



What does a typical day at Common Ground Camp look like?

Every Monday morning, parents receive a letter with an overview of each group's plans for the week. The letter shares our major themes and activities for the week, and also highlights days when campers might need additional gear (like water shoes) for a particular activity.

Each week is a little different, but our days typically follow the schedule below.

7:30 – 8:30	Optional morning care	Campers are supervised by adult camp staff and may choose from games, crafts, books, and other activities. This is typically a small group of less than 20 children, and campers are welcome to bring breakfast with them.
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival and sign in	Campers arrive, sign in with their head teacher, and then head to their cabin or classroom to put their bag away and say good morning to friends and staff. Field games, board games, playtime in the mud kitchen and sandbox, and just hanging out with friends are all available and supervised by staff as campers arrive.
9:00 – 9:30	Morning meeting	All camps meet at the Outdoor Classroom in the woods for Morning Meeting. Morning meeting is time for silly songs, announcements, and celebrations and sharing about our adventures in camp!
9:30 – 10:45	Choice time	Campers roam the campus and choose where they want to play and explore. Animal yards, gardens, the outdoor classroom in the woods, fort building, carpentry zone, art tent, field games, and more! Staff are stationed throughout the campus to supervise for safety as campers choose their own adventure. This is a favorite part of the day for many campers. SPROUTS campers (ages 4 – 5) join choice time in small groups of 3 – 4 children with one of their staff with each group.
10:45 – 11:00	Transition Time	This is our morning pause to check back in with head teachers, get lunch bags, wash hands, count heads, fill water bottles, and move to our lunch areas.
11:00 – 11:45	Lunch and playtime	Campers bring their own lunch each day. Staff eat with campers and supervise lunch and playtime. Some days a group might take lunch in their backpacks and enjoy a picnic somewhere in West Rock Park!
11:45 – 12:00	Transition Time	This is time to pack up lunch and have a short group meeting to talk about our afternoon adventures!
12:00 – 2:45	Activity time in camp groups	Each day brings new adventures as we make nature art, cook with food from the farm, play games, go on hikes, learn about science and nature, catch frogs in the wetland, and more! This is our time for hands on learning and fun.
2:45 – 3:00	Dismissal and sign out	Each camp group wraps up the day with a short afternoon meeting to tell campers what to expect for the next day and then moves to their dismissal area. Campers who are pre-registered for Extended Day are signed in with the extended day staff and have their afternoon snack.
3:00 – 5:30	Optional extended day	Games, art projects, garden and animal time, and supervised recreation. Parents may pick-up anytime from 3:00 – 5:30.