

# 2009 Discovery Park Nature Day Camp

Discovery Park's Nature Daycamp registration will begin on Tuesday March 3, 2009 at Noon.

Give your child a fun and interesting summer by exploring the wonders of nature in Seattle's largest green space. Discovery Park is a 560 acre natural area park operated by the Seattle Parks and Recreation. It is the largest city park in Seattle and occupies most of the former Fort Lawton site. Situated on Magnolia Bluff overlooking Puget Sound, Discovery Park offers spectacular view of both the Cascade and the Olympic Mountain ranges. The park includes two miles of protected tidal beaches as well as open meadow lands, sea cliffs, forest groves, active sand dunes, thickets, streams, and ponds. We visit different areas of the park in order to encourage discovery of the outside world and our place within it. Nature Daycamp is extremely popular and fills up very quickly.

*"In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous."*

*--Aristotle*

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2009

**This year you can register through the SPARC system. You can do it from your home or office computer (in fact this is the method we would suggest, since there's no need to wait in line).**

SPARC allows customers to register and pay for programs throughout the city. Even without an account you can see the different activities being offered by Seattle Parks and Recreation.

Please follow the directions on the website to see if you already have an account. You can check this by typing in your email address if it was entered on your account at the time of set up, or you can contact your local community center or pool to see if you are already in the database. If you are not in the database, request an account following the steps provided on the web site. New accounts are activated with 2 – 3 days of request.

*Note: If you have had any business transaction at any Seattle Parks facility (community center, pool, picnic reservation) in the last two years, you may already be in the system and we would prefer that you do not create a new account, but simply contact us to find out your Customer Barcode # and Personal Identification Number (PIN).*

We do recommend that you check out the SPARC website before March 3; this will give you a chance to look at how the site works and look at the class(es) you want before registration time.

Here is the Seattle Parks and Recreation Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/>

Click on SPARC

### 1. LOG IN

Click [Account](#) to log in.

Don't have an account? Missing your Barcode or PIN? You'll find instructions on the Account page.

### 2. SELECT YOUR COURSES

Click [Activities](#) to search by course number, browse our course listings, or try an advanced search.

### 3. CHECK OUT

When you are finished selecting courses, click the 'Go to Check Out' button in your [Basket](#), and you can pay online!

# **NATURE DAYCAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS**

## **MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at Noon**

### **CAMP DESCRIPTIONS:**

**Nature Play:** Campers age 4-6 enjoy hands on discovery of nature, through songs, movement, crafts, and exploration. Each year Nature Daycamp explores new and different themes about plants, animals, and the environment we live in. We look forward to having your child grow up with us. At Nature Daycamp we visit the four habitats of the park: beach, pond, meadow, and forest and end the week with a pint-sized festival. All Nature Play camp weeks are the same, curriculum does not change.

**Nature Adventure:** Campers age 6-8 explore the four habitats of Discovery Park (beach, pond, meadow, and forest). Each year Nature Daycamp explores new and different themes about plants, animals, and the environment we live in. We look forward to having your child grow up with us. At Nature Daycamp we enjoy meeting new friends, songs, games, adventure, new places, crafts, exploration, and much, much more. Adults be prepared to learn from your camper, we're going to send them home with lots of new information. All Nature Adventure camp weeks are the same, curriculum does not change.

**Tween Nature Trek Week:** Hey older kids, ready for something cool and exciting? Then join us for TNT, Tween Nature Trek. We have a blast doing experiments, crafts, games, exploration, and meeting cool new friends. Each year Nature Daycamp explores new and different themes about plants, animals, and the environment we live in. We look forward to having your child grow up with us. Age 9-12. All TNT camp weeks are the same, curriculum does not change.

### **MORE CAMP INFO CAMP:**

**AGE REQUIREMENTS** Campers must meet the age requirement by the start of the camp date, NO EXCEPTIONS. Campers are grouped by age in multi-aged camps (i.e. 6 year olds are not placed with 8 year olds.) Camps 1, 2 and 12 have a camper/staff ratio of 8:1. Camps 3-11 have a ratio of 10:1.

**CAMP TRANSPORTATION** Discovery Park Nature Daycampers are transported via school bus when destinations within the park are too far to enjoy a hike. ★★

**NATURE DAYCAMP HANDBOOKS:** Nature Daycamp handbooks can be found on our website, [www.discoverypark.org](http://www.discoverypark.org). They will be posted at least two weeks before your camp begins. Den assignments will be posted on the Discovery Park Environmental Learning Center front door one week before the start of your camp.

### **★★★OPEN HOUSE★★★**

Adults and campers, please drop by the Nature Daycamp Open House on June 5th from 6-7 PM at the Discovery Park Environmental Learning Center. This is a great way to meet our Daycamp Naturalists and see some of the fun that we will have this summer.

#	Date	Camp Name	Age of kids	Cost
1	June 8-12	Nature Play	4-6	\$205
2	June 15-19	Nature Play	4-6	\$205
3	June 22-26	Nature Play	4-6	\$205
4	July 6-10	Nature Adventure	6-8	\$230
5	July 13-17	Nature Adventure	6-8	\$230
6	July 20-24	Nature Adventure & TNT	6-8 and 9-12	\$230 and \$275
7	July 27-31	Nature Adventure & TNT	6-8 and 9-12	\$230 and \$275
8	Aug 3-7	Nature Adventure & TNT	6-8 and 9-12	\$230 and \$275
9	Aug 10-14	Nature Adventure & TNT	6-8 and 9-12	\$230 and \$275
10	Aug 17-21	Nature Adventure	6-8	\$230
11	Aug 24-28	Nature Play	4-6	\$205
12	Aug 31-Sept 4	Nature Play	4-6	\$205

### ★★Before and Aftercamp Program★★

**Beforecamp** is available to help those families out that need an earlier start time. **Aftercamp** continues to be the ever exciting and fun, for families that need an extended day. Before and Aftercamp are safe, relaxed, fun nature experiences. **Cancellation policies are the same as Nature Daycamp, if you are not sure of your need you can pay for Before and Aftercamp the week your child is attending**

★**Beforecamp:**      Tuesday –Friday      Time: 8:00am-9:00am      Camps: 4-11 Fee: \$10.00 day  
★**Aftercamp:**      Monday-Friday      Time: 3:00 pm-5:00 pm      Camps: 4-11 Fee: \$15.00 day

- Drop-In spots can be purchased the week that your child is attending

**DAY CAMP REFUND:** A participant may be issued a refund for a youth or teen day camp program, if he/she notifies the program coordinator at least fourteen (14) days prior to the beginning date of the camp. A service charge of 10% of the fee will be retained by the facility. No refunds will be made on payments provided as deposits for camps. No refunds will be made for requests received within fourteen (14) days prior to the beginning of the camp, unless the space in the camp is filled.