

Welcome to Camp Habitat 2025!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child is registered for the Nature Sprouts program for ages 4-5 from June 16-20, 2025.

Information regarding the program your child will be attending, what to bring to camp, and FAQs is attached. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY.**

This year we have digitized our pre-camp forms. Please follow the link in your email or visit our website

(*https://friendsofcreamersfield.org/camp-habitat/*) to complete and submit pre-camp forms. If you have more than one registered camper, please submit forms for each camper by selecting (X# of minors) or using the same link twice. **Pre-camp forms MUST be submitted the Monday before your camper's registered session to ensure participation.**

We will have a **Camp Kickoff** event on **Friday**, **June 12**, **2025** from **3:30 PM - 5:30 PM.** This is a great time to meet staff, ask questions, and, pick up your t-shirt! There will be crafts, face painting, and fun!

Please contact me with any questions at <u>camphabitat@friendsofcreamersfield.org</u> or (907) 888-7304. We are looking forward to a fun summer and seeing you at Camp!

Sincerely, Lauren Puleo - Camp Habitat Director 2025

Camp Habitat Half-Day Camp Program Information

Drop off/Pick up:

The Camp Habitat Nature Sprouts Camp runs from 9 AM until 12 PM at Creamer's Field. Children should be dropped off at the farmhouse between **8:45 AM and 9:00 AM** daily. Please do not drop your child off earlier than 8:45 am, as this is our preparation time. Children will return to the farmhouse at **12:00 pm and should be picked up promptly**. For safety, we will have the parking lot blocked during check-in/out. Instead, please park in the loop and check-in/out at the pavilion. Parents/guardians must provide an ID to sign campers out - Contact #1 and #2 listed on the pre-camp forms will automatically be approved to pick up campers. If someone other than Contact #1 or Contact #2 will be picking up the camper, please provide the name and contact information of the person responsible at check-in.

What your child will need every day at camp:

Please label each item with your child's name

Children will store their belongings in a box during the day. **ALL** of the following should be put in a **backpack** to be carried to the campsite:

- 1. Lunch & a snack(s) (please do not forget your child's lunch!)
- 2. Rain gear (hat, coat, pants)
- 3. Rubber boots or extra pair of shoes and dry socks
- 4. Proper clothing and shoes for outdoor activities
- 5. Water bottle or plastic cup with name on it
- 6. Sun hat
- 7. Bug repellent and sunscreen (we will have some on hand, but if you prefer a specific brand or type, please bring it.)

Camp Habitat Closing Program:

There will be a Closing Program on Friday starting at 11:00 am. Please join us by the Camp Habitat Tents to participate in singing the Camp Habitat song, enjoy skits by campers, and other Open House activities! We WELCOME parents to bring snacks to share with all who join!

Wednesday - shirt day!

Please send your children to camp on Wednesdays wearing their camp t-shirt for picture day!

Medications:

Any daily prescription medication that needs to be administered during the camp program must be turned into the Camp Director each morning. All medications must be in the original container labeled with:

- 1. Name of child (First and Last name)
- 2. Name of physician
- 3. Daily amount only
- 4. Time to be given and directions for administration
- 5. Name of drug

What to Expect:

Camp Habitat is hands-on adventure and fun! The program will develop children's understanding of nature through hikes, art projects, and exploring the wonders of Creamer's Field. Please provide clothing that is appropriate for discovering the world outside (rain or shine).

In case of Emergency:

You will be contacted immediately by the information given on your pre-camp forms (Contact #1 and #2) by the Director of Camp Habitat or Camp Habitat Staff.

If you have an emergency, contact Lauren Puleo, Camp Habitat Director, regarding an emergency use the numbers below:

- 1. Call the Camp Habitat cell phone at (907) 888-7304
- 2. Call the Friends of Creamer's Field cell phone at (907) 978-8457

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Camp Habitat's refund policy?

Once registered, \$30 + 3% credit card fee of the tuition for each week of camp your child(ren) is (are) registered for is nonrefundable. If Camp Habitat cancels your program, a full program fee will be refunded. If you withdraw your child(ren) six or more weeks prior to the beginning of your program, you will receive a full refund minus the \$30 non-refundable registration fee and 3% credit card fee. Cancelations six to two weeks prior to the beginning of the program will be refunded half of the program fee (less the \$30 registration fee + 3% credit card fee). No refunds will be granted to those withdrawing from a program within two weeks of the beginning of the program.

2. What kinds of activities do the children do?

Camp Habitat is outside all day, rain or shine so come prepared for fun, adventure, hikes, crafts and hands-on activities and games. It's a busy day, filled with physical activity, often getting dirty and having loads of fun. Children always go home tired!

3. Where does Camp Habitat take place?

The Preschool and Day Camp all take place at Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, located at 1300 College Rd. back by the barns. Look for the Camp Habitat sign-in table in the morning and sign-out all children at the trailhead.