We are excited to get out on the river this summer! Our special river is the perfect playground for our week of exploration and adventure! Please read over all of the enclosed information and keep this packet handy while your child is attending camp this summer.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT SUSQ CAMP

Camp will be taking place both indoors and outdoors, with an emphasis on outdoor recreation. Each morning after sign-in we will do a short game or activity and go over the plan for the day. Then we will get ready for our daily paddle with Chiques Rock Outfitters. Campers will spend the morning on the river learning and developing their kayaking abilities. Guides and adults will be also be on the water with the campers. Paddles may just be “out-and-back” paddles right there on our section of the Susquehanna River, or there may be times where we paddle down the river to a destination and get a shuttle back with Chiques Rock Outfitters. Paddles may include water-quality testing, river clean-ups, water games, and heritage tours.

After our morning paddle, campers will have time to change clothes, take a break and get ready and have lunch at Columbia Crossing on the deck. In the afternoon, activities with Susquehanna Heritage staff will take place at Columbia Crossing. A focus on environment, nature, and fun will drive the activities.

In the event of poor water conditions or when the river is determined to be unsafe for paddling, other recreational activities may be supplemented. Possible activities could be bike riding on the Northwest River Trail, geocaching in Chickies Rock Park, and tubing on Chiques Creek.

Each day will be a fun-filled adventure, right here on the Susquehanna!
DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please do not drop off your child prior to the start of camp. Campers must be signed in by an adult at the front desk counter at Columbia Crossing. Campers will be signed out at the end of the day in the same location. Any authorized adult picking up your child MUST SHOW A PICTURE ID. Your child will not be released to an adult who is not on your authorized release list or to anyone who does not have a picture ID.

If your child will be walking, biking, or taking public transportation to and from camp, please provide this information on the Registration Application. Your child’s safety is our primary concern.

LATE FEES: There will be a late-fee assessed for children who are picked up after 3:45 pm. The late fee is $1.00 for each minute past 3:45 pm. If your child is not picked up by 4:00 PM, we will call all people you have listed as emergency contacts.

LUNCH AND SNACK

Please be sure to address ALL allergy concerns and dietary restrictions on the registration application.

LUNCH: Please send your camper with a lunch that can be stored at room temperature or in a refrigerator and does not require heating or microwave to consume.

SNACK: Campers will be provided with a snack each day. Campers can also pack an alternative snack if they are not interested in the snacks provided.

DAILY MEDICATION

No camper will be permitted in camp without a signed registration packet and completed medical section. If your camper needs to receive medication while in camp, please include instructions on your registration application and discuss the medication with staff at drop off. Please give necessary medication to camp staff at drop off.
CANCELLATION AND REFUND

Cancellations made more than 2 weeks in advance will be refunded, less a $50 administration fee. No refunds or credits issued for voluntary withdrawal, no shows, or the expulsion from the program. No refunds or credits given for students who check-in and who do not finish the program, unless it is injury or sickness related. If Susquehanna Heritage cancels the program for any reason other than acts of God and weather related or facility related cancellations, a full refund will be issued.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

I understand that my child should not bring toys, mobile phones, electronic devices, jewelry, money, or any possession of value with them to any of the programs. I further understand that my child will be responsible for their belongings during the program and that Susquehanna Heritage is not responsible for lost or damaged personal belongings.

WEATHER

Camps will be held rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, activities may be modified or moved indoors. I understand that outdoor exploration is an integral part of the program and my child will be exposed to risks including by not limited to sun, ticks, and insects. I understand that it is my responsibility to apply sunscreen and insect repellent to my child before bringing him/her to camp each day.

BEHAVIOR POLICY

We expect campers to act respectfully at all times when they are on our property or participating in our programs. Campers are to behave in a mature, responsible way and respect the rights and dignity of others. Campers Respect themselves, each other, camp equipment and the environment.

Examples of unacceptable behavior:
Refusing to follow behavior guidelines or camp rules, Using profanity, vulgarity or obscenity, Stealing or damaging property (personal or camp property), Refusal to participate in activities or cooperate with staff, Disrupting a program, Leaving a program without permission, Endangering the health and safety of children and/or staff, Use of illicit drugs, alcohol or tobacco or sexual conduct of any kind, Teasing, making fun or bullying of other campers or staff, Fighting of any kind.

Camper fees are non-refundable if a camper is sent home for disciplinary reasons. Physical violence or bullying toward another camper or staff member will result in immediate dismissal from the camp program.
DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

When a camper does not follow the behavior guidelines, we will take the following action steps as behavior problems progress.

- Staff will redirect the camper to more appropriate behavior.
- If inappropriate behavior continues, the camper will be reminded of behavior guidelines and camp rules, and the camper will be asked to decide on action steps to correct his/her behavior.
- If a child’s behavior still does not meet expectations and is affecting the experience of other campers, he/she will sit out activities, especially in instances where they are posing a risk to themselves or others.
- If inappropriate behavior continues, as a final action step the camper may be dismissed from camp.

WHAT TO WEAR

We recommend that campers wear comfortable shorts/pants, socks, and athletic shoes/sandals. We also recommend that participants wear sunscreen, even on overcast days. If rain is in the forecast, send your child with his/her raincoat. We also recommend that campers bring a change of clothes and/or towel in case they get wet while kayaking.

For kayaking, campers must wear secure, closed-toe shoes that can get wet. Flip-flops, and croc-style shoes are not recommended as they may lose them while on the water. A swimsuit may be worn under shorts and a light weight shirt or top that can get wet.

While kayaking life jackets provided by Chiques Rock Outfitters are required to be worn AT ALL TIMES.

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

- **8:45 am - 9:00 AM**  Check-in at Columbia Crossing
- **9:30 AM**  Games/team-building/get ready for the day
- **10:00 am - noon**  Kayak paddling with Chiques Rock Outfitters in Columbia River Park
- **12:30 PM**  Lunch and downtime
- **1:30 PM**  Activity with Susquehanna Heritage Staff (water quality exploration, arts and crafts, games, nature activities)
- **3:30 PM**  Sign out at Columbia Crossing

WHAT TO BRING

- Backpack
- Lunch
- Change of Clothes
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Swim suit or top and shorts that can get wet while kayaking
- Sturdy shoes that can get wet (straps around the ankle) Please NO flip-flops
- Towel
- Any medications