Day Camps

2014 Parent Handbook

Busch Gardens® camp

Welcome

Thank you for selecting Busch Gardens Camp! We are looking forward to seeing you this summer. Inside this handbook you will find all kinds of useful information such as frequently asked questions, arrival information, camp schedules, and more. Please, be sure that all release and medical history forms have been completed and returned to the Busch Gardens Camp staff no later than two weeks prior to the start date of camp. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your reservation, please feel free to call 1-877-248-2267. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, 8:00 am to 1:00 p.m., or e-mail us at education@buschgardens.com.

Busch Gardens Camp programs are accredited by the American Camp Association. To achieve and maintain this accreditation, Busch Gardens complies with or exceeds standards set by the ACA to ensure a safe, educational and enjoyable camp experience.

Please take a few moments to read through this handbook. It will provide you and your camper with valuable information to help make the most of your Busch Gardens camp experience.

Goals of the Busch Gardens Education & Conservation Department

Based on a long-term commitment to education, Busch Gardens strives to provide an enthusiastic, imaginative and intellectually stimulating atmosphere to help students and guests develop a lifelong appreciation, understanding and stewardship for our world. We hope the education your child receives during Day Camp encourages him/her to continue learning about conservation issues surrounding Earth's fragile ecosystems and how he/she can become a responsible citizen in the future.

Specifically, our goals are…

- To provide a unique atmosphere that fosters exploration and inquiry.
- To instill in students and guests of all ages an appreciation for science and a respect for all living creatures and natural environments.
- To increase awareness of the interrelationships of humans and biodiversity, and the need to conserve our valuable natural resources.
- To be an educational resource to the world.
- To encourage new friendships with others who share common interests.

Staffing

The Education Department at Busch Gardens has a year-round team of experienced camp personnel. The senior camp team has years of experience teaching students of all ages. Our seasonal camp counselors are highly motivated, experienced college students and teachers that are carefully selected and screened. All camp staff participates in a wide range of training including classroom management, child development and discipline strategies. Our counselors possess American Red Cross (ARC) First Aid/CPR/AED certifications, Medication Administration training, and review safe driving practices.

Busch Gardens follows ACA guidelines for establishing the minimum number of counselors necessary to oversee camp groups by grade or age. It is our goal to ensure a safe and enjoyable camp experience for all.

Things to Share with Your Camper

The combination of unfamiliar surroundings and encountering new people can be unsettling at first, no matter what the camper's age. Thoroughly reading the confirmation packet will be helpful in addressing expectations. Campers are encouraged to discuss any concerns with parents/guardians ahead of time.

Following arrival, check-in, and our morning program, campers participate in simple "icebreaker" activities to help everyone get acquainted within their camp. The activities are simple and include topics such as favorite animals, favorite hobbies or even why they decided to attend a Busch Gardens Camp.

Camp Schedules

Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Wildlife Warriors
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Animal Investigators
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

1st and 2nd Grade

Habitat Helpers
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Colorful Communicators
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

3rd and 4th Grade

BioBuddies
Monday, Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday (SeaWorld Day) 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Super Sleuths
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Zoo Chefs
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

5th and 6th Grade

Adventure Trekkers
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday Busch Gardens
Tuesday field trip to Crystal Springs Preserve
Wednesday field trip to Fun Spot
Thursday field trip to SeaScreamer
Friday field trip to Fantasy of Flight

Adventure Apprentices
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Creature Researchers
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Camp Schedules

Splash Seekers COMBO Camp
Monday (Drop-off & Pick-up at Adventure Island) 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday (Drop-off & Pick-up at Busch Gardens) 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday* (Drop-off & Pick-up at Busch Gardens) 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday (Drop-off & Pick-up at Busch Gardens) 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday (Drop-off & Pick-up at Adventure Island) 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
**SeaWorld Day*

7th and 8th Grade

Adventure Champions COMBO Camp
Monday (Drop-off & Pick-up at Adventure Island) 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday (Drop-off & Pick-up at Busch Gardens) 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday* (Drop-off & Pick-up at Busch Gardens) 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday (Drop-off & Pick-up at Busch Gardens) 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday (Drop-off & Pick-up at Adventure Island) 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
**Aquatica Day*

SEA Trekkers
Monday through Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday (Sleepover) 5:30 p.m. .....
Friday ..... 3:00 p.m.

