

TARA Wildlife
YOUTH CAMPS

OUTDOOR SKILLS | HUNTER SAFETY | WILDLIFE STUDIES
CAMPS FOR AGES 8 TO 16



YOUTH CAMP ACTIVITIES

- Mississippi Hunter Safety Certification
- Orienteering & Compass Usage
- Woodsmanship
- Game Calling
- Training with Shotguns and .22 Rifle
- Archery practice
- Drug Awareness Discussions
- Campfire & Cookout
- Wildlife Tours
- Alligator and Predator Management
- Wildlife Management Practices
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Field Games
- Freedom Ranch Outdoors Birds of Prey
- Mississippi State Entomology Dept Program
- Open Air Bus Rides
- River Romping
- Swimming
- Electro-shocking/fish studies
- Bird, Plant, Wildlife Identification
- Field Trips into Terrestrial Wetlands
- Safety in the Outdoors
- Birding

CAMP I - JUNIOR SUMMER CAMP - \$800

June 11 - 17

For boys and girls ages 8 and 9. Special beginner training in archery, rifle, canoeing, fishing, and woodsmanship. Camp is full of informational and educational programs, led by industry professionals. Check-in time on day one is at 5 p.m., ends at 10 a.m. on final day.

2023 OUTDOOR SUMMER CAMPS - \$800

CAMP II

June 8 - June 24

CAMP III

July 9 - July 15

CAMP IV

July 16 - July 22

For boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Check-in time on day one is at 5 p.m., ends at 10 a.m. on final day.

ADVANCED/ARCHERY CAMP - \$800

July 23 - July 29

Activities may include: expert shooting techniques in .22 rifle, sporting clays; fishing; river jug fishing; Tomahawk Tromp Challenge Course; campfire tales; alligator program; and an educational field trip. For kids aged 12-15. Check-in time on day one is at 5 p.m. - Depart 10 a.m. on the final day.

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUTH CAMP

We're never sure what the weather is going to be like in the summer. One day it may rain and the next it may be sunny. As a result, you will get dirty or muddy at some point in the week, so pack a few extra shirts and a pair of mud shoes or boots. If you pack for the changing weather, you'll be more comfortable and have more fun.

We've put together this short list of things we recommend that you bring with you to camp to make your stay more comfortable.

Here are a few things that we recommend you pack for camp:

- 3 pairs of jeans
- 7 pairs of underwear
- 7 t-shirts
- shorts
- pajamas
- plenty of socks
- boots or mud/junk shoes for walking on the trails
- belt
- 1 sweatshirt
- tennis shoes or everyday shoes for walking around in camp
- swimsuit (one-piece only)
- beach towels
- comb or brush
- personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)

If you need an EpiPen, specific medication, or wear eyeglasses, don't forget to bring those with you as well.

We'll spend a lot of time outdoors, so you may want to bring a few extra items.

- Bug spray (insect repellent)
- Sunscreen

If you like to take photos, you may bring a camera. You might want a book to read, or a backpack to carry some stuff in, or even a small flashlight. If you want to send a letter or postcard back home, bring a stamped, self-addressed envelope or postcard with you and we'll put it in the mail for you.

Unplug and Unwind

We ask that you don't bring any electronics such as cell phones, radios, or games (Playstation, Sega, Gameboys, etc.). Also, please don't bring any money, guns, or knives to camp.

Most importantly, have fun! Get to know some new friends and experience the great outdoors.

YOUTH CAMP FAQs

Some of the most frequently asked questions we get about our summer camps are listed below. If you need more information, please give us a call.

Will my child get his/her Hunter Ed Certification? What if he/she lives in another State?

We teach and test for the Mississippi Hunter Ed Certification. If your child passes and is 10 years old within the calendar year, he/she will be certified. The certification is good for all States that they wish to hunt in. A card will be mailed from MDWFP to you within 6 to 8 weeks.

Are cell phones permitted at camp?

We collect all cell phones at arrival and will return them to you on check out day.

What are roommates arrangements?

If you do not specify a buddy for a roommate, we will attempt to assign a roommate for your child close to the same age.

