

WAVE
FOUNDATION
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NEWPORT
AQUARIUM.

2024
Camp WAVE Packet



Welcome to Camp WAVE!

Thank you for registering your child for Camp WAVE. We look forward to having an amazing week full of wonder, discovery and fun aquatic experiences. Please read this packet carefully as it will help answer many frequently asked questions and ensure you and your child have a great time as you prepare to make waves at Camp WAVE.

Policies

Enrollment Policy

Registered campers must have the following forms completed one week prior to their scheduled camp start date:

- Health History
- Liability
- Photo Release
- Behavior Contract.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations received 15 days or more before the first day of camp will receive a full refund minus a \$25 administration fee. Cancellations received less than 14 days prior to the first day of the camp will forfeit any paid camp fees. All cancellation requests must be made through UltraCamp or submitted via email at camp@wavefoundation.org. Refunds will be issued in the payment type used during registration.

Weather Policy

Camp is held during inclement weather and requires attendees to be outdoors for short periods of time. Guardians are responsible for dressing campers appropriately for current weather conditions. In the event of severe weather, camp may end early or be cancelled at the discretion of the Conservation Education Department. Guardians will be notified by text and/or email of such events.



General Information

Camp Hours: Camp WAVE runs from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day.

Drop-off & Pick-up Location: WAVE will send this information two weeks prior to camp start date.

Arrival time: Drop-off time is from 8:50-9 a.m. Please do not drop campers off early unless they are registered for Before Care.

Late arrivals: Guardians arriving late must call camp staff at 859-652-9991 to communicate a drop-off plan. Campers are not checked in until they have been connected to the Camp WAVE staff and signed in by their guardian. Do not send campers to the front entrance of the Aquarium.

Drop-off & Pick Up Location: Please drop-off and pick up at Newport Aquarium Employee Parking lot under the Taylor Southgate Bridge. Use the Hampton Inn & Suites Newport, 275 Columbia St, Newport, KY 41071 for GPS. Drive past the Hampton, and just before going under the Levee Flood Wall, turn right into the parking lot. You will see WAVE Vans with animal logos in the lot. This is the only location where campers may be dropped off and picked up.

Pick-up: Pick-up time is from 3:30-3:40 p.m. Picking up campers after 3:45 p.m. may result in an extra fee of \$15. Guardians must call camp staff at 859-652-9991 if they are running late for pick up.

For your child's safety, please follow these drop-off and pick-up procedures:

- Campers must be signed in at drop off and out at pick up by Camp WAVE staff.
- Staff will only release campers to adults on that camper's authorized list. Authorized adults must verify their identity by showing a government issued ID at pick up. UltraCamp allows updates/changes to campers' authorized lists in real time. Please update as necessary.
- Drop off and pick up occur in the same location.
- Any additional information will be provided via email prior to camp date.

Animal Contact: Throughout the week, campers will have the opportunity for up-close animal encounters. Touching some animals is permitted. Proper procedures will be followed to minimize zoonotic issues.



Items to Bring

- Weather appropriate play clothes (required)
- Closed-toed, athletic shoes (required)
- Sunscreen applied prior to arrival at Camp WAVE
- Backpack or bag
 - Campers are responsible for carrying their own items. All backpacks will be subject to Newport Aquarium's bag check policy.
- Lunch
 - Campers are responsible for bringing their lunch and beverages each day. Lunches should be labeled with the camper's first and last name. Lunches will not be refrigerated throughout the day. Campers are **NOT** permitted to purchase food from restaurants, food stands, or the Aquarium while participating in Camp WAVE.
 - Campers will be separated as needed to create allergen-free meals. Guardians must alert WAVE Foundation staff to allergies prior to start of camp.
- Reusable water bottle

Items not allowed at Camp WAVE include:

- cell phones
- money
- toys
- cards
- games
- stuffed animals
- valuables

The WAVE Foundation and Newport Aquarium are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Electronics

Cameras are the only permitted electronic device. Cell phones are not permitted, even when used as cameras. In case of emergency, guardians can contact staff at 859-652-9991 (camp cell phone) or 859-815-1441 (WAVE office phone). Video games or other electronic devices such as tablets are also not permitted. Electronics used during camp will be collected and returned to the guardian at pick up.



Participant Health Records

Guardians must file all relevant forms with the WAVE Foundation before their camper will be allowed to participate in camp activities. Campers will not be permitted to take any medications during camp without prior doctor's order or prescription. Campers are responsible for administering their own medication. Counselor will remind and will be present to ensure it is taken.

Illness/Emergency Medical Procedures

Please keep your camper home if they are ill or showing signs of communicable disease. Symptoms of a communicable disease include but are not limited to:

- Diarrhea
- severe coughing
- difficult or rapid breathing
- yellowish skin or eyes
- conjunctivitis
- fever over 100° F
- untreated skin patches
- unusual rashes
- sore throat
- vomiting
- lice

Please contact Camp WAVE staff if your camper is going to be absent.

If a camper shows symptoms of sickness during camp activity, their emergency contact will be notified and early pick up will be required. In case of emergency, certified First Aid staff will assess the situation in addition to notifying the emergency contact.

