

WELCOME TO NCOAE – CAMP L.E.A.D.

CAMP INFORMATION:

WHAT: NCOAE Camp L.E.A.D.

WHERE: Student check-in will be at The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education campus at **9809 River Rd., Wilmington, NC 28412**. The check-in table will be located in the main parking area. If there is inclement weather, check-in and pick-up will be located just inside the building.

WHEN: Check-in will be between **8:00-8:30am ET every day of camp Monday-Friday**. Programming will begin promptly at 8:30am. NCOAE staff will sign your child in, collect any medication needed during day program, and do a bag check to ensure your student has all needed items for the day. After check-in is complete, you may depart.

PICK UP: Student pick-up will be from **4:00-4:30pm ET each day of camp Monday-Friday** at The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education campus at 9809 River Rd., Wilmington, NC 28412.

General FAQ'S:

1. **What is Camp LEAD?**

Camp LEAD is a 5-day, outdoor-based day camp where kids ages 8–11 develop confidence, leadership skills, and a deeper connection to nature. Each day is built around hands-on learning, creative thinking, and group exploration and STEM through the L.E.A.D. pillars: Learn, Explore, Adventure, Discover.

2. **Where is the camp located?**

Camp is held at NCOAE's campus at 9809 River Road, Wilmington, NC, a 17-acre site with local trails, water access, and adventure zones near the Cape Fear region.

3. **What are the camp hours?**

Camp runs Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. On the final day, camp ends slightly earlier at 3:00 PM, following a family celebration and awards ceremony.

4. **What does a typical day look like?**

Each day follows a unique theme, such as Team Building, Outdoor Skills, Adventure, Environmental Discovery, and Celebration & Reflection. Activities range from science explorations, STEM projects, and shelter building to nature hikes, eco-art, water games, canoeing, team building and treasure hunts.

5. **What should my child bring each day?**

- Closed-toe shoes
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Hat
- Sneakers
- Water shoes
- Change of clothes

7. **Is food provided?**

Yes. NCOAE will provide lunch and two daily delicious snacks.

8. **Who supervises the campers?**

Camp is led by trained NCOAE outdoor educators/instructors who specialize in youth development and adventure-based learning. Staff are background-checked and certified in first aid and risk management.

9. **How are the campers grouped?**

Campers are grouped by age and team names. On Day 1, each team creates a group flag and camp values to encourage ownership and unity throughout the week. There will be 8-12 campers in each group.

10. **Will camp be canceled due to bad weather?**

No. Camp LEAD runs **rain or shine**. On stormy days, outdoor activities may be replaced with exciting indoor options like a visit to the rock climbing gym, Fort Fisher Aquarium, Wilmington Museum, or a local escape room.

11. Is there a performance or celebration at the end?

Yes! On Day 5, families are invited to a camper-led showcase where kids share skits, songs, or stories. The day ends with awards, songs, and a fun send-off.

12. How do I register?

Register online at ncoae.org/camp-lead. You can also contact us at (910) 399-8090 or info@ncoae.org for registration assistance.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? Please call the NCOAE office at (910) 399-8090 anytime between 8:30am – 4:30pm with any questions.