

**IMPORTANT CAMP INFORMATION**  
**For Parents and Campers**  
**Please hold on to this sheet!!**

**Tuition and Expenses**

If you have not paid in full, the remainder is due on or before June 1. Your tuition covers all camp expenses. There are no extra expenses for craft items, laundry, special programs, etc.; therefore, you need not send any money with your child to camp. If your child travels by bus or plane, you may need to send some travel money that we will keep in the camp office until the camper's departure. Parents may wish to bring money on visitors day as t shirts, stickers, post cards, books and dvds will be available for purchase on that day only. Turtle Island merchandise is also available year round on our website storefront.

**Arrival and Departure**

Campers should arrive at the **WEST ENTRANCE** check-in point by **2:00 PM on Sunday**. Departure is **Saturday at 10:00 AM** back at the **WEST ENTRANCE**. Directions are enclosed. From this point we will hike in to main camp (about one mile). The supply truck will transport the camper's belongings into camp while we make the hike down. A water bottle and small day-pack is all they will carry on the hike down. Please make sure the camper has raingear on their person or in the daypack for the hike down. Proper footwear is essential as this is a rocky downgrade into camp. Please advise us of your travel plans if you will be unable to arrive and depart at the given times. If the camper will be traveling by bus or plane, please make sure to include their travel schedule on the parent information sheet and return it to us in advance so we can be certain to be at the airport/bus station to pick up or drop off your child on time.

**Mail and Telephone**

You can contact camp at: **Turtle Island Preserve** -2683 Little Laurel Rd. Boone, NC 28607 - (828) 265-2267 Letters to campers are great, but campers should not be telephoned except in emergencies. If you call the number above, you will more than likely receive an answering machine. Please leave a message. Incoming calls are checked at least twice daily; once in the morning and once in the evening. **\*\*Mail should be sent first class without a required signature. Priority and Express mail require a trip to the post office, which is rather difficult to get to during business hours. Please do not send packages of snacks, candies and edible goodies - they ultimately cause conflict amongst campers and attract marauding wild animals into camp.**

**Visiting**

Parents may visit camp at any time; however, we prefer that you visit only on our visitor's day, which is on the day of departure. If you are coming, please let us know in advance so we can add you into the breakfast count! Park at the west entrance, walk down, planning to arrive in base-camp by 8a.m.

**Safety, Insurance and Medical Emergencies**

Safety is always top priority at camp. Most of our staff have been trained in first aid. There will be a first aid kit at each campsite and activity area, as well as the "mother first aid kit" in the kitchen. The Watauga County Hospital, in nearby Boone, serves as our professional medical service should a serious accident occur. Turtle Island will carry no health or accident insurance for your child; so, you will need to give us your insurance policy number and permission to seek professional medical attention in the event of injury.

**Quality Food**

Turtle Island is renowned for its excellent meals! Campers and staff alike often brag about how delicious the food is. We serve well-balanced meals of tasty heath food fare. We use fresh, healthy ingredients and stay away from processed foods. All you can eat, nutritious, well-balanced meals are a tradition at Turtle Island Preserve. There should be no additional food brought to camp. Please indicate dietary restrictions/needs and or food allergies on your child's medical form.

**Cleanliness**

The Counseling staff gives guidance in personal hygiene with regular bathing, teeth brushing and all needed personal maintenance activities. A small bar of soap and towel are much more appropriate to send with your camper than "disposable antibacterial wipes" which tend to create excessive waste and heavily impact our fragile environment.

**\*\*Please label everything you pack so it is easily identifiable to your camper & our staff.\*\***