



Dear Campout Participants:

We are excited to teach you the basics of tent camping at our upcoming overnight adventure! We are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for you and your family to discover the MWCD campgrounds and new opportunities for years to come.

This packet includes a general camp schedule, required and recommended packing lists, food shopping list, and FAQs. We encourage you to share this information with everyone in your group, including children.

Please take a moment to read through the packet to help plan your adventure. Please note that we provide a tent and one air mattress for your camping group. We also supply cooking equipment that will be shared with all of the groups. We have also included a general schedule for our skilled staff to lead you through, plus allow time for your family to explore and create memories together. Activities will include a pontoon boat tour on the lake, setting up a campsite, campfire building and cooking, a guided nature hike, and how to plan for a camping trip. If there is a time when your family would like to hike, go swimming, or relax, please let the leader know and feel free to do so. You can also enjoy the entire day on Friday at the park after the program concludes.

The food shopping list includes common items you may have at home or can find easily at a grocery store. You will need to bring a cooler and ice to keep perishables cold. A frozen gallon of water works very well in a cooler and is usable as drinking water as it melts! We will demonstrate campfire cooking techniques using these specific items or similar items that you enjoy. You may be able to pick up an item at the camp store, but some parks are farther away from a grocery store.

Arrival and check-in time is from 6am to 6:30pm. The sooner you arrive, the sooner we can begin! If you have any questions, please contact Kara Musser at 330-343-6647, ext. 2614 or email kmusser@mwcd.org.

Please Keep In Mind

- This is meant to be a new learning experience. We will encourage you to have fun, learn from your mistakes, and share your own experiences and knowledge with the group. Camping can be a challenge, but it is also very rewarding.
- We will camp rain or shine, so be prepared for everything! Dress in layers so that you can easily change with weather shifts.
- Ask questions! It is important that you understand what you are being taught and will be able to take the knowledge with you for future adventures. We will provide hands-on activities for all of the camping skills for this purpose.
- Explore the campground, park, and beyond! Learn about the plants and animals that live in the park, try a new activity, or spend time with your family discovering the history of the park.
- Be safe! Please follow the park rules, being prepared for your activity, and listening to park staff. The rules are in place to keep you and everyone else safe. Thank you for your cooperation, in advance.
- Alcohol and pets are prohibited. We understand that many adventures include these items, but to ensure that the experience is enjoyable for all, we ask that pets are left at home.
- The Perseid Meteor showers will be at peak viewing during the campout. Bring binoculars to help with viewing. The naturalist will give you some information about where to look and what to look for.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can participate? Families who are looking forward to getting back to school and want to campout before the hectic schedule starts again. People with all camping experiences are welcome! The program can accommodate up to 6 people per site, with a maximum of three adults per site.

How much does it cost? The camp cost is \$60 per group if borrowing tent and equipment or \$45 if using your own equipment. The fee includes the use of camping equipment, camping, instruction, and up to two car passes. Any additional car passes will be \$3 each.

What is provided? We will provide a campsite, tent, and one air mattress per camp group (participants are responsible for food, bedding and personal items); basic campfire cooking equipment to share with the larger group; instructional sessions and family-friendly activities led by park staff, pontoon boat tour of the lake, plus additional recreation time to enjoy access to all park amenities; access to toilets, showers, and safe drinking water; parking permit for two vehicles for the duration of the program; and firewood.

What age do my kids need to be? Kids will have a wonderful time, however young children require more attention and care in an outdoor setting. We do not recommend children under the age of 3 for this camp.

Can we bring our dog? All of our campgrounds do offer pet-friendly locations, however please do not bring pets to this Campout. We want to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all campers.

What should I bring? You will need to bring your own sleeping bags, bedding, groceries, personal items, and anything else that you require. Please see the list of required and recommended supplies.

How do I register? Go to www.senecaparkohio.org and find the event listing on the Calendar of Events. Click the Register Now button which will take you to Eventbrite.com. Register and pay through Eventbrite.com to receive an email confirmation with the waiver and registration form. Download and print the registration form. Send completed registration form to kmusser@mwcd.org or bring it with you to the event.

How long does the camp last? The camp last from 6pm on Thursday through 2pm on Friday. Participants may enjoy the park facilities until 11:00 p.m. on Day 2.

