. The parent may need to send additional snacks to meet the needs of their child.
 - If your child has a specific dietary issue, please pack their snacks to meet those needs.
- Camp Provided Snacks throughout the week:
 - Gatorade
 - (Fruit Punch, Lemon Lime, Orange, & Glacier Freeze)
 - Water
 - Pretzels
 - Goldfish Crackers
 - Oranges
 - Lemonade (Original & Pink)
 - Apples
 - Watermelon
 - Welch's Gummy Snacks
 - Cookies



***If you wish for your child to not eat the camp provided snacks, please let River Center staff know and provide alternatives for your child.**

HEALTH & SAFETY

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Forms

- The Camper's Health History and Parent's Authorization Form will be emailed to you.
 - Please complete the form and submit it electronically.
 - If you prefer a hard copy or cannot access the electronic version, one can be provided to you.
 - This form provides important health information about your child to the camp staff so we may provide appropriate care for your child throughout the week.
 - This information is kept confidential. The form also allows the camp staff to seek medical care for your child in the event of an emergency.



Prescriptions

- If your child is taking any prescription medications, the medications (in the original container) must be turned into the camp staff at check-in.
 - Directions for dispensing of the medication must be written indicating amount and times the child is to take the medication.



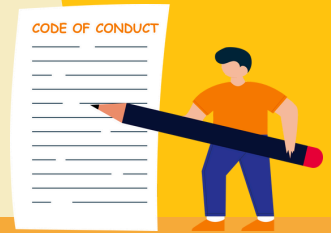
First Aid

- All staff members are CPR and First Aid certified. We will provide first aid care to your child as needed.
 - The camp maintains a first aid kit to treat minor injuries of our campers. Parents will be notified of any care administered to their child. For injuries needing care beyond the training of the staff, emergency services will be contacted.
- It is the responsibility of the parent to inform the camp's staff of any medical, behavioral or dietary issues that may impact your child's ability to have a successful experience at camp.



CAMPER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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The staff of the River Center's Aquatic Adventure Camp is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for your child; however, campers also are responsible to assist in these efforts.

Please review this CODE OF CONDUCT with your child prior to their first day of camp

Behavior Expectations:

1. Campers must accept and get along with others. Put-downs and malicious teasing will not be tolerated.
2. Campers will be sensitive to others in terms of race, religion, physical characteristics, regional differences and language. Ethnic or religious slurs or jokes will not be tolerated.
3. Campers must respect others and their property. Campers will refrain from touching others in harmful or inappropriate ways.
4. Campers will not use foul language.
5. Campers will follow directions the first time they are given.

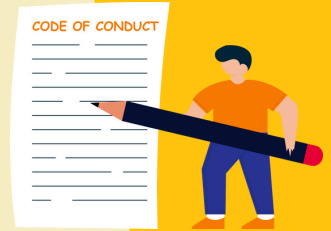
Safety Expectations:

1. Campers must wear closed-toe/closed-heel shoes and water shoes during all activities.
2. Campers must utilize the buddy system when traveling through the facility and off-site locations.
3. Campers must pay attention to their surrounding and use care in all activities.
4. Campers will adhere to all safety rules and regulations for each activity they participate in while at camp.
5. Campers will wear a seat belt when traveling in any vehicle to and from camp locations.



CAMPER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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General Expectations:

1. Campers must inform staff if they are having a problem. If we are not informed about a problem or issue, we cannot assist the camper.
2. We expect all campers to have FUN at camp but not at the expense of others.
3. Parents will inform staff of any issues or concerns pertaining to their child, so camp staff can best meet the needs for their child.
4. Parents will pick-up child(ren) on time being respectful to the time and effort given to their child throughout the day.

Camp Focus:

- The River Center welcomes a variety of campers from various and diverse backgrounds. Our goal with summer camp is to get children outside and experience the wonders of nature.
- To complete this goal, we ask that discussions about religion, sexuality, gender, race, and politics are left at home.
- Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.



Cell phones:

- We strongly recommended that your child NOT bring a cell phone to summer camp. Accidents happen and phones can get lost or damaged.
- If your child does bring a cell phone, they are not permitted to be out of their backpacks or in use unless there is an emergency.
- Teen Camp participants may have them out during breaks, if supervising staff allows.
- If parents need to reach their child or if campers need to reach their parents they can contact the River Center or the Camp Director.
- **River Center's cell phone number is 561-339-3107.**



FRIDAY'S POTLUCK



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- Each Friday families are invited to join us for the “end of the week fun.”
- During this time, there will be a final presentation made by the campers demonstrating what the children learned during their camp session as well as a slide show.
- Parents are asked to arrive by 3:30 p.m. for this activity.
- The presentation begins promptly at 3:45 p.m. followed by tasty treats.
- Please plan to bring a dish to share with all the campers.
- Please be mindful of any food allergies. River Center staff can direct you about allergies present during the week.



Photos from camp:

- Photos from your child's week of camp will be made available on the River Center's Facebook page the following week.
- A camp video will also be posted on our Facebook page and YouTube page.
- The Camp Director will email parents links to both once the photos and video have been posted.



SOCIAL MEDIA

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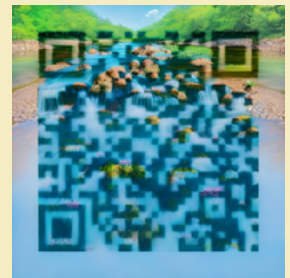
& Events

River Center Website



Check out our other events
happening at the center!

River Center Website:
LrdRiverCenter.org



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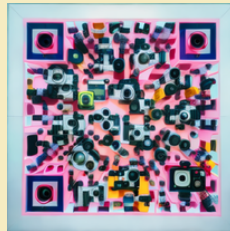
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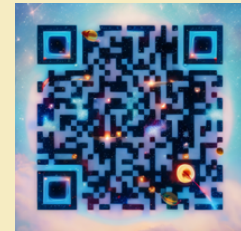
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