How many counselors does your camp have and what age are they?

Tara's Camp Director has been employed in this position for over 10 years. Other full time Tara Staff members also assist with camp activities. Additionally, we employ up to two female and two male Youth Counselors to assist with camp. Background checks are required for all full and part time Tara Staff members assisting with camp.

My child has limited experience with firearms and archery. Do you require that they participate in all shooting activities?

Although we encourage each child to participate in all camp activities, it is by no means mandatory that a child take part in shooting and other sports.

May I telephone my child or may they call home at evenings to chat about how things are going at camp?

Generally, campers or parents that are home/child sick work through the feeling within the first day or so. Phones calls may be disruptive and tend to snowball homesick feelings with other children. Mailing letters to campers is encouraged.

How is the food at camp and what if my child has an allergy to some food items?

We ask that parents disclose any and all food allergies or concerns at registration. Tara Staff will do everything possible to prepare substitute foods items. The food Tara prepares is southern favorites with a twist for children. Salads or like substitutes are available for most lunches and dinners. Pizza and chicken tenders continue to be the campers favorites.

My child takes medication on certain days. How is this administered?

At registration Tara Staff collects all medication. A dedicated staffer is responsible for making sure medication is taken based upon the parents orders. Medication must arrive in the original container. If any additional medications for any reason are needed, Tara staff telephone a parent for permission.

I have a concern about someone picking up my child that does not have permission.

Your registration form tells us who is "Never to Pick Up Your Child" A sign out sheet is completed on going home day for this reason.

Tara Summer Youth Camp Registration & Enrollment Form 2023

Please indicate how you heard of Tara Summer Camps (Check One) School Handout Friend, Neighbor Relative Social Media Web Search

Other _____

Please list desired camp: _____

Camper's Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____
Last First M.I.

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ School Attending: _____

(Your child's SS# is required prior to camp arrival in case of medical emergencies) _____

Home Address: _____
Number and street address City & State Zip

Email address: _____ Alternate email address: _____

Camper resides with: Both Parents: _____ Father: _____ Mother: _____ Other: _____

Father's full Name: _____ Res Phone: _____ Bus. Cell _____

Mother's full Name: _____ Res Phone: _____ Bus. Cell _____

Guardian's full Name: _____ Res Phone: _____ Bus. Cell _____

Alternate responsible person (not parent) to be reached in case of emergency if parent or guardian is unavailable:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Bus. Cell Relationship: _____

NOTE: Please list below any special considerations or persons who are never to be authorized to pick up your child.

Roommate Request: _____ Previous Years Attended: _____

Insurance: If you have hospital or health insurance for your child, please list:

Insurance Company and policy holder: _____ # _____
Please send a copy of Insurance Card (Front and Back)

Cost Per Session: \$800
\$200 deposit is required at booking/registration

Payment Options: **Check:** In Full: \$ _____ Check: # _____
Deposit \$ _____ Check: # _____

Credit Card Payment: In Full: \$ _____ Installments: \$200. (Upon receipt) \$ _____ each Month

Installments: I acknowledge DEPOSIT will be charged upon receipt. Please charge my balance to credit card in two (2) monthly installments

The installments will be charged the first Monday of each month. **NOTE:** Total payment is due before Check-in.

Required camp forms may also be obtained from: www.tarawildlife.com E-mail: tara@tarawildlife.com Phone: 601-279-4261

Medical Notes ~ Special Instructions ~ Dietary Needs or Concerns ~ Food Allergies:
Please note Mississippi Department of Health requires all medications to arrive in original packaging.

Please mark all items with name tags or indelible ink with Child's name. Make sure your child has clothing for 7 days. Children need no money while present at camp. Snacks are always available. We provide bows for archery instruction and competition. Campers who choose to bring own bow/arrows may do so, (field point only). Fishing at Tara during camp is a "free time" activity. Tara will provide cane poles, however, campers are encouraged to bring their personal fishing gear including tackle box, rods, if desired etc.

