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Dear Sensory Safari Campers/Parents:

I wanted to send a letter with some tips for a successful camp. Hopefully by now you all have received a letter from camp describing what to pack, and medication forms, etc. I wanted to give a few helpful suggestions when packing for camp. We have found that in the past some of the campers have had a hard time keeping their belongings organized and together. One suggestion when packing would be to put each outfit for each day (Thurs- Sun) in a separate gallon zip lock bag labeled with the day. After the child is finished wearing these clothes they can put the outfit back into the same bag and then we will know what is dirty and what is not.

Please bring plenty of extra clothes i.e.

-Socks

-Underwear

-T-shirts

-An extra old pair of sneakers for wadding in the creek

-A long pair of pants for horse back riding.

-A jacket or sweatshirt for chilly nights

-If your child requires ear plugs or other items for swimming like a life jacket, please provide these items, and let a counselor know they require these.

If your child has a certain toy or stuffed animal that helps them calm down or they are “bonded” to feel free to pack that along, sometimes this helps with the transition to a new place. A few days before camp begin talking to your child about camp, what to expect, and you may go to the website www.outdoorministries.org and show them pictures of the camp this may help with the transition, as well. Some activities we will be doing on a daily basis are eating 3 meals, having a daily music and movement class, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, slip N slides, campfires, and crafts. You can mention these things when preparing your child for camp.

Camp will be a new experience for most campers and will help give them a sense of independence and help provide them a new opportunity to learn important social, sensory, and interpersonal skills.

When arriving the first day, please allow yourself an hour up to an hour and a half to stay with your child to help them unpack and become familiar with their new environment. When returning to pick up your child, on Thursday, please make sure that you see me (Kylie) before they leave to retrieve there sensory packet and any other items they made while at camp.

I look forward to another successful and fun Sensory Safari. Thank you all for your interest in this camp. I hope to see you all on Thursday July 7th! If you have any last minute questions or concerns, please feel free to call or e-mail me at 937-684-1080, or kyky59s@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,
Kylie Shetler
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