

Summer Program FAQ's

What is the student to instructor ratio?

Most programs are limited to a maximum of 12 children and will have 2 instructors.

Will programs be held indoors or outdoors?

The majority of our activities have always been held outdoors. Brief visits indoors may be necessary and mostly limited to restroom breaks, extreme weather situations, and visits to see an animal exhibit.

Will the children be swimming?

Children who participate in Curious Naturalists, Field Explorers, Junior Biologists, Pond Adventures, Pond Experience and Salt Marsh Exploration will have an opportunity to explore Franklin's Pond and/or the salt marsh. There will be no swimming, but they will be permitted to wade in the water up to their waist. Children will be reminded of their boundaries each time they encounter a water activity.

Can my child participate in more than one session of the same program?

Program activities will repeat from one week to the next. If your child doesn't mind doing an activity twice, he or she is welcome to attend a program more than once.

Should I be concerned about ticks?

Ticks can be found anywhere on Long Island, including your own backyard. It is always good practice to do a quick tick inspection after playing in the outdoors. Many of our programs explore the Nature Conservancy trail in the St. John's Pond Preserve, but we remain on a maintained trail reducing the risk of coming across a tick.

What should my child wear?

Children will spend time outdoors each day. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Appropriate footwear includes closed-toed, captive-heeled shoes (sneakers or water shoes). We also recommend a hat and sunglasses. Some of our campers will have an opportunity to visit the salt marsh or Franklin's Pond. They will be notified the day before and can wear a bathing suit under their clothes.

What should my child bring with them?

We ask that every child brings a water bottle and a small backpack to carry their belongings.

Do I need to be concerned about my child's food allergy?

Programs are scheduled to last only 1½-3 hours so we will not be eating lunch or snack. Participants are encouraged to bring a water bottle, but please save snack for before or after the program. Food allergies can be indicated on the child's medical form. Children attending the supervised lunch session will be asked not to open their lunch during programs.

What happens if my child feels sick?

All participants, including children and staff, will be asked to monitor their health before joining us each day. No person(s) will be allowed to participate in programs if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. If your child is feeling sick, please stay home and notify the Hatchery staff before the start of your program.

Can I get a refund?

All payments are non-refundable and non-transferable. There will be no refunds or makeups for illnesses, absences or cancellations. There will be a \$20 per program transfer fee for changing the session of your program. Transfers must be done at least 2 weeks in advance and are based on availability.

Do you still have questions about our summer programs? Contact Krissy at (516) 692-6768 or krissyf@cshfishhatchery.org.