Mail to: Tara Wildlife, 6791 Eagle Lake Shore Rd., Vicksburg, MS 39183 **Phone:** 601-279-4261 **Website:** www.tarawildlife.com

Authorization, Release, Indemnity, Covenant Not to Sue, Covid-19 Liability Release Waiver

The Undersigned _____
as the parent and natural guardian of _____
("Minor Child"), desires to allow Minor Child to participate in and attend Tara Wildlife Summer Camp or Archery Camp (Tara Camp) on property in Warren County, Mississippi (the Property) owned by Purvis Grange Foundation, Inc. d/b/a Tara Wildlife (collectively "Tara"), subject to terms, conditions, and understandings set forth herein. The officers, directors, shareholders, members, agents, and employees of Tara are collectively and individually referred to as the "Indemnified Party (s)."

I do hereby acknowledge that I am aware that my child will be , hiking, canoeing, using various weapons, and other outdoor activities. I do hereby give my permission for him/her to take part in these and all other camp activities. The undersigned recognizes that, among other activities, desires to indemnify and hold the Indemnified Parties harmless from all such risks and dangers which may result to the Minor Child on or around the Property while attending the Tara Camp.

Photography Authorization: I do hereby authorize Tara to use and reproduce photographs, film, and videotape taken of my child and circulate same for advertising and publicity purposes of all kinds without additional compensation.

Medical Authorization: If a medical emergency involving my child/ward arises, I understand that every effort will be made by the staff to contact me as soon as possible. In the event that I cannot be located or in order to avoid delay in medical treatment for my child/ward which might jeopardize the life or recovery of my child/ward, I hereby authorize Tara staff members to make medical treatment decisions for my child/ward on my behalf and to authorize qualified health care professionals to provide appropriate medical treatment for my child/ward except for the following medical treatments and or procedures:

All Medicines and Medication for campers will be registered at check-in-date. Instruction form to be completed at that time.

COVID-19: Tara has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, however Tara cannot guarantee that your child will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, any participation in any event at Tara could increase your child's risk of contracting COVID-19. As part of the measures, Tara is taking extra precautions with the care of every camper to include health history review. Some of the enhanced procedures Tara is using to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- All employees will receive daily temperature checks and health screenings.
- All campers will receive daily temperature checks and health screenings.
- Common areas will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in common areas combined with CDC "Help Stop the Spread" posters in these areas.

Symptoms of COVID-19 which will be monitored include: Fever Fatigue Dry Cough Difficulty Breathing

I agree to the following regarding my child:

- I affirm that my child, as well as all household members, do not currently have, nor has experienced the symptoms above within the last 14 days, nor has any household member been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- I affirm that my child as well as all household members, has not knowingly been exposed to anyone diagnosed with COVID -19 within the past 14 days. I also affirm that my child has not traveled outside the country or to any "Hot Spot" for COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
- I understand that Tara cannot be held liable for any exposure to the COVID-19 virus caused by misinformation on this form or the health history provided by each parent or guardian.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the right of the Minor Child to attend the Tara Camp and to participate in the activities therewith, including but not limited to archery, skeet, .22rifles, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, for himself, the Minor Child, his family, his heirs, administrators, executors, devisees and assigns hereby agrees to the above stated acknowledgments and authorizations and does hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS each Indemnified Party from and against all claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, recoveries, attorney's fees and judgements of whatsoever nature, kind and description, brought, recovered or extracted against any Indemnified Party for or on account of. Any loss, damage, or injury (including death resulting there from) or any claim or any loss, damage, injury or death received or sustained or alleged to have been received or sustained by the Minor Child on or around the Property while attending Tara Camp.

I sign this instrument voluntarily, and with full knowledge and understanding of the rights I hereby waive and release. By signing below, I agree to each statement above and release Tara, its directors, employees, agents, and representatives from any and all liability for unintentional exposure or harm due to COVID-19. If any provision hereof is invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect and the remaining provisions shall be construed liberally in favor of each Indemnified Party in order to effectuate the provisions hereof. This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi.

Name of Child (print)

Parent or Guardian (print)

Signature

Date