

What does a typical day at Camp look like?

	Sprouts Camp <i>ages 4 - 5</i>	Eco-Explorers <i>ages 5 - 6</i>	Ecology Camp <i>ages 6 - 12</i>	Animal Adventures Camp <i>ages 7 - 9</i>	Cooking Camp <i>ages 8 - 10</i>	Rangers Camp <i>ages 11 - 13</i>
7:30 – 8:30	Optional extended day program. Campers are supervised by adult and teen camp staff and may choose from games, crafts, books, and other activities in the game room.					
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival for all campers. Check in, open recreation time (indoor or outdoor games, art projects, talk to friends...)					
9:00 – 9:30	Morning meeting and group games: announcements, get organized for the day, play games in small groups to get to know other campers					
9:30 – 10:30	Choice time in small groups, with each group accompanied by a counselor.	Choice time in small groups, with each group accompanied by a counselor.	Choice time! Campers roam the campus and choose where they want to play and explore. Animal yards, gardens, the outdoor classroom in the woods, frog pond, and more! Staff are stationed throughout the campus to supervise for safety as campers choose their own adventure.			
10:30 – 12:00	Large group snack and story or music time, followed by rotating through activities in small groups – garden tasting, bug hunting, visiting the animals, and other activities aligned with the day's theme.	Small group activities based on creative play and exploration – fort building, nature arts, music, animal and garden time, or other activities related to the daily theme.	Specials: each morning, campers sign-up for a “specials” activity of their choice. Activities change each day, but categories include: animals, gardening, cooking, crafts, science & nature, hiking, and games.	Animal of the day: lesson and activity on a domestic or wild animal: Build a bird or bat house, practice tracking skills, go on a salamander hunt, build terrariums and micro-habitats,...	Go over recipes for the day, then off to the garden to harvest and prepare what we need! We will usually fit in some time for games or visiting the animals, too.	Adventures in West Rock Park! Games, challenges, hikes, nature interpretation, and outdoor skills. Some days will include a picnic lunch on the trail.
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch and playtime. Campers bring their own lunch each day. Staff eat with campers and supervise lunch and playtime.					
12:45 – 2:45	Small group activity rotations to complete the day's theme, and then some whole group time to share and wrap up the day. Some afternoons may include hikes or cooling off in the sprinkler, too!	Some days will continue with small group activity rotations, and others will see the whole group head off for a hike, a scavenger hunt, games in the garden, or cooling off time by wading in the stream!	Afternoon activity: this is the “teaching time” in Ecology Camp. Lessons and activities include recycling, composting, native wildlife, pollution prevention, local foods, all about bugs, outdoor skills, and more!	Farm animal care & nature exploration: Adopt a chicken, learn to give educational presentations with/about animals, help with afternoon animal chores, go bird watching, follow animal signs in the woods, explore frog pond,...	Cooking, cleaning up, and eating! Each day, we will make and eat several new dishes, including camper created recipes and old family favorites. Sometimes we might go for a hike or play games while our food cooks.	Continuing adventures in West Rock Park! Practice building a waterproof shelter, making a fishing rod, or lighting a campfire to cook over! On farm based-days, we will cook our own food, care for the gardens, and spend time with the animals.
2:45 – 3:00	Dismissal for all campers who are not enrolled in extended day					
3:00 – 5:00	Extended day: games, art projects, garden and animal time, and supervised recreation. Parents may pick-up anytime from 3:00 – 5:00.					