

Dear JNC Parents and Campers,

In our profession, we do everything we can to encourage you to open the door and get outside, and we are still providing the same inspiration through this year's virtual Junior Nature Camp! From **July 19-24**, meet-up with returning campers and staff and make new friends as we provide you with a connection to nature and the great outdoors. Every session will have bi-directional opportunities to engage with JNC staff as you discover the wonders of nature together!

Virtual Junior Nature Camp requires internet access, and either a strong cell phone signal and (free) Zoom app, or a PC/laptop/desktop computer with a strong internet connection. Campers may wish to use headphones during sessions (*to help block out their background noise for themselves and others*).

Sunday, July 19, 7-8pm (*Parents are welcome to sit in on this session*)

- Welcoming message from Camp Director, Jeff Altemus, including an introduction of JNC 2020 staff, a photo tour of Camp Giscowheco, and the reveal of the first Junior Naturalist Challenge!
- Review camp expectations, *Code of Conduct*, and the daily schedule.
- Meet new campers and re-acquaint yourself with friends and tent-mates from last year!

Monday, July 20 - Friday, July 24

- 9-11am: Morning session includes:
 - Bird Walk - Learn the most common backyard birds with tips for identifying in the field
 - Daily announcements and program offerings
 - Nearby Nature Minute
 - Morning program – Join our talented volunteers and Naturalists for topics such as stream study, pollinators, tree ID, and more!
- Afternoons are for adventures! On your own, work to complete the daily Junior Naturalist Challenge! Whether you are exploring your own backyard, local park or nearby nature center, this is your time to head outside and put your knowledge to work. *Rainy day activities provided as needed.*
- 7:30-9:30pm: Evening session includes:
 - Free time – connect with campers and counselors in a variety of virtual hangouts. If your group has Vespers, be sure to touch base with your group's counselor to get your poem, reading or song approved!
 - Vespers and Campfire
 - Counselors in Training will meet with Lenny following the campfire (*Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs*).

All session times are based on camper participation and may end earlier than scheduled.

Cost:

\$175/\$150 OI member / (\$50 for additional household members)

Registration includes:

- Access to all virtual sessions and digital copies of Campfire Songbook, Camp Menu & Recipes
- Commemorative t-shirt & tree-cookie nametag
- Official JNC Bird List and Craft Kit
- **NOTE:** Camper packages (*shirt, nametag, bird list and craft kit*) can be picked up at the Schrader Center or shipped. Register by July 5 to guarantee delivery before camp!

We hope you can join us for a wonderful week of Junior Nature Camp, where community connection and nature exploration is always celebrated!

Sincerely,

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