Monday Busch Gardens
Tuesday field trip to Adventure Island
Wednesday field trip to Aquatica
Thursday field trip to SeaWorld for Sleepover
Friday SeaWorld

Junior Zookeepers
Monday through Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday (Sleepover) 5:30 p.m. .....
Friday ..... 3:00 p.m.

Thrill Seekers
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

9th through 12th Grade

Counselors in Training
Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration Forms

All confirmation packet components, including health history and release forms, need to be completed and returned prior to camper participation in any camp. These forms should be returned as soon as possible (at least 14 days prior to your program). Please make sure to review the medical history and the over-the-counter medications carefully.

For tracking purposes, please return all forms and releases together to the following address:

Busch Gardens Day Camps
P.O. Box 9157
Tampa, FL 33674

Or, if you choose, you can fax your forms to **(813) 987-5878**.

Attire

The Busch Gardens Camp t-shirt, issued at check-in on the first day of camp, should be worn **daily**. The camp shirts help build camaraderie and allow counselors to manage their groups more effectively. Additional camp shirts will be available for purchase for $10 each. Campers are welcome to wear past years' camp t-shirts as well.

Camp days at Busch Gardens/SeaWorld

Please dress your camper in cool, comfortable play clothes and comfortable, closed-toe, walking shoes. No sandals or flip-flops, please. Keep in mind that Florida is hot and humid during the summer, therefore a hat and sunscreen are highly recommended. Please also note that campers may get wet each day.

Camp days at Adventure Island/Aquatica

Please dress your camper in a bathing suit that has full coverage. NO BIKINIS PLEASE! Your camper will be provided with a locker at the beginning of each day at Adventure Island and Aquatica, so please pack a dry change of clothes for them. Camp t-shirts may be worn by your camper at all times, as well. Water shoes are recommended.

Please do not send a raincoat or umbrella on rainy days. We will provide rain ponchos if inclement weather arrises.

Campers are welcome to wear a small backpack or fanny pack to hold cameras and sunscreen. Make sure personal items are labeled. Please leave valuables, including money and electronics, at home.

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Arrival and Check-in

Please plan to arrive between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. and camp begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. Campers will need to be signed in and signed out by parent or guardian every day.

Camp days at Busch Gardens

Enter Busch Gardens through the "Bus Drop-off/Pick-up" entrance on the west side of 40th Street (McKinley). Follow the Busch Gardens Camp signs towards the main entrance of the park to the security gate. The entrance to the security gate is to the left of the main entrance of the park. Stop at the security gate and present the vehicle pass to the guard on duty. (Be prepared for a brief vehicle search, which is a routine procedure for any vehicle entering a back area.) No pets, please. After the security gate, follow the directional signs to the check in area.

Camp days at Adventure Island

Enter Adventure Island through the main parking entrance toll booths. Please display your vehicle pass for admission through the toll booths. Follow the camp signs to the Picnic Pavilion at the rear left of the main parking lot. Be advised, the toll booths will not open prior to the 7:30 a.m. drop off time.

Splash Seekers and Adventure Champions-
Please see the "Camp Schedules" section on page 4 for drop-off locations.

All Camps

On Monday, please park your car in the lot outside the drop-off area and walk your camper(s) up to check in, meet the counselors and receive their supplies.

Each morning thereafter, please keep campers in your vehicle and pull up to the designated drop-off area. A counselor will be there to greet campers, have you sign them in, and escort them to their group. **For safety reasons, please do not park & walk your child to the camp area after the first day.**

If your child will be late or absent, please call the day camp supervisor between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. at (813) 600-0178. Sorry, missed days cannot be made up or refunded.

*Please note that vehicle passes are only valid for picking up and dropping off campers. They are not accepted as parking passes to enter the parks.

Camper Pick-up

When picking up your camper(s), remain in your car and display the vehicle pass(es) in your front windshield (it attaches to your car's rearview mirror). As you pull up to the pick-up area, a staff member will direct you to the appropriate spot to wait. Your camper will be escorted to your car by a counselor. Please allow yourself extra time and be prepared for lines, as pick-up may sometimes take longer than expected.

