## INNESS DAY CAMP

# SUMMER 2022

## DATES

July 18-21 July 25-28 August 22-25 August 29 - September 1

## TIME

9:00AM to 3:00PM

Please Note: Drop-off & pickup will be staggered, location TBD

#### PRICING

\$275 Per week
\*A non-refundable deposit of \$75 due at sign up

Balance due by June 1st

#### GROUP SIZE

10-12 children per group \*Space is limited

#### REGISTRATION

Opens Friday, February 18th, 12:00PM Sign up available through the member portal/app

## ABOUT THE CAMP

Inness Summer Day Camp will nurture your child's sense of wonder and curiosity with enriching experiences that help them connect to nature.

Each week of camp is a balance of discovery, ecology, arts, sensory and movement, with an emphasis on showing gratitude to nature! Our campers will leave with more awareness of themselves, others and their environment.

Woven into our daily activities will be special guest drop-ins to lead music & dance workshops, friendly team sports, exciting obstacle course challenges, unique art projects and more!

Additionally, we have a very special mentoring program between our oldest and youngest campers, where caring & supportive relationships are formed.

Inness Summer Day Camp is open to Inness Member families only. Space is limited and enrollment is available on a first come, first served basis.

Additional questions please contact:

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We'd love to hear from you!

#### GRASSHOPPERS (AGES 5-7)

We'll sneak through the trees, pretend in a magical forest, seek out and examine insects, plants, birds and animals. Your explorer will uncover wonders of the natural world through play, games, sensory activities, crafts and silliness! The Grasshopper age group is led by staff with specific experience working with younger children.

As one of the Grasshoppers, your child can expect a variety of running through the meadows, climbing adventures, open-ended art, water play, nature games, fantastical stories, and lots of unstructured play with the group! Each week is built around a simpler version of the other group themes, but the activities are just as engaging, at an appropriate skill level.

Additionally, a very special part of our Grasshopper's program is mentor pairing with an older camper from the Willows. They will spend a little time each day reading a story and working on a fun craft together. Grasshoppers will look to their mentor as a positive role model, and one more person who can support and encourage them. This relationship can even help raise your child's own confidence and self-esteem.



#### WILDFLOWERS (AGES 8-10)

Each week the Wildflowers will have a different nature theme and ecological focus. The theme will be paired with the location so children are learning about the actual plants, trees, animals, birds, and insects in their neighborhood. The daily structured activities are based around the theme (cooperative games that teach nature concepts, crafts, water play, scavenger hunts, songs, stories, and investigations using tools and equipment).

A portion of each day is left for campers to enjoy leisure time, exploring the meadows and forest, stopping to examine something found, making a flower crown or rock sculpture, etc. We believe that both structured activities and unstructured play are vital in helping children learn, grow and connect to their natural environment.



#### WILLOWS (AGES 11-15)

The Willows will focus on nature skills, creating balance between nature exploration, ecological learning, and hands-on skills. Nature Skills camp is for older children, and while on-site, campers will use the unstructured time to explore our property on foot, discovering what is interesting to them, and egaging in activities like focusing on a specific skill or craft, building outdoor forts, or starting up a capture the flag game. This helps keep our older campers excited about the games and exploration of each day, but also allows them to hone a skill like whittling, carving, weaving or knot tying which requires more fine motor coordination, responsibility, and patience. This is a good option for campers who have an interest in working with their hands.

Additionally, a very special part of our Willow's program is mentor pairing with a younger camper from the Grasshoppers. They will spend a little time each day reading a story and working on a fun craft together. Mentoring will allow your child to give something of themselves in a way that's both selfless and fulfilling. They'll get the opportunity to work on interpersonal skills, building a solid and caring relationship with the young camper they're mentoring. Your child will gain experience on how to be patient, respect boundaries and communicate kindly with others who may be reluctant to trust them. These skills will carry over into their personal lives!



#### OUR SAFETY PROMISE

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure the safest possible setting for all participants, staff, and our community, changes may occur to any of our protocols and Day Camp program offerings at any time.

#### **GROUP SIZE**

Camp or group sizes may be limited to comply with NYS and Ulster County Health Departments' social distancing guidelines and requirements. We expect these guidelines to be updated as summer approaches, but, initially we will be limiting the number of participants in each group to a safe and manageable number. Thus, your application may end up on a waiting list. It is our strongest hope that we will be able to expand group sizes. Waiting list applicants will be contacted if and when the determined group sizes change.

