

WELCOME TO NCOAE – CAMP L.E.A.D. Pro

CAMP INFORMATION:

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

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 at 9 a.m. for the first three (3) days of camp.** Programming will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. 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. **On Day 4**, campers depart together for the overnight camping portion and return to Wilmington on the final day.

PICK UP: Student pick-up will be from **4:00-4:30pm ET for the first three (3) days of camp** at The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education campus at 9809 River Rd., Wilmington, NC 28412. **On Day 6**, pick up time is dependent upon return from overnight camping.

General FAQ'S:

What is Camp L.E.A.D. Pro - North Carolina?

Camp L.E.A.D. Pro - North Carolina is a six-day adventure camp for ages 12–14 that combines three structured day-camp days at NCOAE's campus in Wilmington, North Carolina, , followed by a three-day guided overnight camping trip in a North Carolina state park like Eno River State Park or Hanging Rock State Park. Camp L.E.A.D. Pro - North Carolina is a fun, supportive introduction to outdoor adventure.

How active is the camp?

While campers will be active with hiking, paddling, games, and outdoor exploration, this is an introductory-level program that is appropriate for most youngsters with average fitness levels.

Where will campers stay during the overnight portion?

Campers stay in tents at established campgrounds in North Carolina state parks under close supervision from experienced NCOAE instructors who hold certifications in multiple specialties such as wilderness medicine, outdoor leadership, and Leave No Trace (LNT).

What is the average group size and instructor ratio?

Groups typically include 8–12 campers with 2–3 instructors, maintaining strong supervision and individualized attention.

What gear and equipment do I need?

NCOAE provides group gear, camping equipment, and food for the overnight experience. Families will receive a recommended personal packing list prior to camp.

What will campers eat?

Meals are fun, nutritious, and often prepared together as part of the outdoor learning experience. Dietary needs can be accommodated with advance notice.

What are the drop-off and pick-up schedules?

Days 1–3 are day camp at NCOAE's Wilmington campus with drop-off at 9 a.m. and pick-up at 4 p.m. After day three, campers depart together for the overnight camping portion and return to Wilmington on the final day.

Is prior camping experience required?

Not at all. Camp L.E.A.D. Pro - North Carolina is designed as a first outdoor adventure experience for younger teens.

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.

Will camp be canceled due to bad weather?

No. Camp L.E.A.D. 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.

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