Busch Gardens campers are to be picked up at the same area used for drop-off.

Adventure Island campers are to be picked up at the same picnic pavilion at Adventure Island used for drop-off.

Combo campers are to be picked up from that day's location. Please see the "Camp Schedules" section on page 4 for daily pick-up locations.

You must have your vehicle pass in order to pick up your camper. If you carpool, or have someone else pick up your camper in the afternoon, they must also have a vehicle pass for each child. We will be happy to provide you with as many vehicle passes as you need. Vehicle passes can only be obtained by the camper's legal guardian(s), and then must be distributed by the legal guardian to others who need them.

After camp concludes, day campers may be readmitted to the park at which they attended camp, at no additional charge. Sorry, this benefit does not include admission to SeaWorld Orlando or Aquatica, nor does it extend to other family members. Each day we hand-stamp all day campers so they may re-enter the park following camp.

Campers 14 years of age or older can be released into the park after camp has ended each day. Written permission from a parent or legal guardian must accompany your child each day he/she wishes to remain in the park after camp.

Extended Care Option

Extended care is a service provided by day camp counselors that allows for a flexible pick up time. For an additional fee, you can extend your campers' pick up time to between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Classroom based activities are provided for campers, with games, crafts, and age appropriate videos. This option is available to campers in 1st-8th grade. Pricing varies, please call 1-877-BGT-CAMP for details.

Meals

Busch Gardens provides lunch each camp day. Water is always available, and we provide snacks and drinks at breaks and during field trips. Please read over the lunch menu carefully. We encourage campers to pack an additional lunch if they do not like what is on the menu for the day.

Busch Gardens Camp Lunch Menu

Monday-
Spaghetti w/ Marinara Sauce, green beans, dinner roll and a brownie

Tuesday-
Cheese pizza, carrots, grapes and an Shamu bar

Wednesday-
Hot dog, mac & cheese, orange slices and mixed berry fruit chews

Thursday-
Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, strawberries and vanilla pudding

Friday-
Hamburger, tater tots, baby carrots and cupcakes

Adventure Island Camp Lunch Menu

Monday-
Turkey & cheese sandwich, potato chips and chocolate pudding

Tuesday-
Chicken tenders, french fries and a Shamu ice cream bar

Friday-
Hamburger, potato chips and a fresh baked cookie

Adventure Trekkers Lunch Menu

Monday-
Spaghetti w/ Marinara Sauce, green beans, dinner roll and a brownie

Tuesday-
Chicken tenders, chips and a cookie

Wednesday-
Pizza, sun chips and a dessert

Thursday-
Turkey & cheese sandwich, chips and a cookie

Friday-
Turkey & cheese sandwich, chips and a dessert

Busch Gardens/SeaWorld Sleepover Menu

Pizza dinner and Continental breakfast

SeaWorld Lunch Menu

Wednesday-
Hot dog, mac & cheese, applesauce and a brownie

Thursday-
Pizza and chips

Friday-
Chicken nuggets, french fries, celery sticks, fruit and ice cream

Aquatica Lunch Menu

Turkey & cheese sandwich, potato chips and a cookie

Soy Butter (Peanut alternative) & Jelly Sandwiches are available every day as an alternative for those campers with special dietary requirements.
NOTE: Some available food products may contain or have been processed in proximity to peanut and/or other allergenic ingredients. Please specify any dietary preferences, allergies and/or restrictions on the Health History Form, and elaborate on the possible reaction if consumed. While camps can accommodate a simple vegetarian diet, please provide non-perishable supplements for more complex dietary needs.

Health Services

Counselors are trained in CPR and are able to contact First Aid at any time. While at Busch Gardens, Adventure Island, SeaWorld Orlando, or Aquatica, Health Services staff will attend to any camper's minor medical needs or recommend further medical attention. Florida Hospital Tampa is within two miles of Busch Gardens. A Busch Gardens representative will contact you in case of an emergency.

Medical Emergencies

For all minor injuries and illnesses that occur at a park, the Busch Gardens, Adventure Island or SeaWorld Health Services team is available. For minor injuries that occur off-site, counselors carry a first aid kit and AED, and are trained in American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED. For serious injuries and illnesses, participants will be transported to the closest hospital. The Florida Hospital Tampa is within two miles of Busch Gardens. A Busch Gardens representative will contact you in case of an emergency. For your child's safekeeping, all medical liability releases, health history forms, and insurance information must be completed and signed before arriving at camp.

Health History Forms

Upon the campers' arrival, counselors will review any medical concerns with campers & parents individually. Some examples of questions campers could be asked include any changes to medications they are taking, current health status, any cold symptoms, or special medical needs. Health history summaries are confidential and remain with the counselors during the course of the program.

Medication

Prescriptions and over-the-counter medications must be given to health services staff during check-in. Only health services or trained camp staff will administer medications, as prescribed in writing by a physician, or as indicated by the manufacturer's directions. All medications must be in their original containers displaying original labels with a physician's instructions or with manufacturer's directions. During the check-in process, a Busch Gardens health services RN will confirm and collect any medications from the camper and ensure medication is in its original container and log dosage information for counselors to reference throughout the program.

We recommend not bringing unneeded over-the-counter medications since Busch Gardens will provide most over-the-counter medications as needed. Medications will not be dispensed without written physician and/or parent/guardian permission.

Weather Emergencies

Safety is a top priority at Busch Gardens. Camp management and counselors will balance the components of the program with the current weather conditions. Weather conditions are monitored closely by our Security Department and our enjoyment of the park elements is contingent upon the proximity and nature of weather factors such as lightning or high winds. Rain and afternoon thunderstorms are common in Florida and may affect some camp activities. In the event of lightning or tornado warnings in the immediate vicinity, campers will be moved to the closest indoor location until the threat has passed. Most program components are not usually affected by wet weather. Indoor activities are planned if thunderstorms prevail.

Our park observes strict weather protocols. When lightning has been spotted within 3 miles of our park, for everyone's safety, guests and team members are required to seek shelter. Once the weather passes, we can resume activities.

For camp dismissal this means that if park security has called the severe weather code—camp dismissal must be temporarily halted until the weather passes. This is for everyone's safety. We ask that should you arrive at camp dismissal during bad weather and it appears that no staff is on hand immediately, we are following our security procedures and have everyone safely tucked inside our classroom. Simply proceed to the pick –up queue as you normally would- and we will resume check out once we are given the "all clear" from our security team. If for some reason you need to pick up your child during inclement weather and are unable to wait for our dismissal process to resume, you may park your car and walk up to the pick-up area to sign out your child.

During more severe weather, such as a hurricane, camp management will make a decision about canceling a camp on a case-by-case basis. Once camp is canceled, it cannot be rescheduled for the original date even if the weather clears or other factors change. Parents/guardians will be contacted in a timely manner should such an event occur. Camp is not canceled for rain. In the event of dangerous weather (i.e. hurricane) we will notify you the day before about camp closure. You will NOT receive a refund for missed days due to inclement weather.

Rides

All park guidelines for guests when riding a ride also apply to campers (i.e. height restrictions and disabilities). Campers who choose not to participate in this element will be accompanied to another activity by a counselor until the entire group has disembarked the ride.

Shopping

Campers will not have time to shop during camp, and Busch Gardens is not responsible for lost money or valuables. If you are interested in purchasing any Busch Gardens apparel, please visit our online store at www.buschgardensshop.com.

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Photo Opportunities

There are photo opportunities that are captured by our professional Busch Gardens Photography staff during your child's experiences at camp. A complimentary individual and group photo of your child is included in your camp experience. These photos are available to be taken home at the end of your camper's week.

Off Property Field Trips

Applicable to the following camps: BioBuddies, Adventure Trekkers, SEA Trekkers, Splash Seekers & Adventure Champions

For those campers going on field trips, please drop off promptly at 7:30 a.m. at the Busch Gardens Camp drop off area; the transportation vehicles leave at 8:00 a.m. Adventure Trekkers and SEA Trekkers are expected back at the Busch Gardens Camp pick-up area for pick-up at 3:00 p.m. BioBuddies, Splash Seekers and Adventure Champions are expected back at the Busch Gardens Camp pick-up area for pick-up at 5:00 p.m. Please be sure your camper is wearing his or her 2014 Day Camp t-shirt.

