



West Haven Center for Coastal Ecology

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Celebrating 30 Years of Learning By Doing!

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are so excited for your child to join us this year for Eco Camp 2022. This is a special year for us being that it's our 30th anniversary season. Your child will be participating in a historic summer for the West Haven Center for Coastal Ecology and we're so glad they can be a part of it. Our staff has been working for 2 months to be sure your child enjoys this summer by learning more about our shoreline, participating in different activities, and simply having fun! To ensure camp runs smoothly and that your child is prepared, we are once again issuing our camper checklist.

Even though COVID restrictions have been lifted, we are unsure about the food truck being in operations this summer. Therefore, we are **highly recommending** your child bring a snack from home to bring for the day. A suggestion would be to have them eat what they usually would bring during a regular school day (i.e., sandwich with a fruit, bag of chips, etc.).

Please be sure your child has the following before coming to camp each day in their backpack: *Check all that apply to you.*

- Snack**
- *Face Mask** (this is an optional item)
- *Cellphone** (if they have one. It must be stored in their bag at all times. Phones are NOT ALLOWED to be used during camp, especially during lessons)
- Hand Sanitizer**
- Water Bottle**
- Clothes they don't mind getting dirty**
- Hat** (if they wear one)
- Sunscreen** (there will be a limited supply at camp)
- Bug Spray** (there will be a limited supply at camp)
- Water Shoes** (if your child decides to go in the water for low tide exploration or seining)
- Extra Change of Shoes** (i.e., sandals for the beach and sneakers for walks. Sneakers are **required** for the Salt Marsh and Woodland Walks)
- A separate change of clothes** (only when we do activities that require them to go entirely in the water (i.e., seining, low tide exploration, severe hot weather, water activities))
- A towel** (if they plan on getting wet)
- *Medication** (only for those that require it. We will store it in camp office if necessary)
- Fishing Pole** (if they decide to bring their own. It **must** need a nametag. The camp is not responsible for any lost fishing poles)
- Journal for keeping notes during walks**
- Pen/Pencil**

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to address them to Director Nancy Paone.

Sincerely,
The WHCCE Staff