

GO GREEN! ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMER CAMP

Offered by Family Care, Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education, and the McBurney YMCA

What:

Go Green! Environmental Summer Camp is specially designed to provide an engaging and fun campus-based camp experience for the elementary-school aged children of NYU faculty, administrators, and staff. The days activities will provide a balance of educational experiences, urban orienteering, and typical summer camp recreational activities.

When:

The camp program will run for four weeks during the month of July during the hours of 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Families will register their child(ren) for one or both of the two week sessions: Session 1: July 6-17 and Session 2: July 20-31.

Early morning drop-off (8:45 a.m.) and late pickup (5:30 p.m.) are available.

Where:

The camp will use the Kimmel Center for University Life, 60 Washington Square South (Rooms 804/805) as its home base and New York City as its laboratory.

Program Costs:

\$675 per two-week session per child

Ages Served:

Children who have completed Kindergarten through grade 5 (entering 6th grade)

Program Size:

30 children per 2 week session, grouped by grade completed June 2009 as follows: K-2nd grade and 3rd -5th grade.

Staffing:

The daily operations of the camp will be managed by a Summer Camp Coordinator/Health Director. Each classroom will have a dedicated full-time science specialist during the hours of 9-1 who will lead the environmental curriculum. In addition, each classroom will have the equivalent of two full-time counselors who will assist the science specialists on- and off-site as well as facilitate twice weekly recreational activities and early drop-off and late pickup activities.

A swimming program, supervised by YMCA lifeguards and instructors, will be available four days per week. Swimming and recreation activities will take place at Coles Sports and Recreation Center.

An Arts Specialist will be part of the teaching team and will work with each group for two 1-1/2 hour sessions per week. S/he will develop and lead an arts program that supports each week's thematic and curriculum focus.

Curriculum:

The environmental curriculum, developed by Steinhardt's Wallerstein Collaborative for Urban Environmental Education, will offer an exploration of environmental science topics. During 2008 topics included: Ecosystems, Energy, Water, and Sustainability.

Field Trips:

Weekly field trips will enhance the classroom and field experiences. One ½ day and one full day trip will be offered each week.

The majority of the sites will be accessible by public transportation and located in the five boroughs of NYC and may include: Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, Queens Science Museum, American Museum of Natural History, Solar One, Green Market at Union Square, South Street Seaport's Wet Lab, and the Science Barge.

A one day out-of-city trip will include Black Rock Environmental Center or other environmental center. A bus will be provided to transport the children and staff.

Swimming Instruction:

Swimming will be provided four days each week at NYU Coles Sports and Recreation Center by YMCA aquatic instructors. Each camper will be evaluated on the first day of attendance and separated into skill groups.

Recreational Activities:

Recreation and physical activities will be part of the curriculum and offered two days per week at Coles Sports and Recreation Center, at a facility within close proximity to the Kimmel Center, or in an outdoors park or sports facility.

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