Transportation

Most areas of the park are close enough for campers to travel by foot. Busch Gardens may provide transportation throughout the program in an open-air flatbed truck on Busch Gardens' property. For those campers traveling to an off property destination, transportation is provided in a Busch Gardens vehicle or a contracted bus. As part of camp training, counselors pass a driving training program as well as attend and pass a test in a corporately sponsored safe driving practices workshop.

Sleepovers

Applicable to the following camps: Junior Zookeepers and SEA Trekkers

Junior Zookeepers and SEA Trekkers should be dropped off at the Busch Gardens Camp drop off area at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, and picked up at the Busch Gardens Camp pick up area at 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

Please note that there is NO camp during the day of the sleepover for Junior Zookeepers and SEA Trekkers.

Campers will be sleeping in designated sleeping areas of the park. Overnight facilities do not have showers. We provide a pizza dinner on the sleepover evening and a continental breakfast the following morning.

Sleepover Packing List

Please make sure that your camper brings the items on the sleepover checklist below. All items should be clearly labeled. Please do not bring food, drink, or radios. Busch Gardens is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Label all personal items and place all overnight items in a large durable plastic trash bag. Write the camper's name on a piece of masking tape and place it on the plastic bag.

Sleeping Bag	Toothbrush and toothpaste
Pillow	Hygiene products
Clothes for sleeping	Camera (optional) *
Change of clothes for camp the following day	Water bottle*

* If you plan on using these items during the evening, do not pack them in your overnight bag. Carry them with you.

Camper Code of Conduct

Be nice: Behave respectfully towards counselors, campers, other park guests and animals.

Be safe: For the safety of counselors, campers and animals, reckless/unsafe behavior is not tolerated.

Be smart: Be enthusiastic, listen to others and participate to the best of your ability.

Camp Policies

All campers are expected to act in a responsible and courteous manner at all times. Upon arrival to the program, counselors will review examples of acceptable and unacceptable behavior. Use of profanity, stealing, damaging property, lying, cheating, fighting, or harassment will not be tolerated under any circumstance. Campers are expected to be responsible citizens.

Camp Expectations

Busch Gardens Camps offer enriching academic and social experiences that encourage students to pursue their interests in animals and the environment.

Each camp program will be as fulfilling as the students make it. We encourage and expect every camper to be responsible for him/herself by preparing for each day's agenda, completing any assignments, participating in all field activities and projects, and making many new friends. Campers should be interested in animals and their environments, and prepared to have once-in-a-lifetime experiences! Throughout the week, whether rain or sunshine, campers may have an opportunity to meet giraffes, parrots, lizards, rhinos, or other species—face-to-face—and have an opportunity to talk with animal care professionals from different zoological backgrounds.

Behavioral Concerns

Campers are expected to adhere to guidelines set forth by the counselors. If a behavior problem arises, counselors will first discuss the problem with the individual. If the problem continues, the camper may forfeit participation in future program activities, and the parent will be contacted to discuss the problem. If the problems are severe, the parent will be contacted to discuss the problem. Finally, if the problem is not rectified, the parents are responsible for providing transportation for the participant to leave the program and a refund will not be issued.

Frequently Asked Questions

What time can I drop off my child in the morning?

You may drop off your camper as early as 7:30 a.m. Camp counselors arrive at the drop off areas at this time. Please do not drop off your child if a counselor is not present in the area.

Can my child stay in the park after camp unattended?

At the end of camp each day, we will admit into the park only those campers 14 years of age or older with written permission from a parent or legal guardian. This benefit is provided at no extra charge, and does not include admission to other theme parks, or extend to other family members. Please provide a signed, dated note for each day you wish your 14 year old or older child to enter the park after camp.

For those with younger campers, each day we will hand-stamp any day camper who plans on staying at Busch Gardens, so that they may re-enter the park with an adult who has purchased a park ticket after camp. This benefit is provided at no extra charge, and does not include admission to other theme parks, or extend to other family members.

If I am already in the park, where do I go to pick up my child after camp?

To pick up your child from inside the park, proceed to the Marrakesh Theater with your child's vehicle pass. The Marrakesh Theater is located adjacent to the main Security building (beside the guest lockers).

At Adventure Island, you will exit the park and pick up your camper at the designated pick up area.

Whom do I contact if my child is going to be late or miss a day of camp?

If your child will be late or absent, please call the camp supervisor between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. at (813) 600-0178. Refunds are not given for missed days.

How do I arrange to pick up my child early?

When you drop off your camper, advise the camp supervisor that you need an early release and we will make the necessary arrangements to ensure that your child is ready to be picked up at the appropriate time. If you have an emergency after camp begins, please call the camp supervisor at (813) 600-0178 to schedule a new pick-up time.

What do I need to do if somebody else is going to pick up my child from camp?

If someone else is picking up your camper in the afternoon, you must provide the escort with a vehicle pass for that child. We will be happy to provide you with as many passes as you need to assure that everyone has one for each camper being picked up. Also, we appreciate having a written note describing any carpooling arrangements on file. If we have any concerns, the camp supervisor will contact the parent/guardian for instructions before releasing a child.

What should I do if I am picking up someone else's child?

You must request an additional vehicle pass through that child's parent/guardian. Please have it readily available at the Marrakesh Theater if picking up campers from inside the park, or visible from your vehicle's windshield when picking up campers.

Do campers have to participate in all activities?

We design events to be enjoyable and realize that sometimes the schedule includes something new for some participants. Everyone is encouraged to participate to the best of their ability during group activities.

What are some possible health concerns of the program and how can they be prevented?

While every zoo encounter is a controlled experience, the animal world is not totally predictable and a quill prick or nip is possible, though unlikely. Since they are frequently outdoors, campers may come in contact with mosquitoes, bees or wasps, or fire ants. These Florida pests can inflict bites or stings that are readily treatable with over-the-counter medications. It is imperative to note any known insect or plant allergies on the medical history form and be sure to sign the over-the-counter release.

Sun, heat, and humidity can be a dangerous mix in Florida. Participants should wear sunscreen (not provided) and protective clothing (e.g. light, cotton clothing, a hat, and sunglasses) and drink plenty of water to prevent sunburn and overheating. Additionally, Busch Gardens is a 300+ acre park, so a lot of walking throughout the day is inevitable. Please dress your camper in closed toe, comfortable shoes, preferably sneakers. Crocs, flip-flops and dress shoes of any kind may cause blisters and are not recommended.

Are there any health concerns for which my child may be sent home?

Head lice, impetigo, and ringworm are common childhood infections that are highly contagious. If Health Services staff identifies that your child is infected, we may be forced to send him or her home. Please evaluate any open wounds or irritations before sending your camper, to avoid any inconvenience or disappointment.

May I pack a lunch for my child if he/she doesn't like the daily menu selection?

Parents are free to pack a lunch for their camper(s). Please leave the clearly labeled lunch container with a camp supervisor in the morning and we will deliver homemade lunches to campers at lunchtime. Do not pack perishable items because refrigeration is not available. Camp fees are not discounted if a camper brings his or her own lunch. The daily menu selection can be found on page 8.

When does my child get his/her t-shirt?

Campers receive their t-shirt during check-in on the first day of camp. Additional t-shirts are available for purchase during your child's camp week for $10/each.

Does my child need to bring any money?

Campers are provided with everything needed during their day at camp, including food and drinks. There will be no time to shop, so please do not send your child to camp with money. Busch Gardens is not responsible for lost money or valuables.

How do I add the extended care add-on option for my camper(s)?

Please refer to the "Extended Care" section on page 7 for information and parameters for this option. You may contact Education Reservations at 1-877-BGT-CAMP (1-877-248-2267) to add this option at any time.

If your child is signed up for Extended Care, please pick them up for the Education Classroom located adjacent to the main pick-up area, before 6:00p.m.

Additional Questions?

For more information about Busch Gardens Camps, please contact us at 1-877-BGT-CAMP, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, or visit our website at www.buschgardens.org. If calling after hours, please leave a message and someone will return your call the next morning.

Thank you for joining us this camp season and allowing us to share our passion for the environment and the world. We look forward to a great summer experience. To discover more about our commitment to conservation and education check out the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens animals website – buschgardens.org

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