Will we see any wildlife? Absolutely! The MWCD parks are home to many animals, including deer, turkey, squirrels, eagles, fish, and more.

Will there be a lot of bugs? Bugs are a part of any outdoor experience. What kind and how many will depend on the time of location of the camp. Bring your bug spray and avoid using perfume or strong smelling soap to reduce the attraction of mosquitos and bees.

Will I have to sleep on the ground? We will provide one air mattress per group. You may bring your own from home too! You can also bring yoga mats or other camping pads.

Can my child bring a friend? Yes! The group can be up to 6 people. We will provide kid-friendly activities, plus the parks offer basketball courts, volleyball courts, playgrounds, hiking trails, swimming beaches, and more! Please remember that you are responsible for all members of your group.

Can we bring our bikes or kayaks? You bet! Bikes are a great way to get around the campgrounds and kayaks are a wonderful way to explore the lakes. Helmets and life jackets are recommended. All hand-powered boats must have a "no-fee" docking decal, which can be obtained at each park office.

Can we stay for the weekend? If you loved your experience so much that you would like to stay for the weekend, you can use the tent and other equipment through the weekend! You would need to complete registration at the park office and pay the regular per night fee for the campsite. Camping equipment would need to be packed up and returned to the park office by 2pm on your final day of camping.

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General Camp Schedule

Friday

5:30-6pm	Check-in
6:15pm	Introductions and What to Expect
6:30pm	Adults: Campsite Setup Kids: Fishing Fun
7:30pm	Campfire Building & Cooking Intro & Dinner
9:30pm	Night Hike Perseid Meteor Shower Viewing?

Saturday

8am	Wakeup & Breakfast
9 am	Adults: How to Plan Your Own Adventure & MWCD, Seneca Overview Kids: Ranger Visit or Craft
10am	Campsite Cleanup
Noon	Family Free Time

Enjoy the rest of your day!!!

Supplied Items

- ✓ Tent
- ✓ One air mattress
- ✓ Firewood
- ✓ Wash tub and scrubber for dishes
- ✓ Basic campfire cooking supplies

Required Items

- Sleeping bags or bedding
- Queen size sheet (to cover our air mattress)
- Air mattress or sleeping pads
- Pillow
- Comfortable and supportive shoes
- Long pants and shorts
- Long-sleeved shirt, fleece, or sweatshirt
- Short-sleeved shirt or tanktop
- Windbreaker or light jacket
- Water bottle for each person
- Socks (3 pairs per person)

Recommended Items

- Any camping equipment that you own
- Camp chairs
- Flashlight or lantern
- Camera
- Binoculars

Personal Hygiene & Essentials:

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Lip balm
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Towel
- Wash cloth
- First aid kit
- Medicine
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent

Additional Clothing:

- Underwear
- Hat
- Pajamas
- Swimsuit
- Rain gear
- Water shoes (swimming and showers)

Other:

- Backpack
- Sunglasses
- Nature guides
- Book, board game, cards, Frisbee, etc.
- Trash bags
- Dish soap
- Re-sealable plastic bags
- Aluminum foil
- Dish towel
- Cooler and ice

Food List

Bring quantities that fit your group needs.

Thursday Dinner Foil Dinner Option:

- Chicken (pre-cooked or canned)
- Green beans, corn, carrots, broccoli, etc.
- Instant rice
- Mushrooms
- Spices like oregano or parsley

Thursday Dinner Over the Open Fire Option:

- Hot dogs, bratwurst, veggie dogs
- Buns
- Condiments
- Chips, fruit, cookies

Friday Breakfast Options:

- Instant oatmeal w/ brown sugar, dehydrated fruit, etc.
- Bagels, English muffins
- PB and jam
- Fruit
- Juice, coffee, or instant coffee
- Pancake batter (eggless variety) w/ syrup
- Breakfast bars

Friday Lunch Option:

- Bread, tortillas, crackers
- Cheese, deli meat, summer sausage
- Tomatoes, lettuce, veggies
- Condiments
- Chips, fruit, cookies
- Water, juice, tea

Snacks:

- Fruit
- Trail mix
- Nuts
